

Minnesota B.A.S.S Federation Meeting

Saturday – October 21, 2017

11:00 am State Team Meeting

11:30 am Regional Meeting

12:00 pm General Meeting

12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary

Regional Director

Mark Gomez

Amy Kiefer

Meeting called to order at 12:02 with 21 clubs in attendance. Metro Hawg Hunters & Viking need to sign in before leaving today.

Presidents Report

Mark Gomez

- Board meeting Report
- Youth Director Update - Jeff Gilmer has resigned as Youth Director as a result of a new role with his job. He will be moving to SC for that new role. Paul Perovich has been named as interim Youth Director until a special election to be held in December along with the other regularly scheduled Board elections for 2017.
- 2018 Banquet - This year's banquet date will be January 20th, 2018 with Brandon Palaniuk as our tentative key note speaker. We do not have a location for the banquet as of now. The Ramada has been purchased by the Marriott and will be completely closed to undergo renovations during this time.
- Tadd Johnson & Greg Ruff of Prior Lake Hooksetters are currently representing at B.A.S.S. Nation Championship on Lake Hartwell in SC. Greg was a non-boater and Tadd was boater. Neither advanced to day 3 of competition, but they both represented Team MN very well.
- 2018 state Team - there will be 5 HS anglers that are joining adult anglers to fish the Central regional event in March 2018. We are hoping to better understand how we can validate that these members are in good standing. And there will be some minimal changes to how we handle team meetings, etc with this young anglers on the team. We are looking forward to having them join us.

Tournament Directors Report

Bill Neumann

- Club Tournament schedules - You can start submitting these lakes on December 1st. Lakes priority will be given to only clubs in good standing when lake schedules are submitted.
- 2017 TOC Recap - 112 boats day 1, 88 boats day 2 due to angler attrition and no shows. On day 1 there were 535 fish caught for 1663.2 lbs with 525 released. On day 2, there were 533 fish caught for 1760.67 lbs and 524 were released.
- Gull Lake Open - great event for the first one! We had 25 boats that participated out of a 50 boat limit. There were 115 fish caught, and all were released. It went pretty smooth. Congrats to David Ham and John Fairbanks on the win!
- 2018 Tournament Schedule
 - Team Trail - NEW to MN BASS! There will be 4 events. It will not be exclusive to MN BASS but we will get 1st priority for sanctioned team series from B.A.S.S. Anglers do NOT have to be a bass member. The angler that you register with the angler that you will fish with throughout the series. MN Bass will allow subs, but the person whom you register with the angler that you fish with should your team advance to the team championship.
 - BASS will create a web page for us when we get established.
 - We will be able to send one team to national championship team for every 20 teams that we have registered.
 - Teams who pay for all events at on time will get priority treatment. First come, first serve. Each individual will also have pay a one time fee of \$10 per person for each year.
 - All team events are 1 day events, held on Sundays.
 - This is a path to the classic. The top 3 teams after two days national event goes to day three as a 6 person shoot-out.

- Events: May 20th - Mississippi River Winona
June 17th - Gull Lake
July 29th - Vermillion
August 26th - Minnetonka
- Open Series - Two events for 2018!
 - June 2nd - Lake Minnetonka
 - September 9th - Pelican Lake
- 2018 TOC Pokegama - Event will be held Aug 16-17, with the registration meeting on 15th. Permit has been requested and we will have the river up to HWY 6. Registration meeting at the Sawmill with weigh-in at Zorbaz.
- Will be accepting nominations for the 2019 TOC starting November 1st - to be voted on in the March meeting.

