

NH BASS Nation  
Monthly Meeting  
July 20, 2021

Attendance

PRESENT: Lakes Region Bass, NH Basscasters, NH Hawg Hunters, Upper Valley, Back Bay, Grassroots, North Country Bronzebacks, Forge pond, Merrimack Valley, NEBA, Last Cast, Granite State

ABSENT: Sail 'em Bass

1. Secretary's Report

- a. Minutes from last two meetings sent

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Last tournament was youth fundraiser
  - i. ~500 went into Barry and the other ~500 went into the Junior Nationals account
- b. Equipment Fund
  - i. Check for Ring Free
  - ii. Deposits for oil sales
- c. HS National
  - i. Mascoma and White Mountain deposited money
  - ii. Checks out for jerseys
  - iii. Account will clear out next month
- d. Junior National Account
  - i. Activity from last tournament
- e. Operating Account
  - i. Checks for New tubs and gloves
    - Supplies for trailer
  - ii. Deposit for membership dues for North Country and Granite State
    - 160 of that for team trail
  - iii. Check for gas for open
  - iv. Transfer to JR National account
    - Check from JR National account to Nationals for ~400
- f. Team of the year
  - i. \$5 per team from the open
- g. Total funds available \$18,495
- h. Treasurer's report accepted

3. Conservation Report

- a. Not a lot going on because Gene has been traveling with the elites
- b. Conservation summit is scheduled for Hartwell Classic in SC
- c. Conservation directors looking for feedback on culling tags
  - i. What are the good ones?
  - ii. What are the bad ones?
  - iii. What direction should we be going?

- iv. Which are better: spring clips the ones that need to be slid down?
    - v. If you or your club has feedback, contact Jamie
  - d. Jamie has reached out to Scott Mason, F&G director, as a follow up to meeting they had in the spring
  - e. QUESTION: When should we start to require non-penetrating cull tags in NH tournaments?
    - i. Jamie: We should start moving this way sooner than later because all of the other organizations are heading in that direction
    - ii. Dave: We should consider starting it as a requirement for next year as a lot of us are doing it already and if anglers make it to regionals or nationals they need to adhere to this anyway
    - iii. This would need to be a tournament rule change
    - iv. Note: Nets were not allowed at regionals; we may want to consider this for next year
  - f. Recommendation for 2022 season rules
    - i. No penetrating cull tags
    - ii. No nets for STQT, but nets allowed for Team Opens
      - We will go with the TH marine cull tags
  - g. Applied for 3 grants available. SLA Weed Watcher Program
    - i. Winners will likely be released at iCast

#### 4. Youth Report

- Question: Rule about cell phone use?
  - o Boat captain had a HS angler lay on deck for the afternoon on their phone
    - Not a good use of volunteer time
- Question: When did we learn that Silver Lake was charging the ~\$100 fee for parking?
  - o We learned in June
  - o Issue was around a town ordinance that passed that required non-residents to pay a \$100 fee to launch at their site, and their site is the only launch on the lake
  - o Jamie will reach out to Fish and Game; fees from licensing and permitting are used to stock these lakes; it's unfair that these fees collected from anglers are stocking lakes anglers can't access
  - o There are other towns doing this

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

- a. Banquet tickets \$40 and rescheduled to October 23rd, 2021 at Puritan Backroom. Current protocols limit to 100 attendees
- b. 2021 Team Open Schedule
  - i. May 2 – Winni Lees/States 52 teams
  - ii. July 11 – Winni – WAM. NH Last Cast. Flyer and links this week.
  - iii. Aug 21-22 – Champlain – Mallet's Bay. NY BASS Nation. Flyer/links this week
    - NY President will provide details for payouts and what they need for entry fees to John
  - iv. Oct 10 – Squam. North Country.
- c. 2021 Other Events
  - i. Aug 8 – Club v Club – Pawtuckaway.
    - Merrimack Valley Hosting
    - Show up with cash
    - Register in person at event

- ii. Sept 18- 19 STQT West Alton Marina
  - d. Lake Eufala lands 2021 Bassmaster Team Championship Event 12/8-12/11
  - e. Louisiana's Ouachita River to host BASS Nation Championship November 3-5, 2021
  - f. Website Update
    - i. Website is being built in Squarespace
    - ii. James has made progress
  - g. Best of luck to Mascoma and White Mountains HS heading to the Championship
- 6. President's Report New Business
  - a. Next Meeting will be Tuesday August 17 via Zoom
  - b. STQT info will come out after the 8/11 event on Champlain. Trying to move the host to Silver Sands
    - i. If Silver Sands works, we may consider using them for future events
    - ii. John wants to see how the team open on Champlain goes as we may want to consider doing more two days on Champlain and possible Maine (Great Pond, Cobbossee, China)
    - iii. Bring this back to your clubs for discussion
- 7. Pass the Gavel
  - a. Cole Moulton is going to the HS championship next week
  - b. Mallets has not offered any money for the Champlain tournament but that conversation depends on more info from the NY president
    - i. Ticonderoga does offer money for tournaments so we should consider hosting there in the future if Mallets does not