

Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

Saturday – January 21, 2017

11:00 am Regional Meetings

12:00 pm General Meeting

Meeting called to order @ 12:07pm

12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary

25 clubs in attendance, we do have a quorum

Peter Perovich

Amy Kiefer

Presidents Report

Peter Perovich

- BOD Meeting Recap - reviewed new accounting software, getting up to date
- Banquet Recap - Seth gave away tackle as they asked questions, showed what he was using and how he was using it for Mille Lacs AOY event. Encourage all to attend next year. Thanks for those that attended and the support. Special thanks to those banquet committee members and the work and time they provided to make the event successful.
- Champions Tour - many of you may have heard about the invite only Champions Tour presented by Classic Bass. Our MN Bass state champ automatically gets an invite. Three regular events and one open event where MN Bass can send two additional members to participate, the event taking the top 6 for the championship event. MLF format that they will request help from adults with championship event to act as officials. In open discussion we will look for feedback/questions from membership about how leadership makes decisions for additional 2 anglers.
- Mille Lacs Update - Per the DNR, the Mille Lacs smallmouth regulations will likely come through this next week. They will be doing population studies in 2017, asking for support from MN Bass. Any new regulations should not affect our TOC, due to the accommodations from the permit that we have been issued.
- DNR Meeting Monday 1/23 - Peter invited to a DNR meeting regarding the budget and future situation of going into the red by 2020. Discussions will be had to review the possibility of a license increase for 2017 to help support this fund. This group does NOT currently receive any state funds/budget. Invited rep from MN Bass to get feedback from our organization. Feedback requested from membership on how to proceed with recommendation. Is this resident only increase? Non-Resident also? Currently 18 unfilled conservation officers across the state. When asked for a show of hands of who was in support of a license increase, all but 3 individuals raised their hand. If anything does pass, it will likely be seen in the 2018 season.

Tournament Directors Report

Bill Neumann

- Club Tournament schedules - several are online, but continue to get those submitted. Send either by mail or email to Bill N. You can also
- 2017 TOC @ Mille Lacs - roster cutoff date by July 3rd - giving BOD time to get things squared away. Off limits period will begin 7/14 at sunset and end sunset 7/28. Official pre fish is 7/29-8/1. We will use multiple lands, but the launch will be out of Mac's Twin Bay with the Wednesday meeting at McQuoids. Looking to get a cash bar and maybe a burger option for meal. Juniors/HS will fold their events (Serpent Lake 8/1 and Gull Lake 8/2) where adult boat captains will be needed from the adult membership. DNR has left the permit application open to be amended to allow additional boats.
- 2018 TOC Lake picks - Nominations will open today and be accepted through March 1st. Submit to Bill and be prepared to share about the potential event. Dates left to be flexible to include the youth in the event.

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Membership Update - As of today, we have membership dues paid for 236 members. These members represent 36 total clubs. Continue to submit your rosters with any additional members. Please be mindful
- MN Nation Email – sign up to receive information: <http://www.mnbn.org/connect.html>
- Clubs looking for new members

Treasurers Report

Steve Johnson

- Budget Update - Board has been diligent to stay within or under budget. We do not anticipate any 2017 budget updates.
- Signing 2017 sponsorships to generate revenue and will continue to have the \$30 TOC registration fee to help offset the additional costs associated with sending the additional anglers to the super regional.

Conservation Directors Report

Mickey Goetting

- DNR Roundtable - 2017 Pike regulation changes likely due to the loss of quality pike, and a very high density of pike under 22". In the Northeast they will look to maintain the quality with no change. In the North Central - boost a gradual shift of size distribution by having a 10 fish bag limit, protected slot of 22-26" and only 2 over 26". In the South there are larger fish for harvest. DNR wants true results and will likely reassess in the next 5 years.
- BASS Work Group - The December meeting largely focused on permit conditions and fish care. The group will see an increase in membership increasing by 3 to 15. All permitted and non-permitted tournament organizers are invited to the April 1st meeting - again with the content focusing on fish care.
- Mickey demonstrated glory bags that can be used in place of cull pins. www.glorybags.com
- Youth will be required to use non-penetrating clips, but I would highly encourage adult anglers to look at better options. There likely will be some more options to become available for purchase. Anything you can do to minimize the stress of the fish should reduce the delayed mortality of the fish. Set of 6- \$79.

Youth Directors Report

Jeff Gilmer

- March Youth Meeting
- Northern open circuit: 6/16 whitefish, 8/2 Gull and 8/11 pelican
- Southern Open circuit: July 21- Waconia, 6/30 Minnetonka, 7/14 Clearwater
- Northern schools get to register for North circuit first - any others enter after 2 weeks and vice versa for the Southern events. All based on the same points series vs weight. All determines how many teams that can be sent to the regional event.
- 7 teams will be sent to national championship due to overall membership. Fourth in the country for youth membership.
- Youth will provide 20 workers each day of adult TOC made up of both youth and adult workers. We are working to get the Shimano release boats come up since we are doing "championship week"
- Coaches handbook created with a lot of information to help with starting, running and maintaining youth teams.

New Business

Peter Perovich

- April 5-7, first practice day on April 1st. Going to Lake of the Ozarks. Accommodations secured, cheaper for MNBN and gives anglers more comfortable setting with use of kitchen, etc.
- One person dropped on the co-angler side, so #11 got the call to be a part of the state team. Team jersey's order, in process of voting team captain. Watch live weigh-ins in bassmaster.com
- Josh Nelson - Angler that represented the state of MN at the BASS Nation championship on Lake Conroe, TX as a boater shares his experience with the membership.
- Nominations requested from membership for the 2018 TOC.
**Duluth Bass Club (Doug Pirila) - nominating Pokegama Lake in Grand Rapids, MN.
- Announcements? N/A
- Open discussion
- **Boat Captains for JR/HS event - thoughts about holding each adult club accountable to provide a minimum of 1 boat captain to support the youth.

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- NA

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm

Next Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 4th at the Medina Ballroom. Regional Meetings will be at 11 am and the general meeting at noon. Jeff Gilmer will also host the annual Jr./HS meeting beginning at 10am. Chapters/Clubs need to have a representative at 3/5 of the meetings to be eligible for the TOC.