

New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Nation

1/17/23

1. Attendance
 - a. PRESENT: Lakes Region Bass, NH Basscasters, Upper Valley, Back Bay, North Country Bronzebacks, Forge Pond, Merrimack Valley, Sail'em Bass, NH Junior Bassmasters, Sunapee Anglers, Granite State, NH Hawg Hunters, NEBA, Last Cast
 - b. ABSENT:
2. Secretary's Report. See website.
 - a. <https://www.nhbassnation.com/minutes>
3. Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Very little activity
 - b. John will be depositing a check from Mercury for 1500, another from Ranger and Triton for 1500, and dues from North Country
4. Conservation Report
 - a. Trevor has info from AFTCO that will be shared with the clubs
5. Youth Report
 - a. Junior Side Club Sign Up Sheet
 - i. This year, there are only 4 events where clubs will need to provide volunteer boats. Each club needs to provide 2 volunteer boats which means there are a total of 26 slots to sign up.
 - ii. Once slots are full for each event, a club will need to provide a volunteer for a different event
 - Currently, there are 3 for Squam, 1 for Ossipee, and everything else is open
 - iii. Dates will be locked in but lakes may change. If lakes change, we will try to keep them in the same area
 - b. Barry Conservation Camp Scholarship
 - i. Two submissions
 - ii. Cash Rondeau was selected
 - c. John will get a flyer out for Junior/HS tournament dates
6. President's Report Old Business:
 - a. Banquet rescheduled to March 25, 2023 at Puritan Backroom.
 - i. Ticket sales online only. Deadline for ticket purchase March 17th
 - ii. \$45 per ticket
 - iii. Usual folks who do set up will be there to help
 - iv. James B. will put together slide show and may need to reach out to club officers for pictures

- v. Registration Link: <https://f8s.co/29v6>
- b. 2023 Team Open Schedule (Tentative):
 - i. May 7 – Winni - Lee’s Mills/State’s Landing.
 - Double Down: NH Basscasters
 - ii. July 9 – CT River-Hinsdale
 - Double Down: UVWW
 - iii. Aug 6 – Moore Dam
 - Double Down: North Country
 - iv. Oct 9 – Winni – Lee’s Mills/State’s Landing.
 - Double Down: Last Cast
- c. 2023 Other events:
 - i. Aug 20 – Club vs Club – Umbagog. North Country hosting.
 - ii. Sept 16-17 – STQT – Silver Sands
 - If you are participating, you should reach out to Silver Sands soon to secure your room
- d. \$1125 from Regional payout. Where do we allocate?
 - i. Placeholder so we do not forget about it.

7. President’s Report New Business:

- a. Next meeting will be **Tuesday February 21st** via Zoom.
- b. Format changes for 2023.
 - i. See attachment
 - ii. There will still be a State level Qualifying Event (e.g., STQT) but BASS Nation Qualifiers will replace the Regional Championships
 - iii. Top (x) from State event and top 20 from Qualifiers lead to the National Championship
 - The number of berths a state has to send anglers to the National Championship is based on the state’s nation membership from the prior year. Currently, NH will send 3 boaters and 3 co-anglers from STQT directly to the Nation Championship unless we change something
 - The subsequent 10 finishing boaters and co-anglers from the State event will likely receive a code to allow early entry into a Qualifier event.
 - iv. What are the benefits for staying in a Nation club?
 - Can compete in STQT
 - There will still be perks and deals for State team members
 - New format just allows more paths to the National Championship
 - v. Timeline
 - Nothing changes for this year’s Regionals and National Championship
 - First change will be that top 3 boaters and co-anglers from this year’s STQT will qualify for next year’s National Championship (2024)
 - Nation Qualifier events will likely start early summer 2024
 - vi. Will there be an effort to host Qualifier events in the corners of the country to make it easier for anglers to travel from their regions?

- There has not been much discussion on this
 - Anglers from the western part of the country will likely have it the hardest as there are just not enough numbers to support having events out there
- vii. Have we decided what we are going to do with STQT and support for NH competitors
- NHBN will most likely support the National Championship competitors
 - There needs to be more discussion around what we do to support anglers participating in the qualifiers and anglers who qualify for the National Championship through the qualifiers.
 - Do we support only the members who qualify through STQT or do we support all members who have qualified?
 - One thing to note is that, in the past, BASS covered certain expenses (e.g., lodging, gas, etc.) for National Championship competitors; it's not clear whether those expenses will still be covered or if there will be any new expenses.
- viii. ACTION ITEM: Bring back discussion to your clubs and come with thoughts next meeting
- c. State Team Lodging for Regionals is booked. Thank you, David!
- d. Dues/Rosters
- i. Dues and rosters can be sent to
Trevor Poulin
15 Blue Hill Ave, Nashua, NH 03064
8. Pass the Gavel
- a. John will continue to store the trailer
 - b. Feel free to reach out to Trevor if you have any questions or want to discuss anything NHBN related
 - c. QUESTION: What help will be required at tournaments this year (e.g., state team support, officers, etc.)?
 - i. We intend to continue the same way we have in the past – State Team support and all hands-on deck
 - ii. Jason will be reaching out in the next couple weeks to start laying things out
9. Meeting adjourned