

Minnesota B.A.S.S Nation Meeting

Saturday – March 17, 2018

11:30 am Regional Meeting
12:00 pm General Meeting
Called to order 12:10 PM
12:00 pm Roll Call Secretary
28 chapters in attendance

Regional Directors

Amy Kiefer

Presidents Report

Peter Perovich

- Board Meeting Update

Prior lake will help w/ college qualifier

- Regional Tournament recap

Dave Pahachek shared regional experiences with the group.

- Club membership Bylaw

Article II

Section I

1. The **Membership Year** for MNBN is a 12 month period beginning on December 1st and ending on November 30th of the following year.
2. There shall be no discrimination in membership or participation in the activities of the MNBN By reason of Race, Creed, Color, National Origin, Sex, or Sex orientation.

Peter advised the group that all chapters must adhere to this by-law!

Tournament Directors Report

Bill Neumann

- New Website Demonstration

Bill Neuman performed a live demo of the new website prior to going live. Demo'd the process to add members. Individuals can update their own State membership as well as the chapter secretary. Go live date is planned for early April.

bill will send out a membership entry tutorial. If you have questions contact Bill Neuman by email.

- 2019 TOC Vote today

Secretary's Report

Amy Kiefer

- Membership Update - There are currently 261 paid members for 2018, that represent 28 clubs. This number is pretty low compared to this same time in 2017.

No update today.

- 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.

- May 1st is the deadline to submit roster additions to be considered for the 2018 TOC allocation!! Any members added AFTER May 1st will not be reflected.
- Please make sure that a roster is sent via mail or submitted online for any members whose dues are paid online. The only payment process is not the same as a roster, since it does not include the membership details that are needed.

Conservation Directors Report

Sport Smith

- Sport is down at the classic for the conservation meetings

Youth Directors Report

Paul Perovich

- Adult Help for HS Teams

2018 will have many changes within the state. This year we have 4 metro conferences and 3 regional conferences. There are 23 youth tournaments across the state. Conferences run their tournaments and qualify their people and teams. The program has grown 10,000 % since 2014 in the state of Minnesota. HS teams need mentors and help. Contact your local HS if you want to volunteer.

- Junior TOC - Lake Waconia 7/20

We need boat captains for this event. Contact Paul Perovich if you can help.

- HS State Championship - Pokegama Lake 8/25-26

HS TOC is going to have 100 boats. HS TOC is on Pokegama 1 week after adult TOC. Lake will be off limits to HS during adult TOC.

New Business

Peter Perovich

- Open Discussion

Old Business

Peter Perovich

- 2019 TOC Vote

Brent Haines talked about the benefits of choosing the river for the 2018

Doug Pirilla talked about Island Lake.

Island Lake is the location of 2019 TOC by a vote of 16 to 10.

- Discussion on TOC w/out TD permission

B.A.S.S. rule is individuals that leave the tournament early without TD permission, TD will pull an angler from that team and not allow them to fish the rest of the tournament. This will allow the TD to even the field.

This was a huge problem at Mille Lacs and it happens each year to a much lesser extent. Group feels that leaving early without notifying the TD is an acute lack of respect. Group indicated that the penalty for the

offender should be severe. The group wants the offender to lose TOC eligibility for 2 years. One remark was that chapters that qualify 1 year in advance, offender may not feel pain if they have not qualified for the following year. One person suggested create deterrent by putting two year eligibility for offender and pulling the opposite boater/co-angler to even the field. One suggested a \$100 security deposit to ensure that anglers don't leave early.

All in the group wanted (by show of hands) that deterrent should be : not allow offender to fish TOC for 2 years.

Motion was made for no team or chapter penalty, just individual penalty. Show of hands says: Majority vote yes, 3 against.

Board will take input from this discussion and create the rule that will be implemented as part of the tournament rules.

- Contact Doug Pirilla if you want non-piercing culling kits.
- Steve Hurlburt has signed 4 new Gold sponsors that will provide green dollar support for Minnesota B.A.S.S. Nation. Many thanks to Steve for his efforts to gain additional sponsorship.
- Lake Crystal has a youth team starting and New Ulm will mentor and help them to get going.
- Steve Johnson secured Amsoil as a sponsor for 5% above whole sale.
- Paul Perovich has Casting Kids rods and targets if anyone needs them for an event.

Open Discussion

Peter Perovich

Next Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 21st 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 (28): Cast-a-Ways, Classic 7, Gopher, Lakes Area, Prior Lake Hooksetters, Sportsmens, Stellar, Twin City Bass, Aquaholics, Bass Ranger, Baxter, Duluth, Fat Belly, Loon State, Range, Twin Ports, Bass Wranglers, New Ulm, Zumbro Valley, Central Lakes, Happy Hookers, Lunker Squad, Metro Hawg Hunters, Northern Black Bass, Renegade, Viking, West Central, and West Metro

Clubs with no rosters submitted as of 4/1/18: Brainerd Lakes, Range, Tournament Tackle

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM