

Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

Saturday - March 4, 2017

11:00 am Regional Meetings

12:00 pm General Meeting

12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary

Peter Perovich

Amy Kiefer

Presidents Report

Peter Perovich

- BOD Meeting Recap

The board talked about working with Colleges and using Regional Directors to help start clubs and act as contact focals by region. Directors with have a check sheet to support this effort that contains information that should be provided to potential college clubs and teams.

- Guest Speaker - Tom Jones, MN DNR

Tom talked about Mille Lacs and the status of the lake based on data. misconceptions he cleared up where about getting rid of Smallmouth. They want to maintain a strong bass fishers and other species as well. Sample catches show SM population is still on the increase. Small percentage of bass harvested based on DNR creel surveys. I 2017 will do another electro fishing survey. They need volunteers for that effort if MN Nation members want to participate. There will be volunteers for a diary program to help get data. There will be training and periodic communication with DNR to capture data. **Please contact Tom Jones at the DNR if your club has a tournament on Mille Lacs. He will provide one day diaries to each club member and provide training at the landing (he will meet you at the access). This will provide more data for the DNR.**

- Sponsor Update - Steve Hurlburt

Did an update on 2017 sponsorship. He provided a list of sponsors for clubs to take home. He expects growth in sponsors. We have 30 plus sponsors that members can get discounts from today. If you have a potential sponsor please share their contact information to Steve Hurlburt so he can get them on board. Members can go to our website go to Documents and forms/membership benefits and logon to the portal to see all discounts.

Tournament Directors Report

Bill Neumann

- 2017 TOC @ Mille Lacs

Still working on headquarters location. Going out of Max Twin Bay Resort. Pre-tournament meeting at McQuoid's. TOC date is August 3, 4, with a wind day of Saturday the 5th.

We are planning an Open Tournament in August 2017 on Whitefish or Gull. Will be a team tournament of 50 with payout. Information forms and registration will be on the website. entry fee is \$200.

Looking to upgrade scales and tournament equipment and will being more e to the members next month.

- 2018 TOC Lake picks - Lake Submission Update

2018 TOC nominations are Pokegama, the Mississippi River Pool 4 and 5 at Wabasha, and Leech Lake

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Membership Update

289 members to date

- April Meeting Reminder

Planning on changing the April meeting due to Easter holiday.

- Minnesota B.A.S.S. Nation Email – sign up to receive MNBN information. Use this link:

<http://www.mnbfm.org/connect.html>

- Clubs looking for new members

Conservation Directors Report

Mickey Goetting

- Conservation

Rebait: We collect at meetings, annual banquet, and club tournaments. We have 3 Rebait bins locations.

File for Keep America Fishing's Pitch It campaign and potentially distribute prizes as such:

\$325 of Jackall baits to the first-place adult and junior club.

\$175 of Jackall baits to the second-place adult and junior club.

DNR Bass Workgroup

- April 1 mtg

- April 1 Tournament Organizer fish care; March 7 conference call

Tournament Angler Fish Care Best Practices > Junior BASS High School Team Handbook

- Legislation

Trump administration reversed Obama's last day lead ban of ammunition and fishing tackle on federal lands within 5 years.

Clean Water Act of 2015 rollback

\$3 MN annual license increase, more info coming later

No changes in license fees until 2018

HF 1184 Vogel, Howe, Garofalo, Gruehagen: Veterans age 70 or older allowed to hunt and fish for free.

HF 974 Jurgens: Fishing license requirement waived during the week before the Super Bowl (1/29 - 2/4/2018).

SF 1815 Ingebrigtsen: Muskellunge stocking moratorium--prohibit new stocking muskie until August 1, 2022

SF 1727 Bakk: Public water access acquisitions moratorium--Until July 1, 2022, the commissioner must not acquire or develop public access sites adjacent to public waters that do not have a public access site.

HF 698: Constitutional Amendment Proposal

Beginning July 1, 2019, until June 30, 2034,

67 percent to the deficient roads and bridges fund and 33 percent to the clean water fund

The proposed amendments must be submitted to the people at the 2018 general election.

The question submitted must be:

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to replace funding for outdoor heritage, clean water, parks and trails, and arts and cultural heritage with funding for deficient roads and bridges and clean water?"

HF 551: Remove rulemaking authority of the DNR and PCA

All existing rules repealed by July 2022

- MNBN Social Media

Facebook and Twitter at MN Bass Nation. Important to like and share to increase our social media visibility for our advertisers.

Current advertisers: Classic Bass, Frankie's, Boat world (aka George's Repair), All-Terrain Tackle, MG Lures

Youth Directors Report

Jeff Gilmer

- Minnesota Junior B.A.S.S Role

Had annual meeting today for High School and JR coaches and Team Captains.

- Membership/Rosters

Membership changed to support gap in HS SR's so they can fish HS tournaments thru the summer. This helps keep SR's in MN BASS.

- Coaches Handbook

They have created a Coaches handbook with all things tournament BASS that was presented today. There has been significant growth in the HS program. They will change the TOC date and format to handle the growth thru a qualifying process for the TOC. TOC will be maximum of 50 boats. Adult clubs still need to be boaters on Wednesday for the JR TOC on Serpent Lake. HS teams will provide workers for the adult TOC weigh in.

- MN Opens

Open tournaments will be the TOC qualifying venue, and they will add a wild card option that give coaches latitude to send TOC participants.

- State Championship
- Volunteer Activities

HS members will provide Marshalls for Classic BASS Tournament Trail. Adult members can find Open tournaments date on FB and volunteer to be boaters.

- Elections

New Business

Peter Perovich

- Open discussion

April meeting and Jeff Nelson will give to Youth members

- Membership Vote - 2018 TOC Lake
2018 TOC will be on Pokegama - no date yet

17 Pokegama, 1 River, 10 Leech

Old Business

Peter Perovich

- No old business

Next Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 8th 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.

Meeting closed at 1:55 PM