

## Minnesota BASS Nation Meeting

Saturday – January 19, 2013

### MINUTES

11:00 am Regional Meetings, State Team Meeting and Junior Meeting

12:00 pm General Meeting

Peter Perovich

- Meeting called to order at 12:06 pm

12:00 pm Roll Call – Secretary

Amy Kiefer

- 26 clubs in attendance

President's Report

Peter Perovich

- Board Meeting Report
- Angler Expo – Let us know if you'd like to help with the expo. Still looking for one person to do a seminar on Saturday. Bass Nation will be doing 3 total seminars. Take a lead to help with those, a how-to?
- MN BASS Nation Banquet – March 9<sup>th</sup> at Ramada Plaza Minneapolis. Events committee organizing for banquet. Similar to last year. Mickey will put info up on web this weekend. Pay via PayPal, or send checks to purchase tickets. Keynote speaker will be Jerry McKinnis!! Jerry is a great speaker and one of the principle owners of BASS. There will be a silent auction, dinner, etc. Let us know if you have something for silent auction. Does not need to be fishing related. A save the date email will be coming out shortly.
- 2014 TOC & 2015 Northern Divisional – Need to consider the 2015 Divisionals as we vote and select the water for the 2014 TOC. Do we want to have it on the same lake, to provide an advantage to our MN anglers?? The Board has put some lakes into the hat for the 2015 event and they are: Rainy Lake, Minnetonka, Vermillion and Pokegema. We will vote on TOC in March, so please consider this as a deciding factor.

Tournament Director's Report

Tim Allen

- Club Tournament Schedules – Mickey has received the initial list that have been received. No conflicts so far. However, if your club has not paid dues, your selections are conditional until that has been taken care of.
- 2014 TOC proposals – only 1 submission for Leech Lake thus far.
- 2013 TOC – seems to be moving along properly. Closing in on an HQ for meeting rooms, lodging, etc. Water boundaries are pools 5A, 6, 7. We'll use rail lines as your boundary for the TOC. Use the DNR regulation book. Ramps for launch – wherever you can get into at this point since ramps are smaller. Still need to be in compliance with AIS.

- Importance for MN to have advantage for the 2015 divisionals on the same lake as 2014 TOC.

#### Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Vote for March Meeting change – majority vote to move the March meeting to coincide with the MN BASS Nation Banquet on 3/9/13. To be located at the Ramada Minneapolis.
- Club Roster Info – Thank you to those clubs who have already submitted their rosters. Please continue to do so.
- Insurance FAQ's – document distributed to each club as a reference for Liability insurance provided by BASS.
- Membership Perks/Discounts – Provided detailed list of existing deals/discounts for Nation Members to take advantage of.
- MN Bass Nation Emails – Please sign up via the website to receive important communications from the Board.
- Clubs looking for new members – please ensure that we have your club's primary contact information updated accurately. And let us know if you are looking for new members so that we can update the site accordingly. This is very important as we get membership inquiries. We'll know who to direct them to based on their location.

#### Conservation Director's Report

Mickey Goetting

- News

#### Youth Director's Report

Jeff Gilmer

- 2013 Youth Calendar – (Paul Perovich) – junior TOC last Friday of June in Twin Cities near Chisago possibly. High school championship this year. Only HS winner will fish with the state team due to new HS program. Junior members will just fish with club, working towards HS.
  - 7/12/13 MN HS bass championship, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders as a team. Guess 50-60 boats!! Many HS already having a bass fishing team. Will be looking of boat captains.
- Top 2 teams will advance to regionals.

#### Old Business

Peter Perovich

- State Dues Increase/Other options to raise funds – Spent a lot of time in December talking about out budget and whether membership wants to modify dues. Agreed to continue discussion through the winter, and bring back to clubs.

#### New Business

Peter Perovich

- New Member Inquiry Process – Important for the Expo, provide most updated contact information to handle inquiries for new membership at the event.

- NEW Sponsor for 2013 - JLMarine providing Power Pole Discounts
- Sponsor - Evan Williams

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm