

New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Nation

12/20/22

1. Attendance
 - a. PRESENT: Lakes Region Bass, NH Basscasters, Upper Valley, Back Bay, North Country Bronzebacks, Forge Pond, Merrimack Valley, Sail'em Bass, NH Junior Bassmasters, Sunapee Anglers, Last Cast, NEBA, Granite State, NH Hawg Hunters
 - b. ABSENT:
2. Secretary's Report. See website.
 - a. Motion to accept. Minutes approved.
3. Treasurer's Report. Attached
 - a. Very little activity
 - b. NH Junior Bassmasters
 - i. Checks and deposit for wreath fundraiser sales
 - ii. Total Funds \$560
 - c. Operating Account
 - i. Deposit from Amazon Smile
 - ii. Check for Federal tax filing
 - Regulations have changed for tax filings; non-profits can no longer file on paper
 - NHBN 2021 taxes were filed originally on paper. We were notified by the IRS after the deadline that we had to resubmit using their online tool. The 84.99 check was the fee to submit using their online tool.
 - Because we had to resubmit after the deadline, the IRS is trying to charge us a late penalty (\$2900). John will contest the late penalty because they never sent us notice that the format changed prior to the filing deadline and our paper filing was submitted on time. John has successfully contested a previous fee so we are hopeful this will be successful too.
 - John will take care of 2021 and 2022 tax filings.
 - iii. Operating Account total funds \$1379
 - d. Total Funds \$24,491
 - e. Motion to accept. Treasurers report approved.
4. Conservation Report
 - a. Barb Elliot and Fizzing at STQT
 - i. Jamie has reached out to Barb and she has agreed to run a fizzing lesson at STQT unless conflicts arise in her schedule
 - b. Conservation Director Call
 - i. No call yet; will likely resume in the new year
 - c. BASS still has some grants available.
 - d. Club Conservation Projects

- i. If your club has a project, please reach out to Jamie so he can share content with BASS
 - e. Aftco
 - i. Jamie has been in touch with Aftco reps who have supported NHBN in the past. If your club is doing any cleanups or conservation efforts where gear would be helpful or could be promoted, Jamie may be able to help with swag and product for your effort.
 - f. New Sub-species of Hydrilla on the CT River
 - i. There are reports of a new sub-species of hydrilla that is choking out tributaries in the CT river
 - ii. This has not come up yet as a topic among BASS and the other conservation directors. Usually, regional CDs or BASS notify the other CDs but nothing on this yet. Jamie will be on the look out for more information.
- 5. Youth Report
 - a. Barry Conservation Camp Scholarship
 - i. One submission so far
 - ii. John will republish so we can get more submissions
 - iii. Please share flier that John sent with your clubs
- 6. President's Report Old Business:
 - a. Banquet rescheduled to March 25, 2023 at Puritan Backroom. Ticket sales online only.
 - i. More info to come in January
 - b. 2023 Team Open Schedule (Tentative):
 - i. May 7 – Winni - Lee's Mills/State's Landing.
 - Double Down: NH Basscasters
 - ii. July 9 – CT River-Hinsdale
 - Double Down: UVWW
 - iii. Aug 6 – Moore Dam
 - Double Down: North Country
 - iv. Oct 9 – Winni – Lee's Mills/State's Landing.
 - Double Down: Last Cast
 - c. 2023 Other events:
 - i. Aug 20 – Club vs Club – Umbagog. North Country hosting.
 - ii. Sept 16-17 – STQT – Silver Sands
 - If you are participating, you should reach out to Silver Sands soon to secure your room
 - d. \$1125 from Regional payout. Where do we allocate?
 - i. Placeholder so we do not forget about it.
 - e. Voting takes place at December meeting for President (Trevor Poulin), Tournament Director (Jason Bean), Youth Director (John Foster).
 - i. Officers running unopposed
 - ii. No one opposed to new officers taking over on January 1.
 - iii. Welcome new officers!
 - f. Nice job Perron/Owen and Dekraai/Moore at Team Championship on Hartwell

g. Constitution and Tournament Rule Change discussions tonight.

