

NH BASS Nation  
Monthly Meeting  
October 20, 2020

Attendance

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

Secretary's Report

- September minutes distributed and on website

Treasurer's Report

- Emailed out
- Folds of Honor
  - ~1000 in Folds of Honor
  - Donations from Sailem Bass
    - Brian Penney
    - Jim Burrows
    - Brian Penney's son
- Operating Account
  - Deposit
    - 330 in last minute dues
  - Checks
    - Supplies from Ocean State Job lot
    - Prizes
    - Reimbursements
  - 6068.14 in account
- 2020 State Team account
  - Checks
    - Travel expenses for Dave Andrews and Bill Lionetta
  - Deposit
    - ~1900 reimbursement for lodging
  - 2047.99 in account
    - NHBN will need to determine what to do
- 2021 STQT
  - Checks
    - STQT Lunker Payouts
    - Open Payouts from last open
  - Deposit
    - Entry fees
  - 10605.00 in account
    - Paypal takes a percentage of entry fees
- Total Funds available
  - 23651.68

## Conservation Report

- BASS is trying to revamp conservation tab on BASSMASTER.com
  - Looking for input on what would drive traffic
    - If you or your club has input on what would drive traffic or what anglers would want to see
- Some long-term conservation directors have stepped down from BASS
  - Conversation around having multiple conservation reps at these meetings
- Jamie will not be here for November 17 meeting

## Youth Report

- 9/23 Annual Meeting
- Junior Championship and High School Championship happening this week
  - NH does not have any competitors due to timing

## Old Business Report

- Banquet
  - Rescheduled March 20, 2021
  - Previously purchased tickets still good
  - Roll in previous year awards into one banquet
- Winni Open 10/14
  - 36 boats
  - 3 teams moving on to National Championship
    - Messenger - Levesque
    - Seppala - Salo
    - Richards - Bowen
      - Same teams that went last year
      - Same location
- STQT
  - 40 boats / 80 anglers
  - Lakeside was a great host
  - Next year back on Winni
  - Feedback
    - Brian missed the cookies
      - He made substitutes but they were not good
      - John promises cookies will be back next year
    - Livewell check went well
      - Never seen that done before
      - Made sense for a draw type of event
      - Saved time
      - Format
        - Livewell check on the water; everyone sits down, Co-angler checks livewell and then stands
- Best Wishes to Dave Andrews and Bill Lionetta at Nationals at Pickwick
  - First week in November
- Online Registration
  - We are going to continue doing this
  - Double down clubs
    - Need to post results more quickly so people can see what happened

- Barry Conversation Camp Award Recipient
  - The recipient is now 17 years old and is no longer eligible
  - The scholarship to fish camp is being republicized
  - NHBN got a refund
  - Idea: purchase some rods for the original recipient and present them at the banquet
    - People think this is a good idea

#### New Business

- Next meeting will be November 17 via Zoom
- 2021 Tentative Schedule up
  - Permit applications have been submitted
    - 4 Team opens/ 1 drop
      - 5/2 Winni Lees and States
        - Doubledown: NH Basscasters
      - 7/11 Winni West Alton
        - Doubledown: Neba or Last Cast
      - 8/21 & 22 Champlain Mallets (total for 2 days)
        - Same points
        - Entry fee may be different
        - Possible double down with NY or VT BASS Nation
      - 10/10 Squam
        - Doubledown: North Country (?)
    - Club Vs Club
      - 8/8 Pawtuckaway
    - STQT
      - ~~10~~ 9/18 & 19 Winni Lees Mills and States
- Sponsors for 2021
  - John is reaching out to this year's sponsors; does not anticipate any changes
- Other Business
  - Youth Tournaments
    - Usually this schedule is finalized at the Youth meeting
  - Last Open – issue with bringing an extra fish to weigh in
    - We may need to modify rule about culling out the largest fish if a team brings in more fish than the tournament limit
      - If team brings in fish that all weigh the same weight, culling the largest fish does not become a penalty
        - May need an additional weight penalty
    - NHBN vs BASS rules
      - For BASS Elite, the angler can cull any fish but is then assessed a 2lb penalty
        - We may want to take this rule but increase the penalty weight
    - Tournament Rules are drafted and voted on in January to March period
  - Weigh-in Bags
    - Please remind your club members to return NHBN weigh bags
    - A number of bags are missing
  - State Team Contract and Team App
    - John will send out contract and team app soon
  - Interest in 2 day Champlain tournament

- There seems to be excitement from the NH clubs
- Any issue with teams not signing up for both trails
  - Not much of a concern
  - VT is much smaller than NY
    - John reached out to VT first as tournament will be at Malletts
    - John reached out to NY next (they are 2k members)
      - Size may create some logistical challenges
      - We volunteered to run everything, however, this may be up for discussion
        - John has considered reaching out to the Cashion Trail but this would be taking it to another level
  - Consideration: just run the tournament and up the fees; don't do the double down
    - On VT side, we would expect 15 boats
    - NY could be a huge draw
    - Unless we do something different, we're not going to gain much more participation
  - Do we need a limit on number of boats
    - We likely don't need a limit
    - Weighing in a hundred boats may be difficult
      - STQT was essentially 80 bags to weigh and this was done in 45 minutes to an hour
    - Consider having tournament on Friday and Saturday and leaving Sunday as a travel day
      - Too late; Permit application has been submitted