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Winter Meetings - Currently scheduled dates: 12/2, **2/3, 3/17**, 4/21
 - Due to conflicts we had to move two meetings
- Officer Nominations – Will be taken today for the following seats: President, Vice President, Conservation Director, Treasurer, South Regional Director and North Regional Director. These are all 2-year terms to be voted on at the December 2nd meeting.
 - There will also be a special election for Youth Director
- Club Rosters 2018 – 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 any by-law proposals
- Membership Dues – State dues remain at \$50/member paid by check to MNBN Secretary or online via mnbfn.org. Be sure that roster is included with your payment!! Continue to pay B.A.S.S. National dues online at Bassmaster.com your \$30/member nation dues.
- Federation Email – sign up to receive Federation information. Use this link: <http://www.mnbfn.org/connect.html>
- Clubs looking for new members

Conservation Directors Report

Mickey Goetting

- Conservation News
 - Minnewashata - carver county, ramp currently closed to do another zebra musce treatment, starting 10/17 for about 10 days.
 - Wright County inspection program started 10/11-10/31 for Sylvia, John and Pleasant lakes. Should be inspected before entering lake and they will validate your are safe to enter. Legacy funding miney requires metrics so they will be keeping data. DNR really didn't have public input - as a board we have issued with plan because it should be the same rules for all users. Once you go on public roads - you are subject to decontamination/inspection. There is no outgoing inspection once you leave the lake.
- Conservation Projects
 - Creel Surveys = 1st place hydrowave, 2nd place hot foot, 3rd place - TBD(club participation) courtesy of TH marine
 - Mille Lacs - DNR very happy with data provided via the TOC. SShould have a final number of population after statisticians review data by June 2018.
 - Regulations for proper fish care - fish must be released in minimum 3ft water.
 - Openings for the bass work group. Accepting applications through OOctober 3.th. Meet 2-3 times per year each lasting about 3 hours on a weekday.
 - Keep America Fishing/Pitch It campaign - soft plastics will be collected through 12/2 for the contest with Jack-All lures. ONLY 6 of 34 clubs with participation so far. To ensure that this program continues into 2018, please submit what you have - even if it will not place. Participation will ensure that the program will continue into 2018.

- Website
 - Event calendar - for member use to share club events(meetings, tournaments, etc). Fill out the data and help to add content to the site.
 - Photos/Stories -
 - Classified ads - free to any member, doesn't have to be fishing related. Just send photo, details and price!
 - Club contact info - be sure to keep this current, it is helpful to have when we need to send out important updates, changes, etc.

New Business

Mark Gomez

- Officer Nominations taken today for
 - President - Peter Perovich
 - VP- Mark Gonez
 - Conservation Dr - NA
 - Treasurer - Steve Johnson
 - South - Brent Haimes
 - North - Doug Pirila
- **Note: Only clubs in the South/North regions vote for these directors
- 2017 TOC Boat Counts day 1 vs. Day 2 - This will be a topic for discussion over the winter! At the Mille Lacs TOC - we had a significant number of anglers that didn't show up for day 2 causing a lot of extra work trying to get anglers paired up for the day. It is likely that these discussions will lead to added tournament rules and/or bylaws changes to try to prevent this from occurring, or repercussions for those who fail to uphold their commitment to participate.
- Cell phone use at TOC - This is a conversation that the board will be having over the next couple of months based on questions and feedback from anglers. If you would like to share any thoughts or feedback on the topic, please reach out to any board member.
- B.A.S.S. to require non-penetrating cull tags - ALL B.A.S.S. sanctioned events in 2018 will require anglers to use only non-penetrating cull tags to promote fish care. Any opens, team trail events, and the TOC fall under this. Club events are your own discretion at this time.
- Club Express - This a new organization/club management tool that the board has voted to use for MN BASS. There are many great features that will be a great win for us, and provide some opportunities to be also be used at the club level. Some of the features include dues payment, member management and many others. It will take some time for our current data/information to be converted into the new program, but we will provide updates on the progress at future meetings. There is a minimal fee for MN Bass, but there will be no fee for each club to use.
- Open discussion

Old Business

Mark Gomez

- NA

Motion to adjourn at 1:26 pm

Next Meeting to be held on Saturday, December 2nd at the Medina Ballroom. Regional Meetings will be at 11:30 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.

Clubs in Attendance: Bass Wranglers, Crow River, Prior Lake, Zumbro Valley, Metro Hawg hunters, Northern Black Bass, Renegade, Viking, West Central, West Metro, Casta-a-Ways, Classic 7, Gopher, Sportsmens, Stellar, Twin City BAss, Reserve Elite, Bass Ranger, Duluth, Loon State, and Twin Ports.