

NH BASS Nation
Monthly Meeting
June 18, 2019

Attendance

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

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from last meeting on website

Treasurer's Report

- Open that funneled through JR national account
 - Payouts, transfers in and out of Team of the Year account
 - Facility fees, Barry conservation camp scholarship
 - Remainder of Fundraiser funds divided three ways to NH Junior Bassmaster teams: Timberlane, Mascoma, Junior Nationals
 - Junior Nationals raised a large amount of money on their own
- Opens have added roughly 70 new members
 - List of new members needs to be submitted to BASS National
 - ~150 members currently fishing the trail
 - NHBN can send 4 teams to Nationals (last year we could only send 3)
- State Team Account
 - Deposits for extra clothing
 - Lodging paid for Sebago
- Total Funds available: \$23,986

Conservation Report

- Nothing to report

Youth Report

- Juniors had two Casting Kids events
 - These are fishing derbies for kids with casting competitions
 - Kainen Flynn Memorial Derby (JRs have done this historically)
 - Newmarket NH (this was a new event)
- Next JRs event is Pawtuckaway
 - There should be enough boats
- There are still adult clubs that need to provide boats for remaining JR events --
 - Forge Pond needs to provide 2 boats
 - Merrimack Valley needs to provide 1 boat
 - North Country needs to provide 1 boat
- NOTE: Clubs will be in Bad Standing if they do not provide a boat by Friday
 - Members of clubs in Bad Standing cannot fish STQT or Regionals (even if they qualified already)

President's Report Old Business

- Second open on June 16th had 43 boats.
 - Congrats to winners and Liberty University moving on to College National Championship
- Club vs club is 7/21. Cobbossee out of Lakeside. How many clubs? Who can run the weigh in?
 - Looking like 3 or 4 clubs currently
 - Should we consider changing rules?
 - Should Club vs Club stay in state
- Third open is July 7th event on Moore Dam. Littleton has special hotel rates. Unable to secure funding for media coverage. Double down with NH Basscasters. Folds of Honor Fundraiser. 70% payouts.
 - Hampton Inn Littleton. 189 per night
 - Eastgate Motor Inn. 10% discount 2 night minimum
 - Thayer's Inn. 99-139 per night. Limited parking for rigs.

President's Report New Business

- Next meeting Tuesday July 16 at BPS in Hooksett. No meetings in November or December
- Next AFTCO clothing order (40% discount) will be July 12th
- Last tournament had low participation from state team members which impacted tournament operations (parking, traffic, boat checks, setup, breakdown, etc.)
 - State team consists of 20 members required to work at least 2 events (~40 man hours); for an entire tournament season NHBN needs around 80 man hours
 - There are three members who have not worked any tournaments yet.
 - There are no NHBN meetings in November or December so we will start working on constitution and rule changes in January, February and March. Topics to be discussed:
 - Number of required work events for state team (4 events instead of 2)
 - Number of required boats for adult clubs to support Juniors (3 boats instead of 2)
 - Process for clubs providing boats for Juniors
 - Consider a big prize instead of raffle?
 - Consider scaling requirement based on size of club
 - Realistic estimate of participation based on history
- Discussion re: no events in June on cold water fisheries
 - Given that smallmouth spawn happens early to mid-June, do we want to continue to hold events where spawning fish are targeted
 - Makes sense to keep one event in June
 - Next year, the closed season should open on June 21
 - Possible options
 - Off limits the week before
 - Smallmouth open in late October
 - Later in June (most people in favor of this)
 - Move it further north or south
 - Other Considerations:
 - States Landing (Winnepesaukee) is only practical in May – so moving Newfound tournament to May will remove States Landing from schedule

- Newfound only has one access area which gets congested in the summer and early fall
- Mortality rates for smallmouth in summer go up
- Too late in the season and safe light and weather become too much of a risk factor
- We should avoid having too many tournaments in a single month
- NHBN will pursue scheduling this tournament later in June (most people in favor of this)

Pass the Gavel