

NH BASS Nation
Monthly Meeting
April 20, 2021

Attendance

PRESENT: Lakes Region Bass, NH Basscasters, NH Hawg Hunters, Sail 'em Bass, Upper Valley, Back Bay, Grassroots, Forge Pond, Merrimack Valley, NH Junior Bassmasters, Last Cast

ABSENT: Granite State, NEBA, North Country Bronzebacks, Sunapee

1. Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes from March have been sent
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Will be available at next meeting
3. Conservation Report
 - a. National Conservation Director Gene Gilliland has been inducted into Bass Fishing Hall of Fame
 - b. Club who permitted Sunapee had to get an additional permit from the town provide proof of a 2m umbrella insurance policy.
 - c. Jamie is talking to the state about the difficulties clubs are having with access. Concerns have also been raised about lake hosts overreaching what they're allowed to do like messing with trailer wiring while looking for invasive.
 - d. The Sunapee permitting issues are not new. Like with the town of Moultonborough when permitting Lee's Mills, there are steps that need to be taken with the town. BASS does provide insurance for clubs but it's unclear whether it would cover the 2m umbrella policy requirement.
 - e. State of NH has appointed a new Director of Recreation. Jamie will reach out to him. More info: <https://manchesterinklink.com/meet-scott-crowder-nhs-first-outdoor-recreational-industry-director/>
 - f. Grant available for clubs looking to do conservation event around aquatic plants
 - i. Contact John Foster if your club is interested in this
 - g. Free Online Training and Certification for Maine lake host weed inspections
 - i. Any fishing event in Maine needs certified weed inspections that are reported back to the state.
 - ii. Contact John if anyone from your club is interested in taking this training and becoming certified.
 - iii. Separate training is being developed that will let weed inspectors submit weed inspection details through a mobile app
4. Youth Report
 - a. Clubs still need to provide boats for Junior tournaments
 - b. First tournament is May 1 at Squam
 - c. Congratulations to Cole Moulton who is 1 of 12 teenagers to make the All American Fishing Team. He is the second person from NH to receive this honor; Cam Sterritt was the first.

5. President's Report Old Business

- a. Banquet
 - i. No update. Date still set for October 23rd, 2021 at Puritan Backroom.
- b. 2021 Team Open Schedule:
 - i. May 2 – Winni - Lee's Mills/State's Landing. NH Basscasters. Flyer and info sheet are up on website
 - ii. Oct 10 – Squam. North Country. Approved. Permission to park at school granted
 - iii. All water events permits are in; NHBN is all set for the tournament season.
- c. Dues
 - i. Granite State still owes dues and rosters
 - ii. Send dues and rosters to John Foster, 9 Grove St, Byfield, MA 01922.
 - iii. It's critical to pay the national dues
- d. 2021 Bassmaster Team Championship Event will be at Lake Eufaula on December 8-11, 2021.
- e. Portland Yacht Services top finishers program
 - i. Need 20 people to sign up by May 1st or no program
 - ii. <http://bassboatmaine.portlandyacht.com/#top-finishers>

6. New Business

- a. Next meeting will be Tuesday May 18 via Zoom.
- b. Sponsors updates
 - i. Landing nets are back. Strike King is a new sponsor – website and prizes will be available at a later date.
 - ii. Maui Jim will likely not be back; funding has been cut from their budget.
- c. Professional Website
 - i. We should consider having a professional company do the website to improve the look and feel and help with site maintenance. Not everyone is on social media and those who are not cannot engage with us or get information. James will get some estimates for what's available.

7. Pass the Gavel

- a. Tournament equipment will need to be checked before the first tournament; not all equipment will be used as we will have limited setup. New printer and stones have been ordered for weigh-in.
- b. How are we going to handle that many people at the Champlain Tournament?
 - i. Weigh-in will be at Mallets Bay (VT) on both days. John is trying to have all registration online by NHBN. Drawing will be online and published prior to the event. No reason for the NY participants to take ferry and launch from Mallets. Once we have the number of registrants, we will have a better sense of day-of logistics.
- c. Need volunteer Boats for NH Juniors
 - i. Please contact Ray if your club has available captains
 - ii. We will know if we're set for the May 1st event tomorrow
- d. Meeting adjourned