

New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Nation

11/15/22

1. Attendance
 - a. PRESENT: Lakes Region Bass, NH Basscasters, Upper Valley, Back Bay, Grassroots, North Country Bronzebacks, NH Hawg Hunters, Forge Pond, Merrimack Valley, Sail'em Bass, NH Junior Bassmasters, Sunapee Anglers, Last Cast, NEBA, Granite State
 - b. ABSENT:
2. Secretary's Report. See website.
 - a. Motion to accept. Accepted
3. Treasurer's Report. attached
 - a. Not much activity
 - b. Operating account
 - i. Deposit from Toyota
 - Was for purchase of vehicle
 - ii. Checks: Bag fees and car rental from Nationals
 - c. Team of Year account
 - i. There's been an ongoing issue balancing the books between the operating account and the Team of the Year account. Deposit of 945 was made to offset the negative balance in this account.
 - ii. Quite a bit will come in from oil and boat sales
 - Thank you, Thayers Marine
 - d. Total NH BASS Nation funds available: 24,780
 - i. Only three anglers claimed bonus bucks from Toyota; check that just came in was filed in April.
 - e. Motion to accept. Accepted
4. Conservation Report
 - a. No conservation call yet
 - b. If any club has content around their conservation efforts or projects, they can share it with Jamie who can pass it onto BASS for their website and media.
 - c. At the national leadership meeting, Gene presented on conservation
 - i. Possible grant opportunities coming soon. Fizzing kits/training?
 - ii. Maybe we can ask BASS to help pay for fizzing kits and everyone who does training gets a kit.
 - iii. Would love to get Barb Elliot (she teaches fizzing at events) to come help; could include a request for funds in the grant proposal to pay for Barb, her accommodations, and kits for STQT. John will take the lead on writing up this grant proposal.
5. Youth Report

- a. NHJBM picked up 3 or 4 new kids for the next season. Year end meeting held this past weekend in person. Meeting went okay. Recapped last season and communicated changes in club leadership and format.
 - i. There will be one extra junior tournament in September.
 - ii. There will only be four NHJBM events that require volunteer boats. Other events will be optional. John will explain later in the year.
 - iii. NHJBM will be at the expo and banquet at March. Trophies will be handed out at banquet.
 - b. NHJBM Individual Trail
 - i. NHBN Volunteer boats required by Constitution; this allows NHBN clubs to support less events
 - ii. May 13 Squam (this usually happens on an earlier weekend)
 - iii. July 15 Ossipee
 - iv. August 12 CT River Bellows Falls
 - v. September 10 (Sunday) Sunapee
 - c. NHJBM Team Trail – HS teams and Junior teams competing in their own respective brackets
 - i. Anglers responsible for finding their own captains, however, it would be great if NHBN adult anglers kept their schedule clear to help even though these do not count towards the Constitution requirement
 - ii. 6/24 - Newfound
 - iii. 7/29 - Wentworth
 - iv. 8/26 – Winni Lee’s Mills
 - d. Christmas wreaths are still available
 - i. Reach out to Ray or John if you want a wreath (\$30)
 - e. Barry Conservation Camp deadline January 6
 - i. No submissions yet
 - ii. Please spread the word
 - iii. <https://www.nhbassnation.com/s/Youth-Scholarship-2022-cfrf.pdf>
 - f. National level changes
 - i. There are some changes to the regional qualifiers that BASS holds at the Junior and HS level
 - Top 25 HS teams go directly to the HS National Championship
 - Top 10 Junior teams go directly to the Junior National Championship
 - ii. This is in addition to the states that can send two HS and JR teams
 - This is how NHJBM normally sends teams
6. President’s Report Old Business:
- a. Banquet rescheduled to March 25, 2023 at Puritan Backroom.
 - i. We are all set!
 - ii. Tickets will be ordered and menu will be finalized
 - May need to bump up ticket fee due to increase in venue and food costs
 - iii. Will consider doing ticket sales online
 - Will save printing and mailing charges

- b. 2023 Team Open Schedule (Tentative):
 - i. All F&G permits are in; once those come back, Jason will need to apply for Water Permits
 - May 7 – Winni - Lee's Mills/State's Landing.
 - a. Double Down: NH Basscasters?
 - b. Dave will check with Basscasters on double down
 - July 9 – CT River-Hinsdale
 - a. Double Down: UVWW - confirmed
 - Aug 6 – Moore Dam.
 - a. Double Down: North Country - confirmed
 - Oct 9 – Winni – Lee's Mills/State's Landing.
 - a. Double Down: Last Cast - confirmed
- c. 2023 Other events:
 - i. Aug 20 – Club vs Club – Umbagog. North Country hosting.
 - ii. Sept 16-17 – STQT – Silver Sands
- d. \$1125 from Regional payout. Where do we allocate?
 - i. For discussion in the future
- e. Voting takes place at December meeting for President (Trevor Poulin), Tournament Director (Jason Bean), Youth Director (John Foster). Tournament trailer
 - i. Jason will coordinate with John on transferring the trailer
- f. Nice job by Tim Dube and Peter Owen at Nationals at Pickwick
 - i. Tim had a great smallie on day 1; finished just outside of the cut
- g. Good luck to Perron/Owen and Dekraai/Moore fishing the team championship on Hartwell
- h. Constitution and Tournament Rule Change discussions tonight. Voting at December meeting.

