

# Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

## Saturday – December 2, 2017

**11:30 am Regional Meeting**

**Regional Directors**

**12:00 pm General Meeting**

**Meeting called top order at 12:09pm**

**12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary**

28 clubs in attendance

**Amy Kiefer**

**Presidents Report**

**Peter Perovich**

- Banquet - Updated BAnquest date is January 13th to be held at the Embassy Suites at the Earl Brown Center. Brandon P is our confirmed speaker. We will start 3:30-4:30 with social hour, leading into Brandon at 4:30. Our main program will start at 6pm. Brandon doesn't yet have a particular topic for his presentation. He does like to have a good Q&A. We will be limited to 220 tickets. The ticket open will be this week online. Tickets will be \$35 with a cost increase
- Nationals - Tadd & Greg will be chatting about their experience in SC later today. In conjunction, with the tournament - Peter traveled to SC for presidents meetings. There are no big changes coming to the state level for 2018. Bass looking to relax the stance of having the National event on classic water. BASS would like to bring the national event North to MN - possibly in 2018.
- Year 2018 - Busy year ahead for MN Bass! We will have more events - multiple opens and the new team trail. The trail series creates another path to the classic for anglers. Team series anglers do not need to be bass nation members, but they do need to pay a \$10 fee per angler. Registration for these events will open January 1st.
- AOY - Another very successful event this year. Many of our members were there to help with the event. A good time and it seemed like it was a more relaxed atmosphere behind the stage.
- TOC Pokegama Update - No new updates today, but there will be more information coming to you over the winter.
- State Team - if your club has a state team member, you need to ensure that those anglers have both MN State dues of \$50 and national dues of \$30 paid to BASS no later than Feb 1st.
- Alliance - We will participate in this program again for 2018.
- Skeeter Alliance

**Tournament Directors Report**

**Bill Neumann**

- Club Tournament schedules - The portal is open To begin submitting your club lake schedules. Bill will start PPROVNG bass Nation getting a lot of flack for clubs not requesting for permits. Please reach out to local county and let them know. Most counties don't have a fee.
- 2018 Open Updates - Dates will be officially release publicly this week. June 2nd - coinciding with old Minnetonka classic and Septemener 9th on pelican lake on Breezry point. registration will begin jan 1st.
- 2018 TOC - Pokegama is about set. we will be starting to work with the venue to get everything set for the schedule.
- 2018 Team Series Updates - Dates will be officially be released publicly this week
- 2019 TOC Nominations - these are now being accepted. Please send to Bill N with the form filled out.

**Secretary's Report**

**Amy Kiefer**

- Officer Elections/Nominations – The following seats will be voted on today: President, Vice President, Conservation Director, Treasurer, South Regional Director and North Regional Director.
  - These are all 2-year terms to be voted on at today's meeting.
  - There will also be a special election for Youth Director
- Membership Update - As of today, there are 149 paid members representing 17 clubs.
- Club Rosters 2018 – Per MN Bass Nation Bylaws, all rosters should be submitted (minimum of 6 members) by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Any club who does not have a 6-person roster today's 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.

### **Conservation Directors Report**

**Mickey Goetting**

- Conservation News - AIS infestation notices: Non-penetrating clips will be required for the MN TOC and will be updated in the tournament rules. All BASS events that give you the opportunity to move forward to the classic are the ones that will require these clips.
- Conservation Projects - participation in these projects will ensure that the sponsors of the program will continue going forward.
- Creel survey and Rebait awards will be given at the Banquet in January.

### **Treasurer Report**

- 2017 Budget - We were \$6000 under budget this year - thanks to all of those people that buy the silent auction items, that was instrumental in getting where we are today. NO changes as of now for the 2018 Budget.

### **New Business**

**Peter Perovich**

- Officer Nominations
  - i. Pres - NA
  - ii. VP - NA
  - iii. Cons - Sport Smith Nominated by Mickey Goetting
  - iv. Treasurer - NA
  - v. South - NA
  - vi. North - NA
  - vii. Youth - NA
- Tadd Johnson & Greg Ruff Spoke about their experience at the Bass Nation National Event on Lake Hartwell in South Carolina
- New Media Director - Mike Galvin was introduced as the new MN Bass Nation Media Director. Mike is an IT developer for the U of MN and a member of Fat Belly Bassmasters. Mike will take the lead to manage the website and work with Bill to further develop the new Club Express tool for MN BASS.
- Kevin Stephens from Prior Lake Hooksetters took a few minutes to talk about the Mille Lacs event. Kevin holds the all time biggest one day weight in a MN Bass Nation TOC. He spoke about the team work that took place with the other members of the Prior Lake Hooksetters that helped him to clinch the win.
- Marketing update - Steve H spoke to the upcoming opportunities we have with sponsors for 2018 with the additional events that we'll be running in 2018.

### **Old Business**

**Peter Perovich**

- Officer Elections - Winners
  - Pres - Peter Perovich
  - VP - Mark Gomez
  - Conservation - Sport Smith
  - Treasurer - Steve Johnson
  - South - Brent Haimes
  - North - Doug Pirila
  - Youth - Paul Perovich

### **Open Discussion**

**Peter Perovich**

- NA

**Meeting adjourned at 1:42**

Next Meeting to be held on Saturday, February 3rd at the Medina Ballroom. Regional Meetings will be at 11:30 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.

**Clubs in Attendance:** Bass Seekers, Bass Wranglers, New Ulm, Prior Lake, Zumbro Valley, Central Lakes, Metro Hawg hunters, Northern Black Bass, Renegade, Viking, West Central, West Metro, Casta-a-Ways, Classic 7, Gopher, Lakes Area, Sportsmens, Stellar, Twin City Bass, Reserve Elite, Bass Ranger, Baxter, Brainerd Lakes, Fat Belly, Duluth, Loon State, Range, Tournament Tackle and Twin Ports.