

New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Nation

9/28/23

1. Attendance
 - a. PRESENT: Forge Pond, Merrimack Valley, Granite State, Juniors, Lakes Regions Bass Chasers, NH Basscasters, Last Cast, Sail Em, UVWW, NH Hawg Hunters
 - b. Absent: NEBA, Bronzebacks, Sunapee
2. Secretary's Report. See website.
 - a. <https://www.nhbassnation.com/minutes>
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. STQT brought in ~10K – perfect
 - b. Want to highlight this year's national competitors so we can get more boats for next year
4. Conservation Report
 - a. There has still not been a BASS conservation call so nothing to report
5. Youth Report
 - a. Juniors wrapped up season with new format – team and individual trail
 - b. Recruited 3 or 4 new high schools competing this year
 - c. Junior dues will increase by \$20 in the fall due to national dues increasing by \$20 dollars
 - i. Reason is to get everyone on the same page --- junior, HS, adult all \$30
 - d. 2024 Schedule is wrapped up
 - i. Almost the same except the last event
 - ii. Will not be on the BASS Nation dates as long as they stay the same
 - e. Was contacted by an organization that develops kids programs for elementary schools. Program provides a stem package for the school that incorporates science of fishing with the sport. Affiliated with a bunch of elementary schools but they lose the kids once they leave elementary school. Want to partner with BASS Nation to have a place for the students to go once they leave elementary school. Would be good feeder program for the Junior side.
 - f. 9 on Junior side 40 kids on HS
 - g. Mascoma Valley and Farmington going to Nationals
 - h. 3 Junior Teams:
 - i. Nik and James from team trail
 - ii. Eli and Grant
 - iii. Reid and Mason

- i. AOY: James Barkley on the younger side and Ryan Deszki on the oolder side
 - j. Huge shout out to NH BASS Nation – had extra boats and no triples this year!
6. Presidents Old Busies
- a. Last event on 10/9 Silver Sands
 - b. Need to have numbers to Silver Sands sooner than usual
 - c. Flier is ready;
 - d. Last Cast will do double down
7. President’s Report New Business
- a. Confirm DD for 10/9
 - b. STQT results/concerns for 2024
 - i. Had to cancel day 1
 - ii. 31 boats
 - iii. 1st place boater (Nick Deering) is fishing with Maine so the third place angler moves in. John Levesque will be moving into the top 3.
 - iv. 2nd place Alex Gross – moving to Florida in January so will not be able to complete duties.
 - Do we support him?
 - 1. He did fish all year with NH and did qualify but his duties should be covered.
 - 2. Can someone other than a club member help?
 - 3. There were clubs and STQT members who did not help last year
 - Work assignments
 - 1. Livewell checks, shuttles, parking, check-in, send off boat, check-in, bump station, breakdown
 - Consider Team app for board members
- c. Lakes and dates
 - i. TBF has already shared their dates; there is already one conflict with what we’re looking at. For the most part we’ll be safe. Bigger deal is going to be the availability of help. Need a few more days to wrap this up.
 - ii. North Country needs to tell us where they want the Club v Club
 - iii. Ideas:
 - Push August event ahead a week to create some distance between July and STQT.
 - Have we thought about anything in Maine
 - Looking at August 4th or 18th but still needs some work

- To increase participation, have we considered allowing substitutions?
 - Have we thought about having a throw out for points?
 1. We did drops when we had 6 tournaments
 2. Team trail requires at least 4 events and you have to fish together. It's up to the organization to monitor and enforce that teams are fishing together; at the National level substitutions are not allowed.
 - There has been discussion about going out of state
- iv. Standings will be completed before the next tournament
 - v. Still waiting for a deadline from BASS on when they need to submit the 3 and the 10. No dates yet on the qualifier tournaments. Looking at same time frame for nationals. As soon as we get that deadline, we'll work down from 1 to 13.
- d. Tournament Director Needs
 - e. Board Opening
 - i. Scott Doughty is stepping down from VP (thank you so much Scott)
 - ii. Will need to look at the Constitution and By-laws to

8. Tournament Director

- a. Silver Sands will let us use the marina launch
- b. State Team and people staying at silver Sands will use the motel launch
- c. Everyone else will use the Marina Launch and Bank of NH parking lot
- d. There will be shuttles (~5 min trip)
- e. Week of STQT, there will be a repost with the condensed info sheets
- f. State Team members will handle parking lot and beach control/flow
- g. OTHER REMINDERS
 - i. No parking at Patricks
 - ii. Work assignments will be sent out on 8/20; if State team members do not participate, their club will be on the hook for providing a back up
 - iii. Big shout out to Chris Adams who was a last minute addition to the State Team and drove to Hinsdale to support even though he didn't fish
- h. Change in State Team duty expectations -
 - i. Change for next year is that all STQT members are expected to be at all events or find a backup from their club as there are only 6 members we know are going to championship and receiving funds from NHBN due to all of the uncertainty.

- ii. We can technically enforce the State Team contract when state team members do not follow through on their duties.
 - iii. Are there ways to streamline tournament setup and breakdown? We should discuss this again in the winter.
- i. Why are we not paying out lunker?
 - i. We are trying to maximize funds for the 6 national competitors.
 - ii. We are considering a side pot for lunker or standings. Winning lunker can make up for entry fees.
- j. Non-Boaters
 - i. Lakes Regions is looking for 4 to 5 non-boater
 - ii. Trevor will make a post on Facebook to connect non-boaters with boaters
 - iii. In the past, we publicized and took on new members in the paper clubs
- k. Sponsorship Deals
 - i. It's not clear what's happening with these
 - ii. Trevor will bring this up with BASS

9. President's Report Old Business:

- a. 2023 Team Open Schedule (official):
 - i. July 9 – CT River-Hinsdale
 - Double Down: UVWW
 - ii. Aug 6 – Moore Dam
 - Double Down: North Country
 - iii. Oct 9 Lee's Mills/State's Landing
 - Double Down: Last Cast (confirmed)
- b. 2023 Other events:
 - i. Aug 20 – Club vs Club – Umbagog. North Country hosting
 - North Country -- two
 - Granite State – none
 - NH Basscasters – 1 team
 - Lakes Region – 1 team
 - Sailem - 2 teams
 - Hawg Hunters – none
 - Merrimack - none
 - Forge Pond – none
 - Upper Valley - Maybe
 - Last Cast – 1 team, maybe 2
 - ii. Double Down Details:
 - August 20
 - 120 per boat
 - 7am - 3pm hours

- No off limits prior to the tournament
 - Off limit waters will be shared on Facebook
 - Livewell checks in the morning
 - Boat Number drawing onsite
 - Best 8 fish per club
- iii. Sept 16-17 – STQT – Silver Sands

10. President's Report New Business:

- a. Confirm DD for Oct 9
 - i. Confirmed
- b. STQT Needs
 - i. See notes above
- c. Tournament Weigh in
 - i. TBF uses a different program for weigh in that updates on leaderboard that is visible through phone and web – weighfish
 - ii. Trevor would like to explore this; it may streamline things.
 - iii. Trevor would like a system that does the registration and weight management that is not too pricey

11. Pass the Gavel

12. Meeting adjourned