

Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

Saturday – January 16, 2016

11:00 am Regional Meetings

12:00 pm General Meeting

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

Peter Perovich

12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary

With 27 clubs in attendance, we do have a quorum.

Amy Kiefer (Mickey Goetting)

President Report

Peter Perovich

- Peter introduced Corey Brant and he spoke of his exciting experience at Nationals.
- Successful banquet and thank you to everyone.
- DNR Roundtable filled with a lot of information regarding Mille Lacs. DNR is looking to MNBN for feedback regarding smallmouth bass regulations on Mille Lacs.
- Mille Lacs area very excited about upcoming B.A.S.S. Elite tournament. MNBN will have a booth at the Expo.
- TOC lake submission will happen during new business.

Tournament Director Report

Bill Neumann

- Get club tournament schedules to him via email or now online at mglures.com/basssurvey/login.cfm (Club Schedule Add).
- Most schedules have been approved minus a few that are still pending due to tournament conflicts.
- Clearwater (Wright), N/S Center, and E/W Rush are full.

Secretary Report

Amy Kiefer (Mickey Goetting)

- 27 clubs with 219 paid members; 246 members including pending payments
- 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. We use these details to direct membership inquiries.

Treasurer Report

Open/Vacant position

Conservation Director Report

Mickey Goetting

- Conservation
 - Will be submitting ReBaits and creel surveys projects for Berkley Conservation Project of the Year (awarded at Conservation Summit – Bassmasters Classic).
 - Mille Lacs lake signage project this summer to work with other organizations and increase awareness of catch-and-release for smallmouth bass. A grant request will be submitted next week to help fund the project.
- Website
 - You can now do the following from the MG Lures portal (aka creel survey application)
 - Enter and view club tournament schedule
 - Modify your club tournaments
 - Enter your club roster
 - Pay your club membership dues (via PayPal)
 - MNBN website
 - We need more content. Please send me articles, photos, etc. so we can showcase what our membership does

- We may also revive the old message board/forum

Youth Director Report

Jeff Gilmer

- Gave away 4 college scholarship awards at the banquet—most we have ever given away.
- Annual high school / youth meeting is in March 5 at 10:30-11:30am (prior to the adult meeting).
- We now have over 100 registered youth members. So we are always looking for boat captains and mentors.

Marketing Director Report

Steve Hurlburt

- Thank you to everyone for their support at the banquet.
- We are trying to double our advertising revenue.
- We are discussing sponsorship with Ardent Reels.
- March meeting presentation on membership benefits and discounts.

New Business

Peter Perovich

- Thank you to everyone for their support at the banquet.
- We received 2017 TOC submission for Leech Lake by West Metro.
- Mickey reviewed bylaw changes necessary due to B.A.S.S. changes. They are online at <http://mnbfn.org/membership/meetings.html> and will be voted on at the March meeting.

Old Business

Peter Perovich

- TOC format discussion
 - Table vote from March to April meeting.
 - Board will present a proposal at the March meeting for a vote at the April meeting.
 - Discussion of TOC format options:
 - 1) No change
 - 2) Pro-Am format where club sends equal number of boaters and non-boaters
 - 3) Pro-Am format where member links with another member
 - 4) Pro-Am hybrid format similar to current draw tournament where when two boaters are drawn each gets ½ day. If a boater is paired with a non-boater, the boater gets full control for the day. Either a fixed number or percentage of boaters / non-boaters advance to Regional.
- Operational fulfilling slots:
Club initially sends equal number of boaters and non-boaters. Then club can send additional members in the “next wave” of TOC entries (similar to how we do it today)
- Larry Roland made a motion to remove option 1 from being presented at the March meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

Next MNBN meeting to be held on Saturday, March 5th 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.