

New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Nation

09/20/22

1. Attendance

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

ABSENT: Granite State, NH Junior Bassmasters

2. Secretary's Report. See website.

3. Treasurer's Report. attached

a. Equipment fund

i. Deposits for oil

b. JR Nationals Account

i. Deposit for Barkley and Foster

c. Operating Account

i. Membership dues for people joining to participate in STQT

ii. Product upgrades

- Mercury Oil, Prop

iii. Memberships going out for Boat sales

iv. Expenditures for STQT prizes

v. State team clothing deposit for Mascoma High School

vi. State team clothing deposit for Kingswood High School

vii. Transfer of \$1960 from 2023 state team account to offset costs for prizes

d. State Team account

i. \$2450 for Silver Sands facility fee

ii. Deposit for entry fees

iii. Transfer to operating account

iv. Total available \$18114

v. Lunger Payouts still need to come out

e. Total funds available \$29828

4. Conservation Report

a. There still hasn't been a conservation call

b. Mark Torres Sr., long time CA conservation director has passed away

c. Fish care at the STQT – there were a lot of fish belly up that Rob Ramasci, Steve Gillis, and Tim Dube scooped up a bunch and fizzed. Make sure to tell clubs to pick up a fizzing kit and use them. Fizzing helps with delayed mortality. Look up Barb Elliott for kits and instructions. The kits have the picture and instructions. For future events, we should set up a fizzing station at the weigh in site. Fish would be brought to tank after weighing, checked to see if they need to be fizzed, fizzed, put back into the bag and released. Will need to be aware of backups at weigh-in.

5. Youth Report

- a. Coyote Creek appreciation day two weeks ago
 - i. Kids got to talk to customers and help promote fishing
6. President's Report Old Business:
- a. Banquet rescheduled to March 25, 2023 at Puritan Backroom.
 - i. John will help with this
 - b. 2022 Team Open Schedule:
 - i. May 1 – Winni - Lee's Mills/State's Landing. NH Basscasters. 45 boats.
 - ii. July 10 – CT River-Hinsdale - NH Last Cast. 25 boats
 - iii. Aug 7 – Moore Dam. North Country. 27 boats
 - iv. Oct 9 – Winni – Silver Sands. UVWW. Flyer attached. Registration open.
 - v. We have two teams who have qualified; will go down the list if we need another two teams.
 - c. 2022 Other events:
 - i. Aug 21 – Club vs Club – Umbagog. North Country hosting. Cancelled.
 - ii. Sept 17-18 – STQT – Silver Sands. 49 boats. Great turnout
 - Feedback about the new No Net Rule
 - a. No non-boater stepping on rods or in the way
 - b. Anglers handled their fish
 - c. There were a few people who complained about it being unnecessary; others were okay. Overall more people seemed to be in favor of it than opposed.
 - d. Some boaters and non-boaters helped each other with fighting and scooping fish.
 - e. One boat had very high gunnels and it was challenging to reach down and grab fish.
 - f. No big net hanging around the boat. But when I threw my rod into the lake, I had nothing to scoop it up with!
 - g. Took the stress off of having to help the other angler and possibly losing his fish. Biggest fish of event jumped right into the boat!
7. President's Report New Business:
- a. Next meeting will be Tuesday October 18 via Zoom.
 - b. 2023 Team Open Schedule (Tentative). Let's keep the dates the same but the lakes can be different.
 - i. May 7 – Winni - Lee's Mills/State's Landing. NH Basscasters?
 - ii. July 9 – CT River-Hinsdale - NH Last Cast?
 - iii. Aug 6 – Moore Dam. North Country?
 - iv. Oct 9 – Winni – Lee's Mills/State's Landing. UVWW?
 - Will need to check water levels and see where to set up
 - c. 2023 Other events (Tentative):
 - i. Aug 20 – Club vs Club – Umbagog. North Country hosting.
 - ii. Sept 16-17 – STQT – Silver Sands.

- This worked really well and had great turnout. There were no issues on either end.
 - Silver Sands marina paved their ramp right before STQT and it was roped off. John spoke to them day of tourney and they said it was okay to use it for launching.
- d. 1125 from Regional Payout in 2022 State Team account. Where do we allocate?
- i. Ideas
- Trailer
 - Fizzing tank
 - Since this is State Team related, maybe we should stay within the realms of STQT: fizzing station, incentives for anglers at STQT like prizes for combined club weights, heaviest weight, heaviest boat weight, combined weight of boater and non-boater as a club
 - Cost of travel for Club vs Club; North Country pays for entry fee for Club vs Club; bring this back to your clubs
 - Junior and High School program weigh in and equipment
 - Are there any grants available for fizzing kits or information on fizzing lessons
 - a. Label this as a conservation project, try to get some grant money to get tables and equipment; maybe even cover fizzing kits for club members and tournament competitors.
- e. Looking for BOD help next year. President, Tournament Director, Youth Director. Nominations due in October. Voting takes place at December meeting. If no nominations are provided at the October meeting, we will pull club names per the constitution item below:
- In the event a candidate is not obtained, a blind draw will be held of all clubs in N.H.B.N. The club drawn will supply an officer at the next meeting.*
- i. Current Nominations
- John Foster for Youth Director
 - Jason Bean for Tournament Director
- ii. There is concern about what happens when we start drawing numbers. There is a clause in the constitution about who fills in for an officer who is absence.
- iii. A lot of club members just want to fish and aren't ready to take on such a big role.
- iv. We may need some young fresh blood so they know what's going on and can take over
- v. We really need to take this back to our clubs and get the message across that folks need to step up
- f. Constitution and Tournament Rule change proposals are due at the October meeting
- i. These are on the website:
- <https://www.nhbassnation.com/rules-and-bylaws>

- ii. There are somethings that need to be revised such as non-boaters netting fish and entry fee
 - iii. Restricting entry to STQT to a limited number of boats per club
 - Prevent large clubs like Backbay from forming
 - Create incentive/competition at the club level
 - More boats for Junior program
 - May push some people away
 - g. Chief Mark Torres
 - i. John echoed how awesome it was knowing Chief and that we're going to miss him.
8. Pass the Gavel
- a. We need a new 2023 State Team app to organize the state team
 - i. John will start this soon; needs to verify email addresses and get info to team
 - ii. First communication will likely need to be email
 - b. John and David are still available to talk through tasks and remind them about what needs to happen
 - i. Permits
 - ii. Banquet awards and logistics
 - iii. State team, HS, and Junior jerseys
9. Meeting adjourned