

# Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

## Saturday – December 3, 2016

### 11:00 am Regional Meetings

### 12:00 pm General Meeting

### 12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary

29 Clubs in attendance - We do have a quorum

**Peter Perovich**

**Amy Kiefer**

### Presidents Report

**Peter Perovich**

- 2017 Banquet - Event to be held on 1/14/17 at the Ramada Plaza Minneapolis. Don't have a speaker 100% lined up yet, but we are working through the details to confirm. Will again have the silent auction. If you have a connection to a potential sponsor/silent auction items please reach out to Steve Hurlburt or Peter.
- Mille Lacs Regulations - Currently there is a petition established by the Mille Lacs Smallmouth Alliance to maintain Mille Lacs Lake as a world class smallmouth fishery. MLSMA provided some recommendations for an updated current regulations to the MNDNR. The recommendations include the following:
  1. Maintain the spring C & R season and restore the fall bass season to C & R for Mille Lacs to coincide with the state-wide bass seasons.
  2. Change the daily possession limits to 2 fish under 15".
  3. Continue the issuing of special C & R research permits to major tournaments.

With these recommendations, they would like the support of the MN Bass Nation. Discussion amongst the group took place on the proposal. Most in agreement. Likely the third item related to the permits would be removed.

### Tournament Directors Report

**Peter Perovich**

- Club Tournament schedules - These are now being accepted by the Tournament Director. You can submit via mail, or use the online submission. Clubs that have at least 6 paid members will get lake priority.
- 2017 TOC @ Mille Lacs - Things are coming together for the event. We are close to having agreements signed with a venue in Isle. The registration and rules meeting are going to be held at McQuoid's with the take off/weigh-in to take place at Mac's Twin Bay. This resort provides a protected bay with slips. The permit has been received - with a three day window in the event of poor weather, giving a make-up day if needed.

With the Jr/HS events happening on Tuesday/Wednesday of the same week in the area - the HS anglers will be running the adult event. This will eliminate the need for each club to provide a worker at TOC.

Jr TOC - Serpent Lake 8/1/17

HS TOC - Gull Lake 8/2/17

Adult TOC - Mille Lacs 8/3-8/4/17(with 8/5 as a backup day)

- 2018 TOC Lake picks - As a reminder we will start accepting 2018 TOC lake proposals from the clubs. We will vote on all submissions at the March 2017 meeting.

### Secretary's Report

**Amy Kiefer**

- Membership Update - effective today, we have a 153 member dues paid representing 19 clubs. Continue to submit your rosters to Amy either via mail, email or utilize the online roster submission form. All dues need to be paid to MN Bass Nation by check (sent to Amy) or via PayPal. There is a minor convenience fee for using this option. Only members whose dues are paid by May 1st will be included in the club TOC allocation.
- Officer Elections/Nominations – Seats up for 2017: Tournament Director, Conservation Director, East Regional Director and West Regional Director. These are all 2-year terms to be voted on at today's meeting. Additional nominations were requested at this time in addition to those received in October.

Membership was reminded of those existing nominees and provided no further candidates to fill the above officer positions.

- MN Bass Nation Email – sign up to receive Nation information. Use this link: <http://www.mnbn.org/connect.html>
- Clubs looking for new members - Any changes with this info that is available online can be updated by contacting Amy Kiefer or Mickey Goetting

#### **Treasurers Report**

**Steve Johnson**

- Budget Update - Full 2016 recap and 2017 proposed budgets will be shared at the January meeting as we are still working with the accountant to transfer all of our books into QuickBooks.

