

# Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

## Saturday – December 5, 2015

### 11:00 am Regional Meetings

### 12:00 pm General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Peter Perovich**

### 12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary

With 32 clubs in attendance, we do have a quorum.

**Amy Kiefer**

### Presidents Report

**Peter Perovich**

- Board meeting Report
  - State Team Triton Boat – has been sold! Congrats to the new owner, one of the State Team anglers.
  - Info coming regards to our sponsorship program, there will be a full update from Steve in January. It's important for membership to take advantage of the offers received to continue these agreements.
  - Over the winter, the board will be looking into purchase of a new trailer, and see what's out on the market. We will also need to sell current trailer – but this is all currently in the budget (accrual fund); Will bring to membership before purchase since the purchase amount will be over 2K. The current trailer is 10 years old, and is in need of a lot of service. Intend to get a new trailer wrap, to elevate the professionalism of the organization.
  - Update our tournament equipment .....
- 2016 Banquet
  - January 9<sup>th</sup> – Ramada Plaza Mpls; Brent Ehrler has been locked in as our keynote speaker!
  - Details and ticket order information will be out very soon. Everything is falling into place, will communicate after speaker confirmation
  - We will have a silent auction, so if you may have anything to donate, or a lead to additional sponsors – please let Steve Hurlburt know.
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### Tournament Directors Report

**Peter Perovich**

- Club Tournament schedules – Continue to get these in. Not many have been received yet. Some lakes are already off-limits due to the number of clubs fishing that lake. Lakes are: North/South Center, Waconia, and Clearwater. The purpose of getting these schedules helps to avoid more than one club showing up to fish the same lake.
- 2015 TOC @ Gull Lake – 20 team members heading to Guntersville in April
- 2016 TOC @ Lake Minnetonka – DNR permit secured will be out of Lord Fletchers, Sept 8-9<sup>th</sup>. Off limits 14 days prior to. Format will be established by March – so that membership knows how to prepare for and handle submission of paperwork. Medina will be likely location for the rules meeting.

### Secretary's Report

**Amy Kiefer**

- Membership Update - THANK YOU to ALL clubs who have submitted their 2016 roster and dues leading up to the meeting today. There 202 members paid thus far, representing 24 clubs. Members can be added throughout the year, but TOC allocation deadline will be for paid members as if May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Officer Elections/Nominations – Seats up for 2016: President, Vice President, Tournament Director, Treasurer, Conservation Director, North Regional Director and South Regional Director. These are all 2-year terms to be voted on at today's meeting. At this time additional nominations were sought from membership reps: No additional names added to the ballots.
- MNBN Email – sign up at <http://www.mnbn.org/connect.html>
- Clubs looking for new members - reminder to reach out to Amy or Mickey to get your website details updated online.

### Treasurers Report

**Kent Mittelstaedt**

- Treasurers Position – Not a difficult officer position, please reach out to Kent if you have any questions about the role.
- 2016 Proposed Budget
  - TOC expense lifted due to paying a venue expense(Lord Fletcher's)

- Regional Event Budget – additional anglers, allocating dollars for travel for Pres/VP
- New – Upgrade new/used trailer or make repairs to existing
- Weigh-in equipment – update plumbing
- Additional Insurance for TOC on Minnetonka – required by Hennepin County
- Motion made to accept budget, seconded and approved by membership

