

New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Nation

06/14/22

1. Attendance

PRESENT: Lakes Region Bass, NH Basscasters, Upper Valley, Back Bay, Grassroots, Sail 'em Bass, Last Cast, Sunapee Anglers, North Country Bronzebacks, NEBA, NH Hawg Hunters, Merrimack Valley, Forge Pond, Granite State, North Country

ABSENT:

2. Secretary's Report. See website.

- a. Minutes approved.

3. Treasurer's Report.

a. Several deposits

- i. 75 dollars for oil

- ii. Kingswood HS

- 3350 deposits
- 5700 total for Nationals

- iii. Membership Fees

- Boat sales for folks who were not members of BASS Nation state or Nation

- iv. Postage did not get through the first time; had to be re-sent

- v. Software expense 120 for Smartforms

- vi. Donation from Amazon Smile \$572

- vii. Mailing for permits

- viii. Fraud case reimbursement \$97

b. \$3959 in Operating Account

c. State team account reimbursements

- i. Lodging will come out next time

- ii. Leaving \$2500 for Nationals

d. Total Funds Available \$26632

4. Conservation Report

a. Nothing new to report; there has not been a national conservation director meeting

5. Youth Report

a. Casting kids event a couple weekends ago. Juniors did not get much attention but the participating kids caught fish all day.

b. Next tournament is a High School open on June 25th on Pawtuckaway

- i. There's at least one HS team who will show up for this event

6. President's Report Old Business:

a. Banquet rescheduled to March 25, 2023 at Puritan Backroom.

b. 2022 Team Open Schedule:

- i. May 1 – Winni - Lee's Mills/State's Landing. NH Basscasters

- ii. July 10 – CT River-Hinsdale - NH Last Cast Flyer and info sheet attached.

- iii. Aug 7 – Moore Dam. North Country

- Contract has been signed with the dam authority - Great river hydro plant.
 - iv. Oct 9 – Winni – Silver Sands. UVWW
 - c. 2022 Other events:
 - i. Aug 21 – Club vs Club – Umbagog. North Country hosting
 - ii. Sept 17-18 – STQT – Silver Sands.
 - d. All permits are in for all events this year
 - e. Rosters and dues outstanding:
 - i. Granite State –
 - National dues now paid
 - State dues still outstanding
 - ii. NEBA –
 - State dues outstanding
7. President’s Report New Business:
 - a. Next meeting will be Tuesday July 19 via Zoom. Normally scheduled 3rd Tuesday of the month.
 - b. Let us know next meeting if you will be attending the club v club event
 - i. Each club can send two boats; can communicate
 - ii. 8 fish limit per boat
 - c. Looking for BOD help next year. Opportunities to get involved will be available.
 - i. Tournament Director Position open for 2023
 - Dave Tsao will be stepping down from Tournament Director position at the end of the season. Thank you, Dave, for all that you’ve done these last 8 years!
 - Organizing the tournament the day of the event, sending tournament results to the state post event, coordinating setup with the state team
 - Please reach out to your club members to see if there’s someone who would be willing to step in. Experience running tournaments would be great but is not a requirement.
 - ii. Youth Director
 - Ray is stepping down at the end of the year. In 2005, Ray became the youth director. State needed a youth club to participate in national events. Sail’em Bass originally sponsored the NH Junior Bassmasters. We’ve been discussing how to run this differently given the growth and changes to the club. Thank you, Ray, for all that you’ve done these past 17 years!
 - Please reach out to your club members to see if there’s someone who is passionate about kids and would like to run this program
 - d. Youth Program 2023 and beyond.
 - i. Youth committee met to discuss some of the challenges around the growth
 - ii. Two trails all in the summer (to not conflict with NHIA events)
 - Youth Team Trail

- a. Competitors must bring their own boat
 - b. Teams qualify for HS championship or Junior National Championship
- Youth Individual Trail
 - a. Two divisions competing as individuals
 - b. So many younger anglers learn from the HS kids so we want to maintain the older young style bracket
 - c. This is where BASS Nation volunteer boats will participate
 - d. From this trail is where we get angler of year for HS and Youth
 - e. Will also have prizes
 - f. Bonus opportunity for younger kids to qualify for the Junior National Championship
- iii. Questions
 - Can you fish in both?
 - a. Yes
 - b. Major change is that volunteer boats only apply for the Youth Individual trail
 - What about qualifying from a single event?
 - a. Yes, on the HS team trail you could qualify via the final single event; this allows anglers to compete without concerns around NHIAA conflicts
 - There can be more emphasis for High Schools to participate on the HS side
 - Any reason to do four events on the youth individual side
 - a. Years in the past we had 7 events. Tried to get everything done before the fall started which meant to have seven events we had tournaments in the early spring. With some of the changes, we can move a tournament into the fall for the juniors.
 - b. Since we only need volunteer boats for 4 tournaments instead of 6 or 7, we can get more boats per tournament and even look into the fall
 - We should share the new program with the current anglers for feedback
 - a. Youth anglers like team events
 - b. This means more opportunities for youth to fish
- iv. Next Steps
 - Bring this back to your clubs; we would love feedback and new ideas
 - This proposal seems to be heading in the right direction
 - a. Less volunteer boats needed
 - b. Aligning with the other state and national events
 - c. NHIAA get 35 to 40 boats per tournament so we know HS teams can find boats
 - i. NHBN needs to have more communication with the High Schools coaches more so than the athletic directors, etc.

- d. High Schools are supportive (e.g. Kingswood donated 2k for their HS team)
- Doug will bring up the changes at the NHIAA meeting

8. Pass the Gavel

9. Meeting adjourned