

Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

Saturday – March 7, 2015

11:00 am Regional Meetings/Annual Youth/HS Meeting
12:00 pm General Meeting
12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary

Peter Perovich
Amy Kiefer

Meeting called to order at 12:09 pm

Presidents Report

Peter Perovich

- Board Meeting Report
 - Committee of board members to work together to put something together to work in with the new B.A.S.S format coming up in 2016. Would love to get your feedback. Please reach out if you would like to have a board member attend one of your meetings to discuss.
- Gambler Tournament
 - Gambler Lures Tournament – Looking for partnership from our organization to host a tournament this year. No entry fee, lots of prizes with a side pot. Only stipulation is that you can ONLY use gambler lures. We will get more details before the next meeting and try to help them facilitate the weigh-in. Would like a minimum of 100 boats. They have run many tournaments across the country, so they have a lot of experience in putting the event together.

Tournament Directors Report

Open/Peter

- Club Tournament schedules/Lakes – 15 have been received so far. An updated list was sent to Mickey on 4/6 and needs to be updated on the website.
- 2015 TOC – all set! Contract is signed to go out of Cragun's – South Beach. Room block starting Monday – Fri, \$105/night – up to 4 guys per room. Pre-tournament meeting: put together a menu at a lower cost. Head count will be needed before to give numbers for those that might be interested.
- 2016 TOC Proposals – Any new 2016 proposals were requested, with no additional options added. A vote will be held later in the meeting, with the submission of: Lake Minnetonka(Lord Fletchers)
- Northern Divisional – Mark G is looking for people to help with the tournament on Vermillion. Dates of the event are Aug25-28. Room will be provided, but food and travel is your expense. Help needed Tuesday-Friday that week. Mgomez@mnbfn.org

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Membership Update
- Club Rosters 2015
 - Reminders:
 - 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!
- Tournament Director – Position is still open. Nominations were requested from membership, none submitted. Please discuss this with your clubs and consider filling this role. Please reach out to any board member for more information.
- MNBNn Email – sign up to receive information. Use this link: <http://www.mnbfn.org/connect.html>
- Clubs looking for new members – Please provide any changes needed for the website with Amy (akiefer@mnbfn.org)

Conservation Directors Report

Mickey Goetting

- Conservation:
 - ReBaits recycle bins designated for 3 locations – Zumbro Bassmasters (Wabasha), Renegade Bassers (Maple Lake), and one at Minnetonka. This provides great publicity and exposure. Should be collecting plastics.
 - Mille Lacs – 40K lbs walleye harvested in 2014, while 9 years ago there was a 600,000 lb harvest. Could be entirely catch and release?? Night fishing ban?
 - Michigan – might get removal of closed season, but might at least get C & R during closed season.
 - E15 : Keep America fishing – Need to not have E15, cap it at E10 for fuel. Less ethanol is better.
- Legislative
 - AIS training decal – bill to repeal through first committee; second bill just to alter the wording if you are traveling vs. launching the boat, ie. People just traveling through the state.
 - HF 1031 – Catch & release without a license??? Taking away dollars from license sales, and matching federal dollars. Only house bill. Keep an eye on this and hope it doesn't go anywhere.
 - Changing fishing season opener Bill – would be backing it up one week and ½ day. Friday @noon.
- Website/Facebook
 - Event calendar – This functionality has been added to capture all your club meetings, or other events. Hoping to provide some visibility to those outside of general membership. Could capture new anglers. Provide info to Mickey if you have any club events.
 - Classified ads page: provide info/pictures to Mickey if you have anything you would like to offer online.

Youth Directors Report

Jeff Gilmer

- Youth TOC Update: Bass is bringing back a junior championship where they will be fishing in conjunction with the BASS High school championship. Two teams from MN will be able to compete. Some new HS groups attended the annual youth meeting and displayed an interest in forming teams.
- Three Rivers Park: Partnership established that Allows junior anglers to use venue at Lake Minnetonka at no cost in return, they are looking for help for fish camps that they hold through the summer (8 events) for 9-13 yr olds. Looking for people who are willing to help teach the kids about bass fishing on Tuesdays – Contact Jeff (jgilmer@mnbfn.org)!
- Youth Directors/Adult club participation in Youth events: Looking to all of you to consider providing Mentorship with 2-3 parts – need help from adults for basics of fishing (attend meeting, etc), HS state tournament needs boaters on lake Minnetonka Friday 6/19. Weighing the idea to have a HS open that would be informal without entry on weekday/weeknight in early August.
- A \$1500 donation was received by Renegade Bassmasters to use for youth/HS scholarships. Many thanks to them for their generosity.

New Business

- Membership Benefits Presentation – Steve Hurlburt provided a look at all of the current membership benefits available to the membership. This presentation is available at <http://mnbfn.org/downloadables/sponsorship.pdf>.

Old Business

Peter Perovich

- 2016 TOC Lake Vote – Reps for clubs in good standing received ballots for the vote. There were 3 write-ins: Leech Lake (3), Island Lake and Vermilion. Minnetonka received 19 votes. Out 2016 TOC waters will be Lake Minnetonka.

Next Meeting: April 18th @ Medina – Seminar @ 10:30, regional meeting @ 11 and general meeting at noon.