7. Constitution and Tournament Rule Changes

a. Constitution Change

i. SECTION 4: ELECTION PROCEDURES

Annually, in ~~October~~ **July**, each N.H.B.N. affiliated Club will nominate and submit to the current Board of Directors, **up to** three candidates to fill the expired term of current officers. These nominees need not be from the respective nominations Club. The B.A.S.S. Nation Secretary will compile a list of nominees along with a declaration as to which office each nominee is seeking. Said list is to be returned to the Clubs prior to ~~November 31st~~ **August 31st**. ~~In December~~ **At the September meeting**, each Club will cast a vote for each expired office. These votes will be presented to the current Board in a sealed envelope marked "Election Results" and signed by the representative club President and Secretary. These election results will be tabulated by the current Board of Directors at the N.H.B.N. meeting held in ~~December~~ **September** each year. The newly elected officers will be in their duties on ~~January~~ **October** 1st to continue until **their** term expires.

ii. Discussion

- Members are supportive of the clubs providing nominees earlier in the process.
- Members are concerned that the changeover of leadership in October as opposed to January will be disruptive to end of year operations and may not be enough time for the new officers to transition.

iii. Vote

- Yay
 1. Lakes Region
- Nay
 1. Backbay
 2. Forgepond
 3. Granite State
 4. Merrimack Valley
 5. NEBA
 6. Basscasters
 7. Hawg Hunters
 8. Last Cast
 9. North Country
 10. Sail'em
 11. Sunapee
 12. Upper Valley

b. NEW WORDING FOR THE CLUB v. CLUB:

- i. **Clubs may send one or two boats. Communication between club members fishing the event is allowed. The limit will be eight fish per**

club and each team will weigh their own 8 fish limit separately (i.e. clubs entering two boats may NOT cull down their combined limit to their best eight fish).

Entry Fee of ~~\$240.00 per club~~ **\$120.00 per boat, includes \$20.00 split lunger pool per boat**, 100% payouts. Cash Only at the ramp.

ii. Discussion

- Members in favor of allowing single boats to participate in order to promote participation. There were at least 3 clubs last year who would have sent single boats to the Club v Club if they could
- With the inclusion of single boats, culling across teams is unfair. Language proposed to remove culling language across team language (this language change is already reflected in wording above).

iii. Language Change approved by Lakes Region

iv. Vote

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 11. Upper valley
- Nay
 1. Forge Pond
 2. Merrimack

c. STQT Rule amendment:

- i. 11. Boat Operations and Expense: The boater has full control of the boat for the day. The boater will fish from the front of the boat all day and will fish where and when they want all day. The co-angler must fish from the back of the boat all day and has no say in where and when to fish. The co-angler may go to the front of the boat ~~to net fish and~~ to run the trolling motor. However, during this time the co-angler may not have a fishing rod in their hands. **Boater and non-boater may fight and land their fish from any part of the boat as necessary.** In view of the large expense involved in operating and maintaining a tournament bass boat, it is suggested that the co-angler share part of the REASONABLE cost of gas and oil for the competition day. Boaters must have successfully completed a boater safety course. Additionally, co-anglers that use the trolling motor outlined above must have successfully completed a boater safety course

ii. Discussion

- This is just cleaning up some language for a prior rule change
- iii. Vote:

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- Nay
 - 1.

8. President's Report New Business:

- a. Next meeting will be **Tuesday January 17** via Zoom.
- b. Format changes for 2023. No official communication from BASS yet.
 - i. We still do not know what membership numbers they are using to determine how many qualify from STQT
 - ii. Ideally it would be based on the number of members from the prior year so states can plan accordingly for the upcoming year's activity.

9. Pass the Gavel

- a. State Team Lodging for Regionals
 - i. New president may need to get involved on lodging for regionals to avoid conflict with other states trying to make arrangements
 - ii. Trevor will speak to John about lodging for regionals
 - iii. Team needs a place that can park boats

10. Meeting adjourned