

Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

Saturday – October 15, 2016

11:00 am Regional Meetings

12:00 pm General Meeting

12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary

Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM; 19 clubs in attendance

Peter Perovich

Amy Kiefer

Presidents Report

Peter Perovich

- BASS AOY - Approx 17,000 people in attendance, which was higher than expected. Good conversations at MNBN booth. Many high schools inquiring about membership--growing so fast. Definitely likely that we will see B.A.S.S. bring an event back to MN based on the attendance, and overall angler feedback.
- Seminars - Looking to bring these back before the general meetings. Please bring that back to clubs, and give some feedback. What do you want to see/hear about?
- Banquet - Date for our 2017 event is set for January 14th at Ramada Plaza Mpls. Same location as last year. More details to come.
- HUK & Other Sponsorship - HUK promo good until the end of the year, 50% off ALL products on website. Provide a detailed list of items with color, size, and specific item number. Please order through Peter or Mickey. Best to do larger orders by club vs. individual.

Tournament Directors Report

Bill Neumann

- Club Tournament Schedules – Please begin to submit these for 2017 to the tournament director.
- 2016 TOC Recap - 89 boats day 1, 88 boats day 2 - 1508 fish caught 3133.96 lbs. Although short on workers, they worked really well together and things seemed to run pretty smoothly. Will have more bags next year, our shipment came a day late. So we made do in the moment.
- 2017 TOC - Jr/HS tournament tournaments will be run about the same time, but getting dates and locations lined up so that the youth can help with the adult weigh-in. Hope to have some answers no later than mid-November.

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Officer Nominations – Will be taken today for the following open seats: Tournament Director (Second Vice President), Secretary, Youth Director, East Regional Director and West Regional Director. These are all 2-year terms to be voted on at the December 3rd meeting. Regional directors are only voted on by those clubs in the region.
- Club Rosters 2017 – 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
- Membership Dues – State dues remain at \$50/member. Continue to pay online at Bassmaster.com your \$30/member nation dues.
- MNBN Email – sign up to receive MNBN information. Use this link: <http://www.mnbn.org/connect.html>
- Clubs looking for new members – please submit any updates to Amy or Mickey to update the website information page.
- 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 2016 TOC.

Conservation Directors Report

Mickey Goetting

1. **Mille Lacs Go Fund Me Campaign** – Goal \$2750 (reached \$600) Donation Amt \$547.56 to the Mille Lacs Smallmouth Alliance at AOY.

Project Objective

Smallmouth have become the target as a replacement for walleye table fare. Minnesota B.A.S.S. Nation is concerned that increased fishing pressure and a substantial increase in harvest could adversely impact the world class Mille Lacs smallmouth bass fishery. Smallmouth bass grow very slowly and we need to protect them.

Funding

With funding Minnesota B.A.S.S. Nation aims to promote catch and release alongside the Mille Lacs Smallmouth Alliance at boat ramps, tackle shops and resorts via billboards, signs and posters. Also reach out to educate the local community, which is presently focused on

- a catch-and-kill, via local newspaper ads and articles,

**With an increased catch and release awareness we can have the world class angling opportunity today and ensure it is still there in the future.*

2. **LMBV study** – 6 - Marion, Minnetonka, Prior Lake, South Center, Waconia, White Bear Lake;
3 refused

Follow-up 2006

9 metro area lakes known to receive high fishing pressure.

The disease was discovered at Green Lake (Chisago County), Prior Lake, Lake Minnetonka, Rush Lake and Forest Lake. sampled that were negative for LMBV were Clearwater Lake, North/South Center Lake Whitefish Lake and Green Lake (Kandiyohi County).

3. **Creel Surveys-** YTD 431 (last year 425), 62 Mille Lacs (last year 32). Mille Lacs Zone AOY data, just under 1700 samples 7 6# 66 5#

4. **DNR**

- Apply now to serve on DNR fish work groups - Volunteers can apply to join one of five citizen-agency work groups that will discuss how the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources manages fish. There will be individual work groups for bass, catfish, panfish and walleye, and one that will focus on both northern pike and muskellunge.
- Volunteers can apply to one of the five groups from Monday, Oct. 3, to Sunday, Nov. 6. Each group of about 15 people will include volunteers and DNR staff who meet two or three times per year to discuss new research, population, harvest trends and fisheries management. Meetings average three to four hours, not including travel time. Deadline: Nov 6

Youth Directors Report

Jeff Gilmer

- 2017 Preview
 - Biggest issues out of 2016 - growth has created some logistics issues, although growth is exciting. Makes a lot of work for only one person.
 - Online registration for MN opens – We are currently working on development. Simplifies the process significantly. Makes easy for youth/HS anglers to modify from event to event. Also a great tool for membership and tournament management.
 - Tournament committee – Looking HS coaches and parents help!! Likely will have to split some the Jr and HS events because we had 99 boats combined this year. With growth, we anticipate many more anglers to account for. Would love to see these events come together with adult clubs. Committee will help youth to understand what needs to be done.
 - Continue to hold MN opens in order to qualify multiple teams to national event. We are allowed 1 team per 25 team participants. These events are run solely by the HS clubs – as a requirement by BASS.
 - Three positions we are seeking for the youth organization- Jeff(Youth Director/Pres), Treasurer(Paul), and secretary(open). We will be talking with some parents about this role.

New Business

Peter Perovich

- Officer Nominations
 - a. Tournament Director - Bill Neuman

- b. Secretary - Amy Kiefer
- c. East Regional Director - Bill Rineveld
- d. West Regional Director
- e. Youth Director - Jeff Gilmer
- f. Youth Secretary - Rocky Kaupp
- g. Youth Treasurer - Paul Perovich

Additional nominations will be accepted at the December meeting prior to the vote.

- Open discussion
 - Minnetonka Feedback from membership?
- Next Meeting to be held on Saturday, December 3rd 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.