

NH BASS Nation
Monthly Meeting
September 17, 2019

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, NH Basscasters, Grassroots
- ABSENT: Grassroots, Junior Bassmasters

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

- Equipment Fund
 - Deposits: AFTCO, oil, HUK gear
 - Checks: Mercury, TH Marine
- Folds of Honor check went out and account zeroed
- High School National Account zeroed out with jersey
- JR Nationals virtually zeroed
- Operating Account
 - Deposits: Membership dues
 - Checks: Prizes
- 2019 State Team account
 - Gas and non-boater gas
 - Extra clothing
 - Balance of 4840
 - 750 needs to come out for slips at Sebago
 - 2500 needs to come out for National competitors
 - Remaining amount will get pushed out to next year
 - We will discuss when the regional date comes out; looking like regionals will be in June
- 2020 State Team account
 - Checks went out to people who overpaid
 - Checks for STQT have not all been deposited
- Team of the year
 - Deposits from Corporate contributions
- Total Funds available: \$10,213
- Treasurer report accepted

Conservation Report

- Largemouth tagged out of Winnepesaukee from 12 years ago
 - In 2007, this fish measured 14.4 inches long
 - In August 2019, this fish measured 23.5 inches long, 8.25 lb, and 17in girth
 - Three largemouth over 8 caught in tournaments in Winni this year
 - DISCUSSION:

- Big fish have more territory and size; but smaller fish may be outcompeted by rock bass
 - This may impact future class of bass
 - NHFG says to remove/kill rock bass when you catch them
 - AFTCO has a conservation initiative going called “Bank Bags”
 - Fill bags with trash during a cleanup and they provide a \$25 gift card
 - Contact Jamie for more info

Youth Report

- 2 schools moving on to Nationals – most likely Kentucky Lake
 - Mascoma
 - Bishop Guertin
- Jr Nationals competitors
 - Tanner Moulton
 - Alex Gross
- More than enough help this last tournament
 - Were able to send boats home
- Wrap up
 - 2 tournaments this year when we were light on boats
 - A few tournaments where we had more
 - If you signed up to be a captain and are unable to, make sure to let Ray and the JRs know asap and try to get a back up
 - Youth National meeting coming up. Not many changes expected
 - Dates for next year have been decided and will be distributed
- End of year meeting and elections coming in November
 - James Gillis did a great job as president
 - Additional adult help was good too
- NHBN Banquet is the 3rd weekend in March
 - Was moved last year because venue double booked us

President’s Report Old Business

- Next AFTCO clothing order will be October 11th
- Remaining HUK gear has been sold on Ebay. John transferred \$785 to NH Bass Nation account.

President’s Report New Business

- Next meeting Tuesday October 15 @ 7pm at BPS in Hooksett. No meetings in November or December
 - Constitution and rule changes will be January, February, March (vote)
- Congrats to State team fishing in Sebago
 - Moved up from 13th to 4th on Day 2
 - Good luck to Cam Sterritt and John Foster at Nationals
 - Cam has had opportunities to lead the team before but had boat issues during practice and tournament
 - He is a Junior angler who has been a top angler since leaving the juniors
- Leadership meetings at Nationals
 - John will be competing at Nationals
 - James and Ray will attend meetings

- STQT this week Info sheet and pairings are published. Cookout after day 1. Prizes!!
 - Everything is on the website and Facebook
 - Contacts are on the website
 - QUESTIONS:
 - If State Team Member is working at States, what do they do for Day 1 registration?
 - Can launch and then register with your boater
 - Can contact Tournament Director to make arrangements
 - Take off vs launch?
 - Flight 1 launches at Lees; Flight 2 launches at States; everyone checks in at Lees and takes off from Lees
 - John will send out an email but there are folks not on that list so he will put something on Facebook
 - Cookout ready by 4pm, flight 1 can start eating
 - Prizes –
 - Close to \$5k worth of prizes
 - Details on website
 - 44 prizes in total along with freebies
- Last open will be on October 13th at Winni-WAM (will double-check)
 - Double down with NEBA
- 2020 Schedule
 - 4 opens with 1 drop
 - No June tournament to avoid the spawn
 - Will be two tournaments back to back in September
 - Dates and Locations
 - May 3 – Winni at Lee’s/States Landing
 - July 19 – Winni at WAM
 - August 2 Club vs Club – Great East
 - Do not need a Maine license
 - Launching is free
 - September 13 – Winni at Lee’s/States Landing
 - October 11 – Newfound
 - 9/19 & 9/20 STQT – Cobbossee
 - There was conversation about making a two-day open on Champlain but we will not do it this year primarily because of the following:
 - Out of state NHBN tournaments do not have good attendance
 - TBF does a two day; let’s not copy and they struggled
 - Having too many events has watered down the number of participants at tournaments

Pass the gavel

- Good luck if your fishing this weekend!