

Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

Saturday – April 18, 2015

11:00 am Regional Meetings

12:00 pm General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 12:14pm

Peter Perovich

12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary

27 clubs present - quorum exists

Amy Kiefer

Presidents Report

Peter Perovich

- Board Meeting Report
 - B.A.S.S. has finalized the new super regional alignment for all of the states for the updated tournament format to begin in 2016. MN will be part of a central region for the new format with 19 states MN to LA/TX. This is a huge area opening up waters to the south.
 - B.A.S.S. – Starting 9/1/15 clubs will all pay a flat rate for their entire club of \$360, regardless of the number of overall members. Smaller clubs will pay more, larger clubs will pay less. Large incentive here to encourage membership growth at the club level.
 - Gambler Lures tournament partnership – We have been asked to partner with Gambler Lures to hold tournament here in MN. They've asked MNBN to facilitate the weigh-in, help with obtaining permits while hoping for Minnetonka – but open to any other bodies of water that can support a 100+ boat event. The board has been weighing the options with this and will take further consideration to understand if this is an event that we have the resources to support. If anyone would like to help, please let Peter know. This will be a no entry fee tournament – but you must buy \$100 worth of Gambler Lures and that is all you can use. They have had many of these events in other states that have been very successful. They are just looking to expand and want to come to MN.

Tournament Directors Report

Open/Peter

- Club tournament schedules/lakes – if you have not sent them, please do so. All schedules should be sent to Peter in the absence of a tournament director.
- 2015 TOC – Contracts signed, and we will be out of Cragun's. Mickey will post reservation forms online on 2015 TOC web page. They have given us a special rate \$105.81 per night for up to 4 people per room. We are working with them to offer a meal during the pre-tournament meeting, at each individuals cost. Headcount for meal will be needed prior to the event. We have the whole north beach for 2 days, HQ for event. Looks there are many tournaments on Gull Lake this summer – so we may see an impact on the fishing.
- Northern Divisional – We're getting set for the 2015 Northern Divisional on Vermillion. State team met today for some updates and discussion. This is a great team and they should do well. We have gotten plenty of workers that have volunteered to come and help B.A.S.S. in the facilitation of that event.

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Membership Update – As of today we have a total of 327 paid members (352 total roster) that represent 32 clubs with the minimum 6 anglers. We are a little shy of what total membership was for the 2014 season. Expected to see some additional members coming in as we approach the May 1st deadline. Reminder to all that roster adds received after May 1st (including dues) will not be counted in the calculation for the TOC.

- Club Rosters 2015
 - Reminders: All roster additions received after May 1st (including dues) will not be counted towards the TOC calculation.
 - All dues and rosters need to be sent collectively, to the address per the roster form.
 - Don't forget to pay your national dues online: \$30/member!
- Upcoming officer Elections/Tournament Director – Winter 2015-16
- MNBN Email – sign up to receive information at <http://www.mnbn.org/connect.html>
- Clubs looking for new members, or need updates made to their club info on the website should reach out to Amy or Mickey.
- Minutes will be online and available by Wed, 4/22.

Conservation Directors Report

Mickey Goetting

- ReBaits® recycle bins on display for membership. Three clubs have acquired these and they will be responsible for maintaining. Zumbro Valley is going to put one at Ike's in Wabasha, Renegade at Maple Lake, Crow River at Minnetonka. There are two options: 1) \$35 per month for a 12-month subscription with 12 prepaid box mailers (that can be inserted inside the bin) to send collected plastics, or buy/lease bin for \$30 and \$12.95 per month for a 12-month subscription where you are responsible to send the plastic yourself—you can bring to any MNBN event.
- Michigan was successful in removing closed season. Now entirely C & R.
- Mille Lacs – 1 walleye (19 to 21 inches) limit. 2015 harvest quotas: 40,000 pounds (28,600 public 11,400 band) lowest ever. A night fishing closure (except for bowfishing and muskie fishing), enforced from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., will begin Monday, May 11, and extend to Tuesday, Dec. 1. Might change at some point this year to be entirely C & R.

Youth Directors Report

Jeff Gilmer/paul Perovich

2015 Events: The following are the State Events in Minnesota. This does not include local club events which have their own schedule.

June 19th - MN Junior State Championship Ages 8-13, Lake Minnetonka

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July 12th - SAF High School Championship, Lake Mille Lacs

July 30th, MNBF Junior Championship, ages 11-14, Lake Alexander

August 7th - MN High School Open, Lake Waconia

- Three Rivers Events - In exchange for use of parks/launch at no cost for June event on Minnetonka, we have offered to help with some youth boat safety education seminars at various parks in the three rivers park district. There is a volunteer sign-up for those who would like to get involved. Please reach out to Jeff Gilmer or Paul Perovich.
- Jeff Nelson –Lure & tackle drive today to support our youth programs. Jeff's truck is full from those that brought donations today!! Thanks to everyone that brought something. We will continue to take donations. Jeff lives near 694/35w – donations taken any time, you can also make a cash donation if it's easier. The youth organization is a designated non-profit organization.

New Business

- Bylaw committee – The board will be selecting 2 non-board members to work with some of the board members to make required by-law changes. Lots of changes will be needed to fall in line with the new format. Volunteers needed – Lee Butcher vocalized interest.

- Steve H – opened up to any questions about the sponsorship information that was presented at the last meeting. Leverage these deals and specials offered. Reach out with any questions about how to take advantage of what's offered.

Old Business

Peter Perovich

- Open Discussion
 - Camp confidence – Our 2015 TOC host club, Baxter Bass Snatchers has chosen Camp Confidence to be the community organization that we will support with donations for the event. The camp has offered to provide tours to anyone who wants to visit the facility and learn more about them. Anyone who is interested should contact a board member. Visit their website www.campconfidence.com
 - Twitter account – Mickey has set up a MN Bass Nation Twitter account. Follow us at @MNBassNation
 - Scott Bonnema – Announcement to add your events to Classic Bass website. No charge to advertise your fishing events. Feel free to send in photos too – for prizes.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:06