

NH BASS Nation  
Monthly Meeting  
March 5, 2019

Attendance

- PRESENT: Upper Valley, Sail 'em Bass, NH Basscasters, NH Last Cast, Back Bay, Grass Roots, Merrimack Valley, Forge Pond, Lakes Region Bass Chasers, Granite State Bassmasters, NEBA, Junior Bassmasters, Sunapee, NH Hawg Hunters, North Country Bronzebacks,
- ABSENT:
  - Sunapee (excused)

Secretary's Report

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

- There was a report from the last meeting that was cancelled but nothing for today

Conservation Report

- House Bill 325 – Invasive species/required washing
  - Lakes Associations want to put in wash stations at all launches
  - Pre-washing for bass tournaments and washing after which will impact take off and pull out/clogging launches
  - Trying to pay for it by attaching to Fish and Game fund or Boat Access fund
  - This bill has been pushed on to next session and hearing will be on 3/6/19
  - Jamie has spoken to Jamie Pool the president of the NH guides association.
  - Brent Miller from sportsman's association is writing a letter, but Jamie has not heard back from him.
  - Jamie should have an update tomorrow but he thinks it will get tabled for today
  - Comments:
    - If you fish in CA or Quabbin in MA, that is the rule. If this does happen we need to make sure they do this in a fair way and cannot single out bass tournaments
    - Other states also require washing and have people checking
    - Challenge is that people who would speak out are working during the hearing (like with the lead bill)
    - How do they pick and choose who they target?
    - Maine just defeated the biodegradable hooks and line bill
    - In 2020, Maine will require each tournament hosting club to provide two certified weed/invasive species inspectors (inspectors must take Fish and Game's certification course). Training must be renewed every 5 years
      - This does not affect Club vs Club at Cobbossee but we still have to get invasive species stickers

Youth Report

- Permits are in
  - April 27 Squam
  - May 11 Sunapee
  - May 19 Cleanup
  - June 29 Pawtuckaway

- July 13 Wentworth
- July 27 CT River
- August 17 Mascoma
- August 25 Winni
- Next month's meeting is the deadline for boat captains
- Importance of having more than 2 boats per club --
  - In 2005, there were 22 anglers; in 2019 there are over 40
  - There are roughly 9 dad boats which means we need more than the
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- Stats
  - In 2005, oldest person in Juniors was John Duclos, he'll be 33 this October
  - We are stacked with a lot of older kids because of High School program
  - The numbers that join BASS have been exponential on the College and HS side
  - In some states, number of youth anglers is more than adults
  - NH has never veered away from youth program since 2005
  - People are calling about casting kids
- Banquet
  - Numbers are a little off
  - AoY winners will get announced for nationals
  - Nominee for All American will also be announced
- Introduction: James Gillis, new Juniors president
  - Milford Expo is coming up
  - Roster has been finished
  - Received our last tournament (tournament schedule finalized)
- Juniors Annual Meeting April 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Discuss rules and get ready for season
  - If first tournament cancelled due to ice, it will not be scheduled
  - Youth committee will meet before the annual meeting

#### President's Report Old Business

- Banquet March 16, 2019
- 2019 Schedule. See Website or Facebook
  - All permits are set
- Youth Scholarship for Barry
  - Two or three submissions
  - Recipient will be announced at banquet
- Two booths at Milford Outdoor Expo
  - John will be there for most of the time
  - Product will be sold (Juniors will be selling product as well)
  - \$1200 worth of stuff - Huk, trolling motor ropes, props.
    - We will be taking credit cards
  - Screen with images from last year's banquet
  - John will create a flyer with info from clubs who are looking for new members
    - NEBA is looking for teams only (team format)
    - North Country – new boaters
    - Hawghunters
    - Lakes Regions

- Rosters and dues collected tonight

#### President's Report New Business

- Next meeting Tuesday April 16 at BPS in Hooksett
- CT River Permits
  - NH required that we get permits in VT when anglers fish the VT side or any water where a topo map has a line down the middle of the body of water.
- Sign new constitution
  - No changes
- Submit Tournament Rules changes in writing tonight
  - No proposals submitted
- Discuss team trail membership fee. NH BASS Nation members don't pay again. Non-members have to pay \$20 annual membership fee per person
  - People who join BASS nation with membership fee cannot participate in STQT unless they join an actual BASS Nation club
  - \$20 fee gets them team trail participation, Bassmaster magazine and Bass Times
  - Will try this for a year and see how it goes
- Sponsor update:
  - Back onboard for 2019
    - Ninja Grass Blad, Tackle Supply Depot, Doby's Rods, Humminbird, Lews, EGO S2 Slider Landing Nets, Thayer's Marine, Sta-Bil, 303 Cleaning Products, Belgard and Maui Jim
    - Belgard is back and donating a firepit that will be a prize at the banquet (1500 lbs!) Also providing tshirts like they did for STQT
    - Maui Jim is back with glasses
    - Powerpole is back as a sponsor
      - State team gets 30%
      - All members get a rebate
      - Check with John
    - Alliance Program
      - Includes Triton and Nitro boats
      - If you are interested in a Triton or Nitro, let John know and he can help with rebates
    - Awards for banquet have been ordered and most prizes have been picked up
  - College One Day Qualifying Championship
    - June 16 on Newfound
    - Worst case scenario – the team that qualifies competes in the following years tournament
  - West Alton
    - Fee has gone up to \$30 per boat
    - All pleasure boaters are charged \$40 per boat
    - There is no reason to complain
    - John will work with the owner.
  - Insurance
    - Third Party Liability Insurance primarily protects clubs and officers; if there is an event and there is an accident, this protects the club and officers.

- If non-members get into an accident, the club is no longer covered by the third party liability insurance.
    - We need everyone to pay dues
  - NEBA has a team trail event on June 16
    - They will look into whether this date can change
- Pass the Gavel