

## New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Nation

2/20/24

### 1. Attendance

- Present: Forge Pond, Juniors, Lakes Region Bass Chasers, Merrimack Valley, NH Basscasters, Last Cast, Sail'Em Bass, Upper Valley, Sunapee Anglers, Hawg Hunters, NEBA
- Absent: North Country Bronzebacks

### 2. Vice President – Dennis was the nominee.

- All votes submitted were for Dennis -- Congratulations!
- VP Report
  - i. Dennis is working with place in Alton on jerseys for nationals and regionals. NHBN will pay for jerseys for national competitors.
  - ii. We still need to decide what we do for regional competitors. Current thinking is that we let competitors representing NH and anyone else from NHBN purchase jerseys. Dennis will reach out to presidents to see who is interested. The more people who buy shirts, the more discount we get.
  - iii. Trevor and Dennis will reach out to BASS to determine if jerseys are required for the regional qualifier. We do not believe it is required but there are guidelines so it would be worth checking.
  - iv. We may need a vote on jersey colors.

### 3. Treasurer's Report - Trevor

- Most recent balance around 17k
- Most recent transactions
  - \$607 Paid out permit fees and fees for launches including Apple Tree Marina for STQT
  - We did receive all our permits.

### 4. Conservation Report - Jamie

- Jamie will be attending the Conservation Summit at the Classic
- Nothing to report leading up to the Summit meeting. The itinerary for the Summit should be out in a week or so.
- Gene (BASS Conservation) usually has a variety of speakers participate at the Summit -- from fish biologists to power management. It's usually a wide range of topics.
- Down south conservation efforts are usually around fish habitat; fish habitat is not something we can do in NH.

### 5. Youth Report - John

- Juniors did not get permits for Squam 5/11 and Newfound 6/22; we are discussing new lakes, but the dates will remain the same.

- Thank you everyone who has signed up already to be a volunteer boat. We are starting to run into the same issues as the adult side around needing bigger bodies of water and accessible venues for parents and spectators.
- The Milford Expo is March 8 through 10. The Juniors will have a booth manned by volunteers from the junior club. Currently, there are enough volunteers for this.
- John received the Laser Shot game that was at expos in the past. The equipment is not functioning properly so John will follow up with the manufacturer to see if he can get it fixed. This has been a draw and fund generator for the juniors in the past.
- No updates on Junior or HS Nationals
- The Juniors will have two more new expos on the calendar --
  - i. Trinity Baptist Church 4/6
  - ii. Discover NH Wild Day at NH Fish and Game 4/20 from 10am-3pm. Around 8k people come through this event. We will be there all day for that. Would be great to have the Laser Shot up and running.
- The Annual Spring Meeting will be on 4/21 at Bass Pro Shops. John has sent this information out to the club.
- High School Virtual Events – The Junior/HS program will be hosting two virtual fishing tournaments during the closed season where high school aged anglers throughout the state can fish from shore or on the water using artificials and enter their catch in online. The events will use the software used for kayak tournaments so most of the work will be upfront and not during the actual events. Entry fee will be around 75 per angler. Payouts will be 1k for 1<sup>st</sup>; 500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 250 for 3<sup>rd</sup>. NOTE: We cannot get this out publicly until we secured enough in sponsorship to cover the event. We will need to secure \$1750 to bring these events to fruition.

#### 6. President's Report - Trevor

- Tournament Scale
  - There were some issues last year with the display unit. Dennis will investigate what's happening with the scale. If it's not fixable by us or the manufacturer, he will see if there is any sort of replacement possible.
- Banquet rescheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>. Trevor will send the flier tonight. Lots of good prizes. Everything will be like last year.
- Sponsor Update
  - i. Lowrance is national and Lowrance is extending their discount to the state. Discounts allocated to the first 7 boaters and the first 7 non boaters. We will need to revisit rules around this now that there isn't a true state team. The forms are almost all the same.
- Dues & Rosters
  - i. Some clubs have sent in dues and rosters. If you have not yet sent dues and rosters for the year, please get these to Trevor by April. You can pay by check, cash, or Venmo. Reach out to Trevor for more details.

- Fantasy Fishing
  - i. Trevor has been receiving inquiries about this. If someone wants to run this, you can reach out to Trevor to get this running.
- Jerseys
  - i. Trevor will get mockups to the clubs.

#### 7. Pass the Gavel

- NEBA is looking for 7 more teams. Payouts are 100 percent; one drop and TOC at the end. NEBA tournaments are on Sundays -- 5/12, 6/23, 7/14, 8/11, 9/9, 9/28-29; locations Moore Dam, Squam, Wentworth, CT River, Conway, Winni for TOC. Reach out to Rod for more details.
- Sunapee Lake Anglers is looking for members. Payout is for lunker pool and prizes are trophies. Tournaments are during the week. Reach out to Rod for more details.
- Northern Regional Qualifier – there are still spots available.
- Next Meeting: March 26 after the Classic and the NHBN Banquet