

# Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

## Saturday – April 19, 2014

**11:00 am Regional Meetings/State Team Meeting**

**12:00 pm General Meeting**

**12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary**

33 Clubs in attendance – We do have a quorum

**Peter Perovich**

**Amy Kiefer**

### **Presidents Report**

**Peter Perovich**

- Banquet timing – The board has discussed the possibility of moving up the date of the banquet, maybe in place of the January meeting. The reason is that the March meeting makes it more difficult to find speakers. Opening up the time frame will allow us more flexibility to get an elite angler to speak at our event. Any thoughts?
  - Brandon Palaniuk has asked us to contact him in the fall so that we can get him to attend our event around his other commitments and conflicts with other fishing organizations. Just considering all of our options to make the banquet more valuable and appealing for people to attend.

### **Tournament Directors Report**

**Peter Perovich**

- 2014 Club Tournament schedules/Lakes – 18 schedules so far, please turn these in as soon as possible to Peter at pperovich@mnbfn.org. Please use the form that is on the website.
- 2014 TOC @ Vermillion – The room block at Fortune Bay is only held until July 1<sup>st</sup> – so please consider booking early. There are some other lodging options:
  - Forest Lane Cabins: <http://www.forestlaneresort.com/flrcab.html>, 218-753-5503
  - Vermillion dam Lodge: <http://www.vdl.com/>, 218-666-5418/800-325-5780
  - and Everett's bay Lodge: <http://everettbaylodge.com/>, 218-753-5115/800-249-3178
- George's Boat Repair out of Ham Lake, MN <http://www.georgesrepair.com> 763.434.5999 is our 2014 TOC title sponsor.

### **Guest Speaker**

**Don Knutson**

- Triton Boat Program – The state has signed on the full exclusive Alliance program for Triton. This is a good program that will assist the state nation to generate revenue for boat sales – not only made by members, but non-members as well. It also provides members the opportunity to purchase boat packages at a discount. The package includes Triton, Mercy, MotorGuide, and Lowrance. The Triton Gold package – Members are given the opportunity to win prize money for selected tournaments including qualifications for state, divisions, and championship.
- The program provides discounts for oil, State Team jerseys are provided for free – there are many benefits to being involved here. Boat sales will be a big factor for the year and provide revenue in the form of rebates from the Alliance based on the number of boats sold. I am going to work with your board to maximize this benefit as much as we can.
- Please see the attached PowerPoint deck for further information.
- If you have any questions about the program, please contact Don Knutson, or Amy Kiefer.

### **Secretary's Report**

**Amy Kiefer**

- Club Rosters 2014
  - All dues and rosters need to be sent collectively, to the address per the roster form.
  - Don't forget to pay your national dues online: \$30/member!
- **In order for you club members/headcount to be included for total 2014 TOC allocation, all state dues must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- MNBN Email – sign up to receive MN B.A.S.S. Nation information at <http://www.mnbfn.org/connect.html>

### Conservation Directors Report

**Mickey Goetting**

- Conservation News – Handbooks on AIS invaders, feel free to take one back to your clubs. Mille Lacs – 2 fish 18-20 (new regs), 1 smallie greater than 18”; the no culling restriction still applies. There will be no night fishing; C&R rule will not apply to Mille Lacs for the opener like other waters. The bass season opens on the walleye opener.
- Conservation Summit – Thanks to board & membership for allowing me to go. It was a great event! Second time it’s been held in a long time. Over 120 people were in attendance from the across the country. I had an opportunity to speak with directors from other states. There is a really big push for social media to promote our conservation activities. There were some conservation awards being given – for which we had submitted some events. Ramp monkeys (New York) checking boats for AIS – example of award. B.A.S.S. is really looking for states to show that bass members are more than just fisherman, with our conservation and youth activities.
- Urging members to turn in more Rebait. We had 50 lbs collected last year. Let’s try to fill Larry Roland’s garage!
- There was also some guidance grant writing @ the summit. However, it was focused more to states that don’t have a lot of habitat or structure in their lakes. It was still beneficial. They highly encouraged partnership with county/state agencies and area businesses.

### Youth Directors Report

**Jeff Gilmer**

- JTOC – To be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> on the Whitefish chain. Forms and more information is available at <http://mnbfn.org/jrbassmasters/index.html>

### Old Business

**Peter Perovich**

- Officer Election – Tournament Director??
  - No nominations were made at this time. The board will continue to seek someone to fill this role, or look to other options.

### New Business

**Peter Perovich**

- TOC Committee update – provided by Jim Battin
- Conversation generated to discuss the parameters or set up to review the possibility of holding 2 state TOC’s each year, one in the early summer and one the other with our current date/format. Many questions asked of the membership to further
  - Dates for the first TOC? Time frame?
  - How do we qualify?
  - Locations?
  - How do we determine who makes the State team?
  - Logistics of holding 2 TOC’s
- There was a great deal of discussion on this topic and all club reps were encouraged to bring this option back to their clubs. The TOC committee will take the feedback received today to create an outline of what 2 TOC’s would look like.
- Please contact any TOC committee members with questions, comments, or suggestions.

### Open Forum/Discussion

**All**