

Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

Saturday – February 3, 2018

11:30 am Regional Meeting

Regional Directors

12:00 pm General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 12:09

12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary

Amy Kiefer

29 clubs are in attendance - we do have a Quorum

Presidents Report

Peter Perovich

- Board Meeting Update
 - Open discussion and topics from board!
- College Qualifier - for 2018, BASS changed the format for the college qualifiers and are leaving it up to each individual state to facilitate that event. For this reason, and to boost college participation in the state of MN we are still looking to appoint a College Director. We have some interested parties and hope to have someone soon.
- Banquet Recap - Peter spoke with Brandon after the banquet and said that he had a great time, and thought this was one of the best banquets he's attended. The banquet committee is looking to refresh the format for the 2019 banquet. The committee is open to feedback and ideas from the membership about what could make the banquet better and boost attendance. Adult attendance seemed higher than the youth, at this year's event. What's most important to you to get out of the event?
- Clubs looking to support/help Jr Clubs - Any adult club that would like to help with - boat captain, mentor any Jr and/or HS club - please reach out to Paul Perovich or Randy Wilcox. Any adult clubs that are able to help can be reimbursed for gas or travel expenses if applicable. The High school teams function well with a team captain already, but could still benefit from having teaching moments/seminars.
- Accu Cull Deal - Doug Pirila North region director spearheading deal. One time bulk order for MN Bass offering 50% off accu cull products including digital scale, econ tags, etc. All money must be received by the march meeting - checks should be made to MN Bass Nation. All orders will be shipped to Peter. Please see the link here for more information: <http://www.accucull.com/products/>

Tournament Directors Report

Bill Neumann

- Club Tournament schedules - clubs doing a great job getting these on the website! We are working to get these approved as quickly as possible. Be sure to note the new statute for notifying local law enforcement when you have an organized event, regardless of boat count. You might need to be issued a water use permit, which is sometimes little to no cost. Tournaments are being watched closely and we need to be diligent not to give reason to come down on us and your individual clubs. Currently there is no fine or penalty for not getting a permit.
- 2018 TOC - Sawmill has closed their doors, so MN Bass had to secure a new meeting venue. Our new spot is the Timberlodge, across from the old sawmill site. We are working with local for the visitors bureau to together some lodging deals. Zorbaz will be our tournament HQ.
- 2018 Open Updates - Series are ready to go and first event is on June 2nd on Minnetonka. MN Bass will be working with Larry Krohn to take over this event. Second one is on Pelican Lake at Breezy Point.
- 2018 Team Series Updates - permitted to 50 boats per event, with an option to amend the permit for additional teams.
- Club admins for website - In creation of our new site, we will integrate all of your membership info to that site. It will handle the fees for the state dues to eliminate the need for checks, etc. Lots of automated features, schedule of events. What we need from the clubs is contact info for the person in each club that handles the membership aspect for the club so that those individuals can get access to manage the club side for the new site. Hoping to launch the new site by March!

- 2019 TOC Nominations - Still accepting nominations through March 1st - 2 submissions thus far are Island Lake Reservoir and the Mississippi River. We will vote on the 2019 TOC waters at the March meeting.

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Membership Update - As of today, the paid membership is at 209 anglers that represent 24 clubs. Last year total year ending member was over 500 with 34 clubs, so we have a long way to go to get to those numbers. There are a couple of clubs that I will need to follow-up with based on what has been submitted. Those clubs reps will need to pop up and see me before they leave today. All clubs requested have followed up.
- Club Rosters 2018 - 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 paid by check to MNBN Secretary or online via mnbfn.org. Be sure that roster is included with your payment!! Continue to pay B.A.S.S. National dues online at Bassmaster.com your \$30/member nation dues.
- Online Submissions - when paying state dues online - they also need to submit a separate roster. These are not the same. Also ensure that they are providing all information requested (BASS #, Tele #, email, etc) and that it is accurate.

Conservation Directors Report

Sport Smith

- Rebait - Sport will continue to collect the used plastics.
- Keep Sport in the loop for club clean-ups or conservation projects.

New Business

Peter Perovich

- Steve H has been working to secure some new sponsorship deals with some company's - such as Odyssey Batteries, etc.
- We will be doing a sponsorship update in March, including any new sponsors that we can get on board for 2018.
 - If anyone in membership has an insight on a new lead for sponsorship, let us know!!
- Fantasy Fishing - Join the MN Bass Nation group for Bassmaster Fantasy fishing! Prizes will be awarded. You can find the information and link via Facebook.
- Club News/Events - Article/Spot light - The board has been brainstorming ways to give visibility to things that the adult clubs are doing. Much of what we see is more around the youth/HS programs. We are piloting a new club highlight to feature on the web page and through social media. We will share our first one soon! Please be on the lookout for that. If any clubs host an event, or are doing something that you would like to get some "press" for, please reach out to Amy Kiefer for more info.

Old Business

Peter Perovich

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Open Discussion

Peter Perovich

- Mercury/Alliance orders - if anyone needs to order, since they are no longer on the website, please see Steve Johnson.
- Meeting times - Do we like the current times of the meeting? Is membership open to adjusting times for general meeting? Overall consensus is that membership feels good about the current meeting timeline. Conversation initiated from board discussion to change the time of the board meeting, which would require a change to the general meeting time.

- TOC 2nd day participation - Great participation and discussion around this topic in getting feedback from membership around what action should be taken, if any for those clubs or anglers that don't show up for all days of competition causing disruption for the Tournament Director needing to find new boater/non-boater partners. There were more than 20 boats less on day 2 than day 1. This would be outside any reasonable situation and/or equipment malfunction. Consensus from membership was that penalties and repercussions should happen at the individual angler level vs the club. It should also be harsh enough, that it won't happen to begin with.

Meeting adjourned at 1:27pm

Next Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 17th at the Medina Ballroom. Regional Meetings will be at 11:30 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.

Clubs in attendance: Cast-a-ways, Classic 7, Gopher, Lakes Area, Sportsmens, Stellar, Twin City Bass, Reserve Elite, Baxter, Brainderd Lakes, Duluth, Fat Belly Loon State, Range, Twin Ports, Bedmidgi State, Bass Seekers, Crow River, New Ulm, Prior Lake, Zumbro Valley, Central Lakes, Lunker Squad, Metro Hawg Hunters, Northern Black Bass, Renegade, Viking, West Central West Metro