

Minnesota BASS Nation Meeting

Saturday – March 9, 2013

AGENDA

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 3:41 , 25 clubs in attendance (we do have a quorum)

President's Report

Peter Perovich

- Board Meeting Report
- Future revenue streams – talking about ideas to gain revenue for the organization. Taking suggestions from membership – be it fundraisers, etc.
- Kid's Fishing Day – May 4th, 9am – 12pm
 - Coon Rapids Dam – looking for volunteers
- Will be voting for the 2014 TOC today in new business

Tournament Director's Report

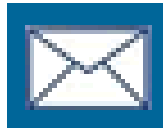
Tim Allen

- Club Tournament Schedules
- 2104 TOC proposals – Vermillion proposed by Sportsmen Bassmasters and Leech proposed by Pat Hagen
 - Leech – Horseshoe Bay Resort would be venue location. They can accommodate a group of our size, starting at \$89/night. Launch fees waived along with dock usage fees. Last on Leech in 2008. Fishing was outstanding at that time.
 - Vermillion – one of the primary bass fisheries in the state. Huge smallies and good population of largemouth. Fortune Bay Venue – with experience doing 100+ boat tournaments. 100 slips available. 3 acres fields next to the double ramp by casino set up to do weigh-in. Resort has given group rate \$85-86. Rates for 2014 will not be set until Jan 2014. Rate might go down. Will reserve a room block. Launch fees waived plenty of parking. Gas & ice available onsite. Boat shops. Tackle shops nearby. Power & gas at slips for charging. Security cameras by slips?! Banquet area available for meetings – cater food/buffet.
- 2013 TOC - A lot of things still being defined with the city of Winona. Same venue from last state tourney – Quality Inn?? Plenty of launch sites, etc. No cull tournament.

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Club Roster Info - Thank you to those clubs who have already submitted their rosters. Please continue to do so. **VERY IMPORTANT** to have all roster information in by 5/1/13. This is how we determine the number of members from each club that will be able to fish the state tournament!!!
- Federation Emails - Please sign up via the website to receive important communications from the Board. You can go to the top of any MNBFN web page and click on the envelop icon.



You can also text MNBASSNATION to 22828.

- Clubs looking for new members - please ensure that we have your club's primary contact information updated accurately. And let us know if you are looking for new members so that we can update the site accordingly. This is very important as we get membership inquiries. We'll know who to direct them to based on their location.

Conservation Director's Report

Mickey Goetting

- News
 - Went to the Classic in Tulsa to get together with a few other conservation directors. A fantastic experience!! Access to the pros!
 - Theodore Roosevelt conservation – pro Steven Browning thought pros aren't doing enough for conservation and youth, but maybe they don't know how to get involved. Bernie Schultz talked about overuse of pesticides and the importance of aquatic management.
 - Indiana won an award for angler recruitment. Brought in a good youth group, and gained some money. 24k people paid to attend event.
 - Creel survey turned over to the DNR biologist. A total of 260 surveys. Very important for DNR management. They are leveraging our data to plan.
 - Recruiting new groups, and businesses to also participate in the ReBaits program to collect used plastics to recycle. Goal to have 3-4 areas around the cities.
 - Inserted AIS info for clubs up through Sportsmens based on lake schedules for 2013.
 - Purchased rights to mnbassnation.com and mnbassnation.org
 - Fizzing – learned how to do properly down at the classic. Although illegal in the state of MN. Stabilizes the air bladed so that they can swim properly.
 - Each person will get a 10-step card to keep fish alive.

Youth Director's Report

Jeff Gilmer

- Junior TOC/Lake – includes 11-14 yrs
- High School Program – officially launched online via BASS this week! Affects how we do things here in MN. We've grown the 11-14 age group a lot this last year. Still have a junior TOC at Lake Waconia – last Friday in June at County Park – south side. Last year a junior will got to divisional to represent state team. Juniors in HS will join as a HS team. They will fish independently. But their weights will be added with their selected partners. They will go to divisionals
- High School TOC – Date/Lake – Second week in July. High School teams fish together as a team. A total of 5 fish weighed together. They select their coach. Might bypass holding a High School regional tourney and go right to a National level tourney for the program. All kids must be in 8th grade, but not yet graduated from high school. Teams must be from the same school. A packet will go out to the schools to gain participants. High school participants will be required to do 2 community service events. Also required to have a watercraft permit.
- We can always use help with boater volunteers. This year we'll have one club that will have 50 members. More than half of juniors overall didn't come from fishing families and maybe never fished before. Adult mentors are very important.
- Some of the juniors will be here this evening to receive some awards.

Old Business

Peter Perovich

- NA

New Business

Peter Perovich

- 2014 TOC Vote – Only clubs in good standing eligible to vote. Lake Vermillion edges out Leech by a 13-4 vote. Therefore, Lake Vermillion will be out TOC waters for 2014!
- By-laws change request – Presented by Paul Perovich. Up for discussion, and bring back to clubs. Will be voted on in April. Will go into effect in 2015.

New sponsor – Absolute Outdoors out of St. Cloud, MN. Carry full throttle, and Onyx gear.

Discount to membership is 50% off. Use code: CUSTOMER50 at

www.fullthrottlewatersports.com and www.onyxoutdoor.com

- \$500 per year (per person) with 50% off retail. For general membership. State Team members will receive an inflatable lifejacket.

Motion to adjourn, seconded!

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm