

NH BASS Nation  
Monthly Meeting  
August 20, 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, Junior Bassmasters, NH Last Cast, NH Basscasters, Grassroots
- ABSENT: Granite State Bassmasters, NEBA

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from last meeting on website

Treasurer's Report

- Activity
  - Checks - AFTCO
  - Deposits –
    - Aftco Sales
    - Clothes sales
    - Product sales
  - Folds of Honor Tournament
    - Checks for payouts
    - \$1326 to Folds of Honor
  - High School National
    - Payouts have come out
    - Some money will remain for jerseys
    - Accounts will zero out once jerseys are paid for
  - Operating Account \$3508
  - 2019 State Team Account
    - Proceeds
    - Payouts
    - Two transfers to team of the year account
    - One withdrawal for entry fee to BASS
    - Divisional lodging
    - 10550 in 2019 account
    - ~8k left over for gas
- Total Funds available: \$17,980.01

Conservation Report

- Recent offer from AccuCull for conservation tags
  - Pretty significant discount for package deal: tags, weight recorder and digital scale for ~75 normally ~125
  - John will email out details

Youth Report

- End of season almost here

- High School Championship this Sunday (8/25)
  - Two different ways to qualify
    - Team with most points
    - Team that wins on championship day
- National Tournaments
  - High School team did not fare well
  - Junior Team did well
- Season Recap
  - There were either too many boats or not enough this season
    - The preference is too many
  - Biggest Issue this year
    - Someone signs up from a club but then cancels last minute due to other reasons
  - Had to triple up for some tournaments
    - Three winners instead of two which impacts prizes
  - Two times this year, gas cards were not given to volunteer boats
  - Good Season
    - Lots of kids and new interest
  - November is the end of season meeting
  - We will likely graduate 5 or 6
  - Discussion:
    - Does a team need to be registered prior to the High School championship qualifying tournament to qualify for the High School National Championship
      - Currently no
    - We will discuss at the November meeting

#### President's Report Old Business

- Club vs club is 7/21. Cobbossee out of Lakeside.
  - 6 clubs showed up. Congrats to NH Basscasters
- New Sponsor. 5x3
  - Having production issues so bear with them.
- Next Aftco clothing order will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Remaining HUK gear has been sold

#### President's Report New Business

- Next meeting Tuesday September 17 @ 7pm at BPS in Hooksett. No meetings in November or December
  - Constitution and rule changes will be January, February, March (vote)
- Good luck to State team fishing in Sebago
- STQT
  - Typo on first info sheet \$340 due to launch and weigh-in location change
    - It is so difficult to do a weigh in at West Alton
    - Weigh-in most likely at Lee's
      - Cook out will be where the weigh-in happens
      - If water is high enough states landing is better due to space
      - First flight will be at the weigh in location so boats can pull out and park after weighing allowing the second flight to keep boats in water and come to cookout

- Suggestions re: tournaments process now that we've had 5 this year
  - Hinsdale was run very smoothly
  - Collection of membership fees was a lot of work and difficult to maintain
    - Our NH BASS Nation roster only counts members who have participated in a NHBN Open
  - Consider having Double down clubs support/work the event
  - Cut back to 3 events: Spring, Summer, Fall
    - What about fundraisers for Juniors and State Team?
      - Regionals are different next year
        - a. Should not have to travel as far so NHBN will not need to raise as much money
      - NHBN can cover the youth side with Folds of honor
  - Consider having 4 tournaments with 1 drop
    - Consensus at meeting is that that we reduce the number
    - Possible Lakes
      - Winni
        - a. West Alton (very difficult for operations – dingy water, boat traffic, no space to view weigh-in)
        - b. States and Lee's aren't available in the Summer
      - Squam – not available in the summer
      - Newfound – not available in the summer
      - Champlain
        - a. Ticonderoga
        - b. Mallets
        - c. Appletree
      - Massabesic
      - St Lawrence River
  - Should we consider pre-registration
    - Lots of effort involved
  - To add the double down rule (i.e. double down clubs must work event), it will need to be written as a proposal and discussed in January
- Belgard is the title sponsor for STQT
- PVA
  - Camp Robindale (same place as usual)
  - September 7<sup>th</sup> is the tournament day
  - 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> – can show up on Friday afternoon and stay the whole weekend
    - Breakfast, lunch and dinner and lodging
  - Register online
- Club vs Club
  - Discussion re: should we keep this in state
  - Consensus is to keep this tournament the same
- Next Year (2020) STQT is at Cobbosee
  - Maine will only allow (1) two-day open
- Last open will be on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Winni-WAM

Pass the gavel

- Discussion: Fish care when the water is very hot?

- Freeze your bottles of water and use them to cool your livewell
  - You can drink them and also keep your livewell cool
- G-Juice
- Open the lid of your livewell throughout the day to remove gases that build up