

New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Nation  
8/16/22

- Attendance
  - o PRESENT: Lakes Region Bass, NH Basscasters, Upper Valley, Back Bay, Grassroots, Last Cast, Sunapee Anglers, North Country Bronzebacks, NEBA, North Country, Forge Pond, Merrimack Valley, Sail'em Bass, Granite State, NH Junior Bassmasters
  - o ABSENT: NH Hawg Hunters
  
- Treasury Report
  - o What do want to do with the 1100 dollars
    - An email will go out to the board of directors
  
- Youth
  - o HS Mascoma and Cam are tied; Alex Gross (White Mountains is in third)
  - o Ray is reconciling younger division; there's a mix up with an older and younger
  
- Old Business
  - o Nothing new for banquet
  - o 27 boats for banquet
  - o October 9 silver sands is the next tournament with UVWW
    - Flier will come out after STQT
    - John does this so that money isn't mixed up between events
  
- New Business
  - o Club Vs Club
    - North Country
    - Clubs couldn't get a second team
      - Conflicts with other tournaments
      - Some clubs couldn't scrounge up a second team
    - Next year on Umbagog again
  - o STQT
    - Registration is open
    - Have to get linked
    - Make sure your members know no nets and no penetrating cull tags
    - Launching from Silver Sands; should be parking for almost everyone but there is also satellite parking
    - Links - Is there somewhere where people can link up
      - Best way to do it is through email chain with club reps
      - Reply all to that and say what you got
    - Question: Can we use the Silver Sands Marina (not Motel) to launch boats?
      - Most likely but we will only know right before the event
      - Once we get confirmation, we'll communicate it with everyone
  - o Next Meeting
    - Zoom September 20<sup>th</sup>
  - o Humminbird TOY
    - Standings are updated
  - o Regional Payouts already discussed
  - o Board of Directors
    - Nominations are due in October

- Voting will take place in December
- Gives us time to publish and review
- If you rep two clubs, you get two votes
- If no candidates submitted, a blind draw will be done – from constitution
- Constitution goes into all the voting mechanics. Last twenty years the positions have been uncontested but if we have multiple candidates, candidates should have something in writing to share with the clubs
- Rule Changes and Discussion
  - Now is the time to start going through the rules also.
  - Club Participation in the STQT – we changed a rule sometime ago that allowed clubs to send an unlimited number of STQT. Unintended consequence was that we have very large clubs but people not providing volunteer boats to juniors. Old rule was that clubs could only send 12 participants to the STQT.
  - There was a rule that prevented club members from fishing with each other. Software is written to prevent this but with the large numbers it's possible to end up with overlap.
  - In the older days, some clubs had membership caps and used STQT as an incentive for competition and participation.
  - Consider modifying rules so that all boaters are signed up as junior volunteer boats before the first open. Some clubs have membership with sensitivity around COVID. Some clubs are very small. Some clubs have multiple dad boats. Volunteerism is important and is different than participation.
  - STQT questions about age restrictions for STQT
    - Individual has to follow all NH boating rules and must be 16 by the time they compete at regionals
    - Open rules say something different
  - Keep in mind the rules and don't rely entirely on current leadership for rule changes
- Reminder: Please tell your club members to read over the rules before STQT. We do not want anyone to be disqualified!