

Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

Saturday – October 19, 2013

11:00 am Regional Meetings
12:00 pm General Meeting
12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary

Peter Perovich
Amy Kiefer

Presidents Report

Peter Perovich

- No quorum today, so we will have an open meeting and hope for some good dialogue from the membership. 16 clubs in attendance today.
- New by-law proposal to be reviewed, to come later in new business.
- South Dakota Team – Northern Divisional championships!! Article in BASS Times. Jim Severson is team champion and in Arkansas for Nationals that is taking place 10/23-10/25! You can watch live stream weigh-ins online.
- 2014 Banquet date set – 3/8/14 (Saturday) at the Ramada. Speaker TBD. Committee helping to put together the banquet. If you want to volunteer, let us know. Mark your calendars. More details to come. We will try to get information out to you all ASAP to fill the room.
- Benefit to membership – via the Alliance program. The new program will be rolled out next week at Nationals and we will pass the information along to you. This will enhance our existing sponsorship base.
- 2015 Northern Divisional will be hosted by MN – Board will be bringing proposal of Lake Vermillion to BASS. The board has agreed the dates of divisional will be the last week in July being at Fortune Bay Resort.

Tournament Directors Report

Tim Allen

- Club Tournament Schedules – As you have these ready, please submit them to the tournament director. As Always – first come, first served – as long as your club is in good standing.
- 2013 TOC Recap – Rough couple of days on the water, but several successful anglers. Here are your top 12 finishers.

1	Larry Krohn	Reserve Elite	23.35
2	Randy Wieczorek	Bassman	23.24
3	Rich Lindgren	Twin City Bass	22.59
4	Mike Kepp	Zumbro Valley Bassmasters	22.32
5	Brad Gravenhof	Zumbro Valley Bassmasters	21.82
6	Corey Brant	Twin City Bass	21.54
7	Andy Nitchals	West Central Bassmasters	20.36
8	Jeff Lueck	Metro Hawg Hunters	19.99
9	Brent Haimes	Zumbro Valley Bassmasters	19.88
10	Sharaku Kishida	Duluth Bass Club	19.78
11	Aaron Daeges	Twin City Bass	19.43
12	Mike Holzer	River Rat	19.29

- 2014 TOC – Update from Jim Battin: No Longer going to have buffet, due to pricing changes. Room rates will be available at the beginning of the year. Proposals for Alternate tournament: Shagawa & Burnt Side – both near Ely/Tower.

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Officer Nominations – Will be taken today for the following open seats: President, Vice President, Treasurer, South Regional Director and North Regional Director. These are all 2-year terms.
- Club Rosters 2014 – 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 the by-law proposal. See Below:

Section 1

Membership

1. The **Membership Year** for the MSCBF is a 12 month period beginning on December 1st and ending on November 30th of the following year.

- Federation Email – sign up to receive Federation information. Use this link:
<http://www.mnbn.org/connect.html>
- Clubs looking for new members – Very important to understand if your chapters are seeking or willing to take in new members. As we receive inquiries, we want to ensure that we are directing them to the right place. Another very important part of this process is validating that the contact information we have for your chapters are accurate. Please review the website and contact Amy Kiefer to make changes.
 - At the December meeting – please look for a form in your “mailbox” to fill this information out.
- New state team members – Must be at the December meeting to get state team information. Please pass this along to any of your club members that made the state team at the 2013 TOC.

Conservation Directors Report

Mickey Goetting

- National Conservation Director – Noreen Clough, retired. Replaced by Gene Gilliland.
- Creel Survey – about 300 creel surveys. Two individuals who are not members submitting surveys. Submit to DNR Biologist.
- ReBaits – coming along very well. Collected 40 lbs from TOC. Keep saving and turning these in. We have more baits than to give out, so let me know if you have an event to distribute ReBaits.

Youth Directors Report

Jeff Gilmer

- 2013 Accomplishments
 - We received our Non-profit final approval and registration
 - We completed all our tax filings as a non-profit
 - We started the Facebook page which has been a great communication tool
 - We had a great JTOC
 - We had a successful HS tournament
 - We had a Junior make it to the JWC
- Additional Items to Wrap up for 2013:
 - Note/letter sent out for all donations received, we are now a formal non-profit and can officially send the letter.
- Looking ahead to 2014

- We need to have an election for the one additional seat on the Non-profit board for Secretary
- Revenue generation is the biggest issue, donations of products have been positive
- Currently we charge \$20 per junior member, which at an average of 75 juniors = \$1500 annually, how do we increase
- Financials and budget
 - Year-End Tax filings

New Business

Peter Perovich

- Officer Nominations – Voting for officer positions will take place at the December meeting. Below are the nominations that were made today. Additional nominations can be taken at the December meeting, prior to the vote. ONLY club in good standing will have a valid vote. This means you MUST have a valid club roster submitted for at least 6 members WITH dues for your vote to count.
 - South Region Director – Brent Haimes
 - North Region Director – Doug Pirila
 - President – Pat Corrigan, Peter Perovich
 - Vice President – Mark Gomez
 - Treasurer – Kent Mittelsteadt
- By-Law change Proposal
 - Presented by Jim Battin – See Below. Unless there are any major updates to the verbiage on this proposal, we will vote on this by-law change at the December meeting. There was a lot of discussion about this amongst the small group in attendance. It is important to bring this back to your club to vote.
- Many new discussions on acquiring new membership and maintaining existing membership numbers.
- Next meeting to be held on Saturday, December 7th at the Medina. 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.

Current: ARTICLE IX Section 4
Formula For State TOC

1. The following formula determines the number of MSBCF Chapter Members that a Chapter may send to the MSBCF Tournament of Champions:

All Active Chapters are entitled to send a percentage of their club membership equal to 220 divided by the total Minnesota State B.A.S.S. Federation membership [plus 1 alternate]. Standard rounding-off techniques will be employed when whole numbers are not obtained. Each chapter may designate up to 4 club members to represent the Chapter in the Team Competition.

All figures will be based upon the finalized MSBCF Chapter rosters received by the MSBCF Secretary no later than May 1st of that year.

Proposed: ARTICLE IX Section 4
Formula For State TOC

1. Each MSBCF club will be allocated TOC slots for club members. Guaranteed TOC slots for each club will be determined based on the finalized MSBCF Chapter rosters received by the MSBCF Secretary no later than May 1st of that year. Additional TOC slots for each club will be allocated by the MSBCF Secretary after the deadline for club TOC rosters. These additional TOC slots are allocated from the un-used guaranteed slots from clubs that do not use all their guaranteed TOC slots.

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The following formula determines the number of additional TOC slots that each MSBCF club may send to the MSBCF Tournament of Champions:

All Active Chapters may register all members on their TOC roster form. If a club registers more members than the number of guaranteed slots, they will be allocated additional slots from the pool of unused slots based on percentage of their additional TOC registers. The the formula for the percentage is, 210 divided by the total of all additional members for clubs registering for the TOC. Standard rounding-off techniques will be employed when whole numbers are not obtained.

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