

Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

Saturday – October 18, 2014

11:00 am Regional Meetings

12:00 pm General Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm

Peter Perovich

12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary

- 18 clubs present – we do have a quorum

Amy Kiefer

Presidents Report

Peter Perovich

- Board meeting report
 - Thanks and congratulations to the 2014 State team for defending the northern division title in Indiana. Rich Lindgren of Twin City Bass took 1st for the Minnesota team and will advance to the BASS National Championship in Monroe, LA on the Ouachita River. The event will take place November 6-8th with weigh-ins live streamed via Bassmaster.com Brad Gravenhof of Zumbro Valley Bassmasters captured the biggest bass of the event with a 7 lb 1 oz Lake Monroe monster.
 - Banquet for 2015 – Looking and hoping to have an elite series angler to be our keynote speaker, Dates will be flexible – anytime to between January through March.
 - 2015 Divisional will be in MN – still working through the details with B.A.S.S. to nail down date/location. Final announcement will be made in November at the B.A.S.S. Nation National Championship
 - Tower Food Shelf – raised \$1400 at the Tournament of Champions! This provides buying power of 10x the amount donated - \$14,000 of food purchased for community residents in need.

Tournament Directors Report

Peter Perovich

- Club tournament schedules – Please forward these to Peter Perovich since there is no Tournament Director in place.
- 2014 TOC Recap - Successful event, with a large field. All that registered were able to fish! There was no alternates tournament and clubs were still able to provide a worker to help facilitate the weigh-in logistics.

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Officer Nominations – Will be taken today for the following open seats: Secretary, Youth Director, Tournament Director, East Regional Director and West Regional Director. These are all 2-year terms to be voted on at the December 6th meeting.
- Club Rosters 2015 – Per MN Bass Nation Bylaws, all rosters should be submitted (minimum of 6 members) by December 1st. Any club who does not have a 6-person roster in by the December meeting will not be considered a club in good standing. This will void your chapter's opportunity to vote for officers and any by-law proposals
- B.A.S.S. Nation email – sign up at <http://www.mnbf.org/connect.html> to receive information.
- Clubs looking for new members
- New state team members – Must be at the December meeting to get state team information. Please pass this along to any of your club members that made the state team at the 2014 TOC.

Conservation Directors Report

Mickey Goetting

- DNR

- Bass Work Group – Mickey involved 10 years, meet 1-x/year was open to whoever wants to have a voice and be involved. Now requiring applications. Selected citizens based on application. Work groups based on species. Original goal was to get free and open feedback from the public. Is DNR going to cherry pick who they want to be in the work group.
- Online Training – Trailer decal starting July 15th to travel boat legally in MN. Not yet available for AIS awareness. Once the training is complete, you will be sent a decal as certification good for 3 years. If you have multiple water craft you can get multiple decals.
- Conservation
 - Creel Survey – Creel survey done by the end of the month, Cabela's gift cards and MG Lures product. Names drawn for all who enter a creel survey. About 270 right now – usually fluctuate between 250-350. Expect to get exposure in B.A.S.S. Times about creel surveys.
 - ReBaits – bring any old recycled plastics to be recycled. B.A.S.S. Youth events, take a soldier fishing, scout clubs. Supply is higher than demand right now. All with MN B.A.S.S. Nation Logo. Be involved in the community,
 - Grants – opportunities we will apply for in categories of creel surveys, really need youth involvement is a plus. Conservation news. Worth \$5000!!
 - DNR Lake City Regional Director will be attending the Zumbro Valley club meeting on the first Monday of the month. Feel free to come and share in the presentation is you'd like.
 - Remove smallmouth closed season in early September, early release bass season.

Youth Directors Report

Jeff Gilmer

- Registration for 2014-2015 High School Teams – double HS teams to last year. 2 HS teams competing at the national event next summer - \$70k up for scholarships there. 3rd place team fish at Northern Divisional. Two years in a row – youth have contributed to the state team at Divisionals.
- 2015 TOC event will be in the metro area. Separate events for the HS and Junior.
- Youth donations to be sold at the Banquet Silent Auction – trolling motor, stainless prop, oil help to fund scholarship program.
- Will continue the scholarship program this coming year.
- Annual youth banquet/meeting – all club youth directors should come. We have pallets and pallets of Berkley product to be provided for youth events. Various baits that can be used for ice fishing events. Any youth outdoor event. Some donations to Police DARE, etc.
- Biggest issue – not enough boaters. If coinciding with the adult TOC – this issue could be resolved. One day commitment -
- Adult TOC date change approval? And the impacts on the JR and HS TOC.

New Business

Peter Perovich

- Officer Nominations – the following nominations were received for the December vote. Nominations will be accepted also at the December meeting, prior to the vote.
 - Tournament Director – None; Please talk with your members and see if anyone is interested in this role. It's an important role. Ideally, we want to have an existing member fill this seat rather than look to hire it out!!! Please reach out to any board member for further information or with questions.
 - Secretary – Amy Kiefer
 - Youth Director – Jeff Gilmer
 - East Regional Director – Bill Rineveld
 - West Regional Director – Rocky Kaupp
- Next meeting to be held on Saturday, December 6th at the Medina Ballroom. Regional Meetings will be at 11 am and the general meeting at noon. Reminders: Chapters/Clubs need to have a representative at 3/5 of the meetings to be eligible for the TOC.