NH BASS Nation

Monthly Meeting

January 28, 2020

Attendance

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

Secretary’s Report

* Minutes from last meeting not on website yet but will be

Treasurer’s Report

* Equipment Fund
	+ This is the rainy-day fund that would be used for major equipment repairs or purchases like if the scale or trailer breaks
* Operating Account
	+ Primarily the remainder of STQT activity
		- Food and supplies
		- Gas to get trailer back and forth
		- Prizes
		- Deposits from Toyota bonus bucks
		- Permit fees
		- Canned food drive
		- Membership dues from team trail
* State Team
	+ 2019 Account
		- Divisional lodging
		- National competitors
		- $1400 still in this account
			* Option 1: roll into 2020 State team account?
				+ They have two fundraisers but this will be the case every year
			* Option 2: roll into equipment (trailer, weigh-in, etc)
			* NOTES:
				+ STQT generated ~ 10k
				+ Lodging is costs around 6 grand
				+ Boater gas costs about 4k
			* DECISION: Table for now and take back to clubs to discuss options or other ideas
	+ 2020 account
		- STQT funds went in
		- Open funds went in
		- Open payouts came out
		- $5 per boat should move from this account to the Team of the Year; this will be reflected in the next statement
* Team of the Year
	+ There will be a transfer from the State Team account by the next statement
	+ John has an additional $500 from Triton and expects another $500 Mercury

Conservation Report

* Classic Conservation meeting will happen at the Classic this year
	+ Jamie will attend this meeting
		- 6 hours a day meeting with industry representatives
		- BASS requested Fish and Game attend but NH Fish and Game does not supposedly have the funding to come down
* There has not been a conservation call in the last couple months but we can anticipate a call happening soon
* Fish and Game Permitting process
	+ Some people have had bad experiences with lots of denials
	+ Some people have had good experiences
	+ 2nd year in a row that he permitting process has changed
		- There was a meeting last year but Fish and Game had already decided what the process was going to be
* Discussion:
	+ Any info on laws about required washing of boats before launching
		- This happens in California and some MA lakes
		- Help stop the spread of invasive species
	+ Fish and Game is going to try to get permitted tournaments onto the website early
		- There is a deadline for clubs to get money back to Fish and Game or their permit gets pulled
	+ Suncoock
		- A lakefront owner complained to police and anglers received written warnings for parking even though they parked where the sign designated
	+ Winni – Alton Ramp
		- No status on where this is

Youth Report

* Wreath Sale
	+ Happened in November
	+ Helps with sponsorship and jersey costs
* Next Event: Expo in Milford
	+ March 6-8
	+ Magazines, 50/50 raffle and shooting game
* Tentative JR Schedule released
	+ Still waiting for permits, but dates and proposed regions should remain the same
	+ Clubs need to sign up for two events

President’s Report Old Business

* Congrats to Cam Sterrit moving on to fish the Bassmaster Classic
	+ Finished 3rd at Nationals!
* Leadership meetings at Nationals updates
	+ Most of the sponsor stuff is the same except for Lowrance
		- Lowrance will honor the state team stuff but they are no longer a sponsor of BASS
		- New Yamaha PowerPlay program is similar to the Toyota Bonus Bucks
* 2020 Schedule. 4 opens with one drop – See the trail flyer
	+ First tournament will be the College Championship as well
		- One college has already reached out about info
	+ CORRECTION: September 13 – West Alton Marina NOT Lees or States (Steamboat rally)
	+ This year we qualified to send 4 teams to Team Championship (result of the change made to collect onsite membership fee at opens)
		- NOTE: Tournament participants only pay the one time membership fee if they are not already a BASS Nation member
* Other events:
	+ STQT Cobbosse 9/19-20
	+ Club v Club – TBD 8/2
		- Location was supposed to be Great East Lake but we would need to go through Maine Fish and Game
			* Considerations: Weed inspections, weed stickers, and limited number of tournaments
			* John will look into permitting Great East

President’s Report New Business

* Next meeting Tuesday February 18 @ 7pm at BPS in Hooksett
* Book your rooms for the STQT at Lakeside
	+ Lakeside will help with food
	+ Lakeside will not be doing weed inspections this year
	+ We will need someone to go to Maine inspection training
		- John will find dates of next training and share with interested parties
* JR Bassmasters at the Milford Show
	+ March 6, 7, 8
* Barry Conservation Camp Scholarship
	+ Deadline is this week
	+ One submission so far
		- Let’s consider some different/earlier marketing next year
* Tournament scales going back for repairs
	+ There is a loose connection in the head unit
	+ Tripods need some hardware replaced
* TH Marine discount for all members
	+ 20% discount
	+ Don’t put on Facebook
* Banquet Tickets $40. Slide Show. Prize suggestions?
	+ Saturday 3/21/20
	+ Ticket deadline March 10 (March meeting)
	+ Slideshow – James will put this together and send out
		- New Idea: NH BASS nostalgia photos along with photos from last season
* Constitution/Bylaws and Tournament Rules changes submitted next meeting.
* BOD Changes
	+ Dave Tsao motions to vote Scott into VP position
	+ Brian Emerson Seconds
	+ All in favor
	+ Scott Doughty will be joining the board as the new VP
* **Rosters are due March 1**
	+ 30 for National and 30 for state
	+ Impacting the ability to send email and other information
	+ If members are not on the roster by March 1, they will not get any new email
* Sponsor Update: Bark are Dobyns Rods, Lews, Maui Jim, Hummingbird, EGO S2 Slider
	+ More to come
		- Stabil and 303 should be sending product this week
		- Tackle Supply Depot will most likely be back
	+ John will be reaching out to vendors at he classic and to some local coffee/brewery companies
		- If you have a connection for this, please pass them to John

Pass the gavel

* Skeeter contingency program has changed a bit
	+ If you own a skeeter, you could get money for multiple years, now it only applies for first two years of ownership