

New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Nation

1/16/24

1. Attendance

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

2. Treasurer's Report.

- Most recent Balance \$16,628
- Most recent Transactions
 - \$1000 from Boat Leads program from Thayer's Marine (WRM)
 - May still be waiting for the Mercury reward
 - Thank you, John!
- Final Balance \$17,628
 - We'll start buying some prizes; already have a couple for the banquet
 - Trevor will need to connect with John on taxes

3. Conservation Report

- Conservation Summit at the Classic 3/22 to 3/24
 - i. There is still some lake access grant money available
 - ii. At the summit, the conservation directors will try to put videos together on fish care and how to run weigh ins.
 - iii. No agenda for the summit yet
 - iv. Jamie will be attending; a lot of long time conservation directors are stepping down so it will be good to meet some new people and get some new ideas
- Aftco – Jamie reached out and they will continue to provide swag bags. It will likely be the middle of April when this product is in hand.

4. Youth Report

- Trevor sent out schedule for juniors; please share with your club so we can get volunteer boats squared away
- A kid tried to join but is looking to fish out of his kayak. He is 12 but our kayak program starts at 16 year old. John will follow up with him to get him on board with the junior program.
 - i. If there is enough interest with kayak members to put on a mini-junior tournament, Kevin can look into hosting something
- Milford Expo is on March 8-10

- i. \$15 to get into the door; there will be raffles and promotions for the Junior club. We will be trying to get some new youth into the program.
 - National Youth Director Meeting (last week)
 - i. National tournament dates and locations will be released likely next month. BASS needs contracts signed and then needs the information to fall into their promotion schedule. Juniors Championship is in the last weekend of July and High School championship will be in the first weekend of August

- 5. President's Report Old Business:
 - Banquet rescheduled for March 16th. March scheduling is hard due to holidays.
 - Flyer will go out at the end of the month.

- 6. President's Report New Business
 - President Meeting happened a few weeks ago
 - i. Alliance Package Update – BASS will no longer be supporting state team jerseys. We can still order but they will not cover them. BASS may not require the jerseys for the regional qualifiers.
 - ii. Should we do something?
 - Typically, these were 40 for jerseys and 60 for sweatshirts. This is likely a deeply discounted promotional price.
 - We could explore finding a local vendor; Share vendor info with Trevor
 - It would be nice if the anglers representing NH have common gear
 - iii. National Competitors
 - Meeting participants think NHBN should purchase jerseys for the National Competitors
 - iv. Regional Qualifiers
 - Trevor will put out feelers for the Regional Qualifiers
 - Sponsor Update
 - i. Lowrance will do state and national sponsorship. Trevor is asking if it's too much to have 28 people on the state team roster for discount. Consider whether we stick to the old way and only do the top 7 boaters and 7 non-boaters.
 - ii. Trevor is double checking on other sponsors
 - Dues and Rosters
 - i. Please email your roster to Trevor. Mail is fine, but email is easier for Trevor
 - ii. Please send dues ideally before the first tournament
 - Club vs Club
 - i. North Country is considering Squam or Conway. Will need to know more details about tournament logistics (launch and weigh-in). They will meet on the 31st of

this month and should have this nailed down. Decision will need to go to Jason before March 1st so her can permit. We really want to make this a fun, high attended event.

- Fantasy Fishing
 - i. Trevor will connect with John on this. There will likely be interest seeing that Tim Dube is fishing the elites
- VP Votes
 - i. One Nominee: Dennis Rocheford
 - ii. Club representatives should email Trevor with their yay or nay vote before the next meeting.

7. Pass the Gavel

- Next Meeting: February 20
- Trevor will send out a video explaining how to use the roster