

Minnesota B.A.S.S Federation Meeting Minutes

Saturday – December 1, 2012

11:00 am Regional Meetings

12:00 pm General Meeting

Peter Perovich

12:00 pm Roll Call --Secretary

Amy Kiefer

Meeting called to order at 12:04 PM

Presidents Report

Peter Perovich

- State Team 2013 – If any of your clubs have a member who is on the 2013 State Team, please let them know that they must be at January meeting. Mark will be holding a meeting with the State team at 11:00 am. They will be reviewing contracts, info etc. The location for the 2013 Divisionals will be on Lake Francis Case, in Chamberlain, SD.
- Reserve Elite – This club is still active and if you're in limbo and need a club to be a part of, Mark can help to facilitate and new membership.
- Officer elections to be held today – only clubs in good standing for the 2013 season, as of today will be able to vote for officers.
- Board Meeting Report
 - Divisional date change for 2013– Typically taking place the first full week of August, the time frame has changed for 2013. The dates are August 26-August 30th. This is the week that immediately proceeds the MN State Tournament. As a state, we might want to give some thought to change the date of future MN TOC's if BASS sticks with this updated schedule. Bring this back to your clubs and have discussion through the winter. What works, what doesn't? Benefit to those that are in educational field? Jeff Gilmer stepped in about BASS putting a big focus on H.S. and College programs. In the past youth participants haven't been able to fish due to dates coinciding with the start of the school year. Something else to keep in mind - With date changes, lodging costs/availability can be an issue.
 - March meeting – This will be combined with our 2nd annual banquet, and will be moved to March 9th. The meeting will have a later start time and then we can move right into the banquet. Motion was made to move meeting. No quorum to make vote due to number clubs. Vote will move to January meeting.
 - Banquet –Held one Saturday, March 9th. It will be at the Minneapolis Ramada – same as last year. Once again we will have a Silent Auction/raffle, dinner, and a guest speaker, We hope to surpass our 2012 attendance of 175. Making it better this year is the **goal**. So mark y our calendars and look for more details to come soon.
 - TOC trophies – The board has discussed that it might be time to have a traveling trophy, for state champion. It would be engraved with name of each years' champion and travel each around. Thoughts?

- Angler Expo – This was formerly the Bass Expo. It will be held Feb 8-10. We'll be there with a big presence for the 3 day event. Looking for volunteers to man the booth and help out. Steve Hurlburt will organize. The board has voted to discontinue our presence at the Sports Show. We seem to generate more interest at the expo. The show wants us to do seminars, etc like last year. If you or someone you know, wants to do one - please let the Board know. We really need support from all of your clubs to make this a successful event. Exposure measured by the number of new membership and how many were actually placed into a club, and being involved in the Nation.
- Effective January 1, 2013 – BASS has changed the name to BASS Nation, removing the word “Federation” to freshen things up.

Tournament Directors Report

Tim Allen

- Club Tournament/Lake Schedules – Only 12 schedules received so far, as of 12/1. Priority will be given to clubs in good standing and based upon when the schedules were received.
- 2013 TOC – permit has been approved. We have 3 pools – 5a, 6, 7. Alternates tournament will be on pool 8. The no culling rule will be applied. We'll be working with a 5 fish limit. We did not pay the extra \$\$ for the special permit to allow culling via WI. Tim will be responsible for verifying/holding AIS checks for boats going in and coming out of the water. We have to see if we can get a waiver for the new regulations of the 50% parking rule because ramps in the area are smaller. Otherwise, any ideas are welcomed to help resolve this issue.
 - Boundaries marked? – Possibly train tracks to train tracks. But watch for more details coming later. We surely want to avoid the issues we had with the boundary change that happened at the TOC this year.
 - Notes about how to behave while working through locks.
- Lake submission for 2014 TOC – bear in mind that we'll likely use that same waters for the 2015 divisionals when we host. Therefore the Board will put in some additional options to pick from. However, we have one submission thus far – for Leech Lake.