## Conservation Directors Report

**Mickey Goetting**

- Conservation
  - Conservation Director summit taking place at the classic – Mickey to attend the event on MN behalf.
  - Creel surveys – 424 was the total surveys submitted for 2015. You can submit any additional 2015 surveys no later than the end of the year so that they can be included in the analysis. Mickey will present data a future meeting.
  - DNR roundtable event coming in January – no agenda yet.
  - Grant deadlines – all January 15<sup>th</sup> but we just received them.
    - Shimano
    - Moss back – fish habitat
    - APS – aquatic plant management
    - Berkeley – Apply creel survey and bait recycling
  - Tonka Customs, Rod Glove – important to use the deals that we secure, otherwise they go away
  - Mississippi no cull rule – working to get restriction removed in joint waters by spring 2017
- Mille Lacs – Advisory committee meeting on 12/17 at sunset bay resort, open to the public to come and listen. Agenda getting set up for the rest of the winter. Will look at spring rules and what will happen with the fishery. Most discussion has been around the walleye to date. Our biggest focus will be the smallmouth. DNR relaxed regulations for the Elite AOY event in 2016. Most anglers enjoy having a good day, rather than bring home a meal. Analogy to red lake. Also discussing tribal actions, and they have been very cooperative. The netting/spearing in the spring only accounts for 20% of the total annual harvest. If you have feedback, or any comments you wish to share please take the time to get the info put together and sent to Peter or the Mille Lacs Group. Also implications about if we have any tournaments on the water in the future. Resort owners that are on the council – aren't all about taking fish from the lake. With technology, angler attitude and an increase in C&R could cause a shift. AOY event will bring revenue to the community not only during the event, but also beyond as people realize what an amazing fishery Mille Lacs is after they see the televised event.
  - Opportunity to help educate the public with our conservation/C&R stance – booth, letters, etc.
  - Media presence at the advisory group meetings

## Youth Directors Report

**Jeff Gilmer**

- January Banquet
  - Silent Auction Items – oil, stainless steel prop, trolling motor, etc. Funds made go to college scholarship funds, not any operation cost of standard budget.
  - Annual Awards
- HS Midwest Open – June 5<sup>th</sup> Clinton IL, final week of school or finals for many of kids from MN that would be eligible to participate.
- College Regional – June 2-4<sup>th</sup> Most of MN colleges will be participating in this event as they are already out of school.
- MN HS & Junior TOC – June 17<sup>th</sup>
- MN HS Open Tournaments
  - The last few years we have grown our HS membership progressing 8, 16, and with 56 HS teams so far for 2016. Some clubs having more than 30 members. We can send more teams with these opens, based on number of boats in the open tournaments.
  - Looking for clubs to help mentor and maybe work with to supply boats. Getting them to understand how they can maximize. Lots of opportunity with your youth and HS membership up.
- March meeting – all HS & Junior annual meeting in March 10:30-11:30 @ The Medina
- 6 hours for HS, and 5 hours for juniors

## New Business

**Peter Perovich**

- Announcements - Brad Ballard of River Rats has a boat for sale. Please see Brad for more info.

- 2016 B.A.S.S. Elite AOY Championship at Mille Lacs - MN Bass will play a large role as we have been contacted by BASS to provide support at the event. We will be looking for a good number of volunteers. Will likely need to be there at least 4 days. Will pass along info as soon as we get that pushed out to us. Should be a great time and very exciting that they are coming here. They are planning to launch out of Isle – with McQuoids being the potential venue.
- Officer Nominations – No additional nominations for pres, VP, CD, Treasurer, TD, North/south regional Dr.

## Old Business

**Peter Perovich**

- Path to the Classic – Does everyone understand? Review with membership. Doc found on website.
- Bylaws Update – BASS requiring all states to run an open style qualifier for regionals. We are still working on how we are going to get there. Choices for direction: 1.) Keep as we are today, but provide club allocations in even numbers, with clubs sending an equal number of boaters and non boaters 2.) We run a true open with linking to make boaters/non boaters. With linking, you must register a boater and non-boater together, to guarantee the boater position and 3.) We run the true pro am, but send equal number of each per club.
  - To gain an understanding of what the membership prefers for to transition to the new format, a quick pulse check was requested by the board. Based on a quick show of hands from the membership, there was about an equal split between options 1 & 3, and no hands for option 2.
  - The board will use this as a thought tool to get our end result for TOC format.
- Officer Elections - All clubs present and in good standing voted for officers. Winners are: President – Peter Perovich, Vice President – Mark Gomez, Tournament Director – Bill Neumann, Treasurer – open, Conservation Director – Mickey Goetting, North region Director – Doug Pirila, South Region Director – Brent Haimes. Congrats to all on your 2-year terms!

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM

Next Meeting to be held on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 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.