#### **Conservation Directors Report**

**Mickey Goetting**

- The DNR conducted some Largemouth bass studies. Only Minnetonka tested positive. Prior Lake previously tested positive in 2006, but clean now.
- Creel surveys - still being finalized. More to come in January
- Re-Baits - please bring for recycle to Mickey.
- Cull Tags - Requiring non-penetrating cull tags starting 2017 at ALL BASS events down to the club level.
- Bass work group - coming up soon, with discussion including fish care in tournaments.
- Dec 15th at Appledorn's Sunset Bay Resort- the focus of this meeting will be on smallmouth regulations. DNR will talk about the population status, etc. All are welcome to participate in the discussion. Please come and get involved.
  - Proposed regulation update via Smallmouth Alliance was read per the above in President's update.

#### **Youth Directors Report**

**Jeff Gilmer**

- Jr. and HS Nationals are set to take place in June - 3rd or 4th week. Currently there are 2 teams guaranteed to go, but might be able to send 5 teams as a result of our current membership status.
- Interesting fact on the numbers - HS membership now has 10K members, while the adult has 13K members. It is very likely that we will see the HS membership surpass adult numbers in 2017. According to the boat manufacturers, the highest number of new boats being purchased is parents buying for boats for their kids.
- New shirt/logo requirements will be coming soon.
- MN Tournaments - We have put together a committee of some coaches from larger clubs. We currently have events for Gull Lake on 8/2 and Breezy Point at Pelican Lake on 8/11. We plan to hold three opens trying to spread them out with one North side, three on south side. More details coming the next month.
- Change in national championship for HS - states decision on where the two qualifying teams will fish the event, where it was previously designated by BASS out of the TOC. MN could send up to six teams as BASS is basing on Membership.
- Boat captains - lots of discussion happening. Working with larger clubs to do fundraising to help provide some boaters to provide reimbursement to help. Gas cards - negotiate to get discount gas cards and hand out to volunteers when they attend and help.
- For HS membership dues today we currently charge \$40, but will bring this to \$50 so this will help with that. Any money that gets donated gets put into scholarship fund, and not to be used for the above. Last year we gave 2-\$1000 to HS anglers and 2-\$500 scholarships to JR anglers. None of this money is used for operating costs. So this increase in dues will help to cover additional operating costs with ever growing membership. Also to consider raising open entry \$10.
- Scholarships - still maintaining opportunity to give to those that advance, but looking to second level scholarship based on how they represent vs perform. There are also a huge number of scholarships available through many of the outdoors companies for any students interested in fish related industries. We've discussed sponsoring a career night for the anglers to learn more.
- A coach's manual is in the works, being prepared with creating some YouTube media. Also looking to do the same for parents. There will also be one no how to run a weigh-in.
- HS central region on Lake of the Ozarks, College regional on Lake of the Ozarks followed by the adult regional.

- BASS would like to have the college national championship. Leech Lake was the original option, but DNR said that would be a challenge based on water temp for offsite weigh. DNR open to having the event at Island Lake with the weigh-in at UMD.
- Annual meeting will be held in March as usual. Youth Board elections will take place at that time for those additional youth/HS officer positions being added. Those individuals should be voted by the club youth directors.

#### **New Business**

**Peter Perovich**

- Open discussion
- Mike Lebsack & Josh Nelson just competed on Lake Conroe in TX at the BASS Nationals. Mike took the opportunity to share his experience at the event.
- Sponsorship - Steve Hurlburt - Plug for acquiring silent auction items for the banquet or TOC. If you have a lead, let Steve know and he can do the leg work. Banquet silent auction item revenue comes back to MNBN. The TOC silent auction revenue goes to a local charity. We need continued dedication to high-level sponsorship i.e. Holiday/Kwik Trip etc.
- Quick poll - 22 ppl would be interested in seeing an open tournament facilitated by MNBN.

#### **Old Business**

**Peter Perovich**

- Officer Elections - All voted completed by clubs in good standing. Results below. All nominees ran unopposed and will begin another term.  
Tournament Director - Bill Neumann  
Secretary - Amy Kiefer  
Youth Director - Jeff Gilmer  
East Regional Director - Bill Rineveld  
West Regional Director - Rocky Kaupp

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm

Next meeting will be Saturday, January 21st at the Medina Ballroom. 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.