

Minnesota BASS Nation Meeting

Saturday – April 20, 2013

AGENDA

11:00 am Regional Meetings

12:00 pm General Meeting

Peter Perovich

- Meeting called to order @ 12:06

12:00 pm Roll Call – Secretary

Amy Kiefer

President's Report

Peter Perovich

- Board Meeting Report
- Banquet Recap – Successful banquet. Thanks for those that attended. Jerry was a great speaker!! Don Barone writing a memoir about Jerry.
- Kid's Fishing Day – May 4th, 9am – 12pm @ Coon Rapids Dam. 1500 kids in 3 hours, with very basic instruction.
- Vote for the Proposal for Bylaw change for the TOC – old business, with input from clubs.

Tournament Director's Report

Tim Allen

- Club Tournament Schedules
- 2013 TOC Update – Winona Update, Levy Park for weigh-in, but not launch area. HQ is at River Port Inn – meetings. Non boaters responsible for checking boats going in and out of water each day for AIS. Sheriff/DNR at Meeting to give guidance about how to check. Be prepared for random checks. Take this seriously!! No partners waiting for boat at levy park. Ticketed anglers will be DQ'd. Final results can be amended. Boundaries E/W on the river – refer to pg 72 of regulations book (rail lines on WI/MN side). Pools 5A, 6, and 7. No inland waters. 5 fish limit with 14" in length. No cull rule. Once 5th fish in the live well, you are done fishing for the day. No wake zone may/may not be in effect after Labor Day. Small slow zone approaching check-in. Local charity is food shelf - \$5 required, making you eligible for door prizes. Room block (20) at the river port inn. Outlets for electricity, parking is narrow. Banquet room and bar available. Alternates meeting held there, overlooking bar. Off limits area around Levy Park on day 2 – more to come at tournament time. Workers – physically fit, know the importance of tournament. August 16th at sundown by midnight off limits for water. All paperwork due by 8/16/13!!!!
 - Number of hooks?? Go by MN rules! Border waters - 2 hooks allowed.

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Club Roster Info
- Reminder to also manage/pay your national dues
- Federation Emails
- Clubs looking for new members

Conservation Director's Report

Mickey Goetting

- Conservation Update – submit your clubs conservation efforts to Mickey, and share with BASS. They may share the info via the magazine. Include event info, date, # members, etc. There is \$\$ incentive from sponsors – Berkley.
- Maybe see an app coming for the creel surveys – making it easier to do, and to accumulate more entries. 250 entries in 2012. 10 year program, records of 178 water bodies and many angler hours. Could be a sufficient management tool.
- Continue to collect re-baits and turn into Mickey. Recycle them, and give to youth clubs. Finalizing programs at Capra's, etc.
- How to care for fish card – take one on your way out.
- Tips on checking for AIS.
- MN Bass Nation Website – revamp to website, friendlier for mobile devices. Let Mickey know if you are still seeing issues. Making it easier for new members to join with pop-up box. Membership benefits pages – front and center on home page.
 - Berkely discount code??
 - Classified section now on the web.
 - Event calendar

Youth Director's Report

Jeff Gilmer

- BASS Program details for 2013 – Complete change for 2013. Formerly 2 age groups with top angler from each moving on to Divisional. BASS dropped focus from younger group and shifted focus to High School.
- Minnesota Youth TOC - Continue to have Jr TOC, last Friday in June (6/28). Located on Lake Waconia – permits obtained. Weigh-in by beach/park. Includes both age groups. HS members will designate their HS partner. Team with highest weight goes to fish with state team. They must be from the same HS.
- Minnesota State High School TOC – Friday, 7/12 at Lake Sylvia launching from Camp Kyro? Must complete MN DNR watercraft safety, GPA above 2.0, and complete outdoor community service project. Fish as a team with a coach in the boat, who controls the boat. Cannot tie lures, net fish, run trolling motor. They CAN give guidance about lures to use, etc. Three teams will advance to other tournaments. Going in to 8-12th grade following year. Responsible to find their own boater/coach. Would membership be willing to help out.
- Always looking for boaters to help out. 30-35 boats needed for the Jr TOC.

- Community Service activities – we have a good list going, in various areas around the state. If you have other events, let Jeff know.
 - Home schoolers? – Avenues available to get them registered
 - Membership costs

Old Business

Peter Perovich

- Potential dues increase for membership??
 - Needs to review federation and financial position we'd like to be in. Looking for opportunities to attain additional revenue streams. Kept as a discussion – looking to membership to provide feedback about what they want us to do.
 - College anglers will be treated as any other club. They will be asked to provide rosters and dues to qualify for TOC.
 - Nothing to be taking effect at this point. Need membership to really recruit new membership. If every person could recruit 1 new person, we wouldn't need to have this discussion.
 - Entry fee for TOC entry? Nothing decided at this point.
- Vermillion Update from Jim
- Evan Williams
- MinnKota

New Business

Peter Perovich

- New Clubs – two clubs
 - Central Lakes Bass Anglers – Ron Mehr
 - Cast-a-Ways – Carl Spande
- Area manager – Leech Lake Mid June, looking for anglers to come help electrofishing at night. Looking to get study for smallmouth population
- Steve Walker – Whatcha Stichin'. Offering deal to general membership for jerseys, fully sublimated. Will give discount and offer quantity discount for bigger orders.
- Youth Lure drive – 552 items donated as of today, 4,152 in 10 years.
- TOC Date change proposal did not pass on a 15-10 vote. A 2/3 vote was required to make this by-law change.
 - Look for this to come back to the table in the fall!!

Motion to adjourn @1:42 PM