

New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Nation

11/21/23

1. Attendance

- Will be based on the Zoom meeting

2. Treasurer's Report.

- Most recent Balance 18,345
 - Sold quite a bit of Yamaha oil
- Most recent Transactions, Sent out TOY checks, Puritan Deposit

3. Conservation Report

- Conservation Grant from Aftco, any ideas? If you or your club want to submit something please reach out to me.
 - Aftco was not very specific with what they wanted. Down south they do reef construction but we don't really have that need.
- NH Last Cast Member Tim Dube has qualified for the Classic and the Elites. There is a football square fundraiser running right now that are looking for people to come in. Spread the word and reach out to Jamie if you're interested.
 - NH Last Cast picked up two new teams who are joining BASS. If you know anyone looking for a team format on Saturdays, send them to Scott or Jamie
- Gene Gilliland sent out fiscal year reports to conservation directors. 393 billion dollars were spent in '22 on guides and fishing trips. Fishing is still a large economic engine and has been growing.
- Conservation meeting has not happened recently. Summit will happen in March so there should be a meeting soon. Hopefully in the first couple weeks.
- At the President's meeting, Gene primarily discussed the Aftco grant opportunity and that clubs and their members should participate in local politics to support outdoor activities

4. Youth Report

- Fall meeting was last weekend. About 15 kids attended with many being new anglers and parents. Discussed officer elections and club structure.
- Juniors will be working the Milford Outdoor Expo on March 8, 9, and 10
- Wreath sale fundraiser wrapped up this weekend with 225 wreaths sold. Funds will support Junior club operations.
- The Junior schedule has been published, and John will provide the sign-up sheet for NHBN club volunteer boats at the January meeting.
- There will be awards for the Junior AOYs at the spring banquet.
- In order for NHBN to send two teams to the high school championship next year, we will need 60 high school anglers to sign up for the junior club due to a BASS rule change. Last

year we had 34 high school anglers but the rules allowed us to still send two teams. Because we prequalify our anglers the year before we've already told to two teams that they will participate in next year's championship so if we are unable to get the 60 anglers, we will need to ask BASS for an exception.

5. Tournament Director needs

- Permits are in. There was a date change with a junior event that was switched from July 27 to August 17.
- Biggest overall schedule changes were having all opens done before the STQT so that all permits are done in one calendar year and the date of the Club v Club being set in the fall.
- Proposed STQT dates are 9/14 and 9/15 which may be slightly earlier than the last few years but is in line with what's been done historically.
 - i. We should check with Maine because their event is usually the weekend after labor day.

6. President's Report Old Business:

- Banquet scheduled for March 30th, Will be collecting prizes, if anyone has anything they would like to donate or any suggestions let me know.
 - Originally scheduled a week earlier but it has changed to the 30th
 - Flier will come out after the first of the year
 - Same format as last year and cost should be the same.
 - Please send ideas for donations and sponsors to Trevor

7. President's Report New Business:

- a. Regional Codes, Will start to distribute them after today's meeting.
 - 20 early codes will go out this week. People will not be able to sign up until after the 28th. Tournament is on Champlain in mid July. Anglers only have a week to sign up once it opens otherwise they may not get a spot. Please make sure your anglers know that they need to complete this soon after it opens.
 - Waves for signing up – first are the anglers with codes, next is anyone who belongs to a Bass Nation club that is not at large, third is everyone else.
 - Trevor will send out more info from BASS on this
- b. # National Competitor's for 2025
 - We did lose a non-boater on the national team. We've dropped down to the fourth non-boater. All boaters are still going.
 - Mike Z. is putting together a text chain for all of the national competitors to organize.
- c. Team App

- Team App is easier to communicate than email.
- If you have not received a link, please let Trevor know.
- There are other groups in Team App for National competitors and Regional Competitors but reach out to Trevor if you have questions or need help.

d. NH Bass Nation Kayak Trail

- Kevin Dowie and Jeff Matava are heading up a kayak club associated with NH Bass Nation. They will be running opens to qualify folks for the BASS tournaments. Very exciting new market for NHBN.
- There have historically been two kayak clubs for NH; one of them Granite State Kayak Anglers are making changes and will be joining the new club. Plan is to have 5 opens and 1 qualifier. Since there is no weigh-ins they \ use Fishing Chaos app to do tournaments. Last year, there were 24 events online and in person; there has been a lot of interest in the in-person. Expecting 20 to 25 anglers for this year. More than that may be a challenge for parking; if you need to go higher you can arrange for overflow parking. With the app that they use, anglers can launch out of different locations as long as the location is safe and legal.
- There's still some work to do on liability and waivers but Kevin has been working with other club directors and contacts from BASS.
- Visit the New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Nation Kayak Anglers Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/352411267290932>
- For Moultonborough and Center Harbor permits, there are additional permits and fees in order to have a tournament. Likewise, state parks have additional permitting needs.

e. VP Candidates

- We are in the midst of VP nominations. Next meeting, we will vote on nominees. Dennis was nominated at the last meeting.
- If there are other nominees for VP, please send them to Trevor.

f. Dues and rosters

- You can start sending these to Trevor in January
- Dues are 30 for state and 30 for national
- BASS membership (including subscription to Bassmaster) is not annual but BASS Nation state and national dues are annual.

8. Pass the Gavel.

- Sponsors for next year
 - i. At the national president's meeting, they didn't go into details about sponsors. As soon as Trevor knows more he will follow up.
 - ii. We work directly with state sponsors like Dobyons but the Alliance sponsors go through nationals.

- Alliance sponsors are Motorguide, Mercury, Garmin, Humminbird.
- Lowrance we negotiated at the state level. Trevor can reach out about this.