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Club Rosters 2013 – Thank you to those clubs that have already submitted rosters and state dues! PLEASE try to get them in no later than the January meeting. You can always add additional anglers at a later time. But you definitely need to have everything complete, with full rosters by May 1st so that we can crunch numbers and see how many people will be able to fish the 2013 TOC.
- Membership “deals” – Through 2/15/13 BASS will be offering membership renewal discounts to ALL current Nation members.
 - 5 year Membership Price - \$110, regular price - \$125 (10% discount)
 - Life Membership Price - \$450, regular price - \$500 (10% discount)
 - To renew at this special rate, go to www.bassmaster.com/bfnrenewal
 - With each of these renewal programs, there is also some free gifts to accompany membership.
- Angler Programs available to B.A.S.S. Members

- Toyota Bonus Bucks – Incentives for BASS members to buy a new Toyota truck, and earn money fishing tournaments.
 - <http://www.toyotrucksbonusbucks.com/>
- Boats US Weigh to Win – Incentive programs for customers who fish tournaments
 - http://www.boatus.com/angler/tournament_incentives.asp
- Nationwide Insurance - Exclusive Insurance discounts for BASS Members
 - <http://www.nationwide.com/cps/pc-affinity-BASS.htm>
- Federation Email – if you are not currently signed up to receive emails from the MN Bass Nation, please go <http://www.mnbnf.org/connect.html> and sign-up. This will allow you to receive important communications in the form of an email blast from the board.
- Clubs looking for new members – Please contact Amy.kiefer@mnbnf.org if your club is seeking out, or able to take on any additional members (boaters, non-boaters, or both). We get several inquiries through the MN BASS Nation website and we want to be sure that we connect them with a club that has availability. If you get an email from the board, but are not able to accommodate a new member PLEASE let us know so that we can move onto another possibility. Side note on this – make sure that your president and secretary contact info is accurate, because these are the people we'll be reaching out to.
- Certificate of insurance – The BASS Nation liability insurance has recently changed. You can find an updated form to request Certificate of Insurance is available online.

Treasurer's Report

Kent Mittelstaedt

Conservation Directors Report

Mickey Goetting

- News
 - 47 lb big head carp caught in Lake Pepin recently. No evidence of a reproducing population. DNR has action plan – creating barriers, coon rapids dam repairs. AIS research center at UMN. Big head up to 110 lbs and can eat 10% body weight per day.
 - Bring ReBaits® to any meeting, printer cartridges can also be recycled.
 - Looking for topics to discuss at future meetings.
 - Alligator gar reintroduction? Food source?
 - Minnetonka gate situation? – Gates not happening. Compliance is much higher at Christmas Lake.

Youth Directors Report

Jeff Gilmer

- New Youth Changes at Bass – focusing on 15-18 year olds, and college ages anglers. MN will maintain the younger age group to feed to the older age levels.
- MN BASS College Scholarship committee – converted to non-profit last year. Skeeter boats offering \$750 every year. Looking for committee to review criteria – anglers, parents, etc to be involved. Scholarship limited to HS seniors – so there will be a small pool. National scholarships are \$2000, and we're offering half of that in MN alone.

- Upcoming Youth Meeting will be held at the January Nation Meeting – all youth will likely be in attendance. Our meeting will be held in the meeting room, while regional meetings will be held in the cafeteria seating space.
- Lamiglass just released 2 new bass rod lines. They are still offering members a discount at about 50% off retail. Limited to 2 rods per person per year. Contact Jeff or Paul Perovich for more information on how to order.

Old Business

Peter Perovich

- Officer Elections
 - Results:
 - Tournament Director – Tim Allen
 - Secretary – Amy Kiefer
 - West Region Director – Steve Hurlburt
 - East Region Director – Rocky Kaupp

New Business

Peter Perovich

- January 19th Meeting – Held at Cabela's, March meeting at Ramada with banquet, and April meeting will be at the Medina.
- BOD voted to hold meetings through 2014 to be held at Medina.
- How does the MN Nation generate additional income??
 - There was much discussion on this topic today!! There were many suggestions – from growing membership, raising dues to the state, holding money tournaments at the state level, and asking each person that qualifies and fishes state tournament to kick in \$20.
 - The members in attendance requested that the board put some options together – to make it easier for membership to bring something back to their respected clubs.
 - Please encourage your members to attend the January meeting for more discussion!!

Meeting Adjourned at 2:28 PM