7. President's Report New Business:

- a. Next meeting will be **Tuesday December 20** via Zoom.
- b. No change to national sponsors and current level of commitment
 - i. Only program suspended is Humminbird and Minn Kota; they are having a hard time getting product. Will be suspended going into next year unless supply chain increases.
 - ii. Yamalube – We can still buy and sell. Can buy up to 15 cases a year; Will need to email order in March. We should order about 10 cases of 2 stroke; John still has a few cases of 4 stroke if anyone is looking for that.
- c. Regional for next year
 - i. June 7-9 on the Potomac River launching out of Smallwood State Park in MD
 - Bass Nation championship for regional qualifiers will be held on Hartwell

- d. Juniors Championship changes
 - i. Going to a 3 day tournament where there's a cut after day 2
 - ii. These changes are coming as BASS aligns tournaments across the board
- e. Format Changes
 - i. State Team who has already qualified, everything stays the same
 - ii. Next STQT
 - Based on our numbers, top 3 boaters and top 3 non-boaters go directly to championship (skip the regional)
 - a. Opportunity to increase participation – less travel costs
 - b. May drop down to top 2 depending on membership; percentage of state membership out of all member
 - c. If we drop 20 members, we maybe at 2; need to keep our membership around 220
 - i. NOTE: Team trail open competitors who pay a membership fee as part of open entry do not count; these are nation memberships but not NHBN memberships
 - Regionals go from 5 to 4 regions
 - a. NH gets 20 slots guaranteed and we decide how people qualify for this
 - i. Could do STQT standings
 - ii. Could do pro am
 - iii. Could do something else
 - iv. We do not need to send an even number of boats
 - b. 500 for boaters; 250 for non-boaters
 - c. There will be a cutoff for all the regionals. Once deadline has passed, anyone can register for a regional until they fill the cap (250 boats)
 - d. Top 20 boaters and top 20 non boaters from the regional go to Nationals
 - e. Nationals will now be a 250 boat field
 - We will need to rethink the incentives for members to compete in the STQT or to become State Team members with the increase in costs.
 - a. No guarantee to make it to nationals from the regionals but you can now fish all of the regionals
 - b. We will need to also figure out how we support the anglers/co-anglers who qualify for nationals vs the anglers who go to regionals
 - c. Payouts at these events will be larger due to the increase in fees
 - i. If the regional comes back to the northeast, there will be interest
 - ii. If it's somewhere else far away, we may get little participation
 - What's driving this?

- a. Everything is based off numbers – with increased membership the BASS Nation becomes more attractive for sponsors e.g., National Championship is 58 boats compared to HS event with ~350 boats with families and friends and community members. With increased membership and participation, the experience should be better for the anglers.
 - b. Targeting 80% payouts
- Are sponsors pulling away?
 - a. Perks from sponsors/product discounts still go to top ten boaters and top ten non-boaters
- Number of slots that get to go to the Classic?
 - a. Still the same number of slots for entry into the Classic
 - b. Still no entry fee for anglers who qualify for Nationals
 - c. BASS may not cover boat gas and hotels for Nationals
- Is there still payout to state teams who do well at Regionals?
 - a. There is no state competition at the regional level; it is all individual
 - b. This format was discussed some years ago as a way to benefit states from a sponsor perspective and further incentivize participation in state qualifying events
 - c. There will still be opportunities to have camaraderie like in the old format though the team concept has always been tough as individuals move on to Nationals

iii. Next Steps

- **Please make sure to share with your clubs and let them know they can contact John with any questions**
- We will consider forming a subcommittee to draft a proposal for the rest of clubs to review, tweak, and adopt
 - a. John has a good idea about budget and logistics (cut-offs, lodging, etc.)
 - i. Probably around 5 or 4k per angler
 - ii. Will likely be somewhere like TN, Alabama, SC
- What are the new regions?
 - a. New regions weren't discussed, but it will likely be the country divided in quarters similar to the map used for the College BASS program

8. Pass the Gavel

a. Roster Management

- i. Any way to change user name and password for roster management?
 - No one's really sure
 - David may call Beth

9. Meeting adjourned