

NH BASS Nation  
Monthly Meeting  
December 15, 2020

1. Attendance

- PRESENT: Lakes Region Bass, NH Basscasters, NH Hawg Hunters, Sail 'em Bass, Upper Valley, Back Bay, Sunapee, Grassroots, NEBA, Forge Pond, Merrimack Valley, Granite State, NH Last Cast, NH Junior Bassmasters
- ABSENT: NEBA, North Country Bronzebacks

2. Secretary's Report

- November minutes distributed

3. Treasurer's Report

- No activity

4. Conservation Report

- No one has submitted for the scholarship
  - Its published on [Barry Conservation site](#)
    - [https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource008134\\_Rep11872.pdf](https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource008134_Rep11872.pdf)
  - It's been up on the Facebook page and the Barry page for some time now
- Jamie took part in the virtual NASC (National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses) conference Tuesday and Wednesday of last week
  - Not much opportunity to network
  - Invasive species and access to bodies of water are the two hot topics
  - This is the conference that was at the Mt. Washington last year with lawmakers, fish and game, and fishing reps
  - Brent Miller is the contact
  - Nothing in terms of new fishing legislature
- Not much else going on
  - There hasn't been a conservation director call in a couple months
    - Next one will be before Christmas break
  - Big push for conservation directors is habitat enhancement
    - NH hasn't really had a need for it and it is very difficult to get approval (we tried years ago)
    - There are companies who are giving discounts for artificial habitat
- Questions
  - Fizzing information from NY conservation rep
    - Jamie will publish link with info on Facebook
  - Results of fish tagging study in helping get more access to Squam and Little Squam
    - Current Fish and Game Director (Normandeau?) has said that the fish tagging study was not about reversing the Fish and Game rule about permitting Squam and Little Squam
    - Jamie will follow up with person who will be stepping into the Fish and Game director role for 2022

- John had a conversation with the person who is supposed to be stepping in a few months ago; John will get contact info for Jamie

#### 5. Youth Report

- Juniors would like to thank all boat captains, parents, and volunteers
- Annual wreath fundraiser sale
  - 438 wreaths to fund jerseys and cost for Jr club
- All permits have been submitted for 2021 season
  - 5/1 Squam
  - 6/26 Pawtuckaway
  - 7/17 Moore
  - 7/31 Wentworth
  - 8/14 Silver Lake (above Ossipee)
  - 8/28 Winni – Qualifier
- Next Junior Meeting
  - Sometime in April
- Expos
  - Not sure about attendance right now
- Should have sign up sheet and more info for clubs at next state meeting

#### 6. President's Report Old Business

- Banquet tickets \$40 and rescheduled to March 20th, 2021 at Puritan Backroom. Current protocols limit to 50 attendees. Could change so stay tuned.
  - No changes but will likely not happen
- 3 teams fished the Team Championship. Messenger/Levesque, Seppala/Salo, Richards/Bowen. December 9-12.
  - Most of guys finished around the middle of pack
  - Good job teams!
- 2021 Tentative Schedule up
  - May 2 – Winni - Lee's Mills/State's Landing. NH Basscasters
  - July 11 – Winni – WAM
    - NH Last Cast will double down
  - Aug 21-22 – Champlain – Mallet's Bay.
    - NY BASS Nation double down partner CONFIRMED
    - +30-40 boats
  - Oct 10 – Squam. North Country. Possible double down with NY or VT BASS Nation
- 2021 Other events
  - Club vs club 08/08 - Pawtuckaway
  - STQT 9/18-19 Winni – Lee's Mills/State's Landing

#### 7. President's Report New Business

- Next meeting will be Tuesday January 19 via Zoom
- Submit constitution and tournament rules
  - Currently 3 rules have been submitted (attached)
    - Culling largest fish and 2lb penalty for possessing too many fish

- Waiver for boat captains who are on tournament waters during the cutoff period as part of a sanctioned event (e.g. NHIAA or NH Junior Bassmaster events)
  - Required equipment for boaters during STQT shall include a functioning outboard motor
- Send dues and rosters to John Foster, 9 Grove St., Byfield MA 01922
  - One check per club would be ideal
  - Mercury sent us some money they owed from 2019; we should see this in the financials for next meeting
- Sponsor Update
  - Humminbird and Minn Kota are back on board for the state team discounts
    - This will go out next week
  - More sponsor updates should start coming in after the new year

#### 8. Pass the Gavel

- Questions about proposed rule changes
  - Language on too many fish penalty
    - Confusing language around “reduced to possession”
    - Language comes from BASS rules; the intent is that it is a violation to have more fish in possession than the tournament limit. If an angler has more fish in their livewell than the limit but decides to weigh in only the limit, they can be penalized.
      - This is harder to enforce in team tournaments but will be more enforceable for STQT
  - STQT required equipment- functioning outboard
    - This rule needs more clarification; not sure we can penalize someone if their outboard does not work on the day of tournament. Not much a person can do if their outboard goes on at start of tournament or on the water
    - Competitors should check in with the tournament director because it may be possible to make arrangements (e.g. someone who bombed on day 1 may decide to give up a spot on day 2)