NH BASS Nation

Monthly Meeting

January 28, 2020

Attendance

* PRESENT: Upper Valley, NH Basscasters, Back Bay, NH Hawg Hunters, North Country Bronzebacks, Sail ‘em Bass, Merrimack Valley, Forge Pond, Lakes Region Bass Chasers, Sunapee, NH Last Cast, Junior Bassmasters
* ABSENT: Grassroots, NEBA

Secretary’s Report

* Minutes from last meeting not on website yet but will be

Treasurer’s Report

* Equipment Fund
  + This is the rainy-day fund that would be used for major equipment repairs or purchases like if the scale or trailer breaks
* Operating Account
  + Primarily the remainder of STQT activity
    - Food and supplies
    - Gas to get trailer back and forth
    - Prizes
    - Deposits from Toyota bonus bucks
    - Permit fees
    - Canned food drive
    - Membership dues from team trail
* State Team
  + 2019 Account
    - Divisional lodging
    - National competitors
    - $1400 still in this account
      * Option 1: roll into 2020 State team account?
        + They have two fundraisers but this will be the case every year
      * Option 2: roll into equipment (trailer, weigh-in, etc)
      * NOTES:
        + STQT generated ~ 10k
        + Lodging is costs around 6 grand
        + Boater gas costs about 4k
      * DECISION: Table for now and take back to clubs to discuss options or other ideas
  + 2020 account
    - STQT funds went in
    - Open funds went in
    - Open payouts came out
    - $5 per boat should move from this account to the Team of the Year; this will be reflected in the next statement
* Team of the Year
  + There will be a transfer from the State Team account by the next statement
  + John has an additional $500 from Triton and expects another $500 Mercury

Conservation Report

* Classic Conservation meeting will happen at the Classic this year
  + Jamie will attend this meeting
    - 6 hours a day meeting with industry representatives
    - BASS requested Fish and Game attend but NH Fish and Game does not supposedly have the funding to come down
* There has not been a conservation call in the last couple months but we can anticipate a call happening soon
* Fish and Game Permitting process
  + Some people have had bad experiences with lots of denials
  + Some people have had good experiences
  + 2nd year in a row that he permitting process has changed
    - There was a meeting last year but Fish and Game had already decided what the process was going to be
* Discussion:
  + Any info on laws about required washing of boats before launching
    - This happens in California and some MA lakes
    - Help stop the spread of invasive species
  + Fish and Game is going to try to get permitted tournaments onto the website early
    - There is a deadline for clubs to get money back to Fish and Game or their permit gets pulled
  + Suncoock
    - A lakefront owner complained to police and anglers received written warnings for parking even though they parked where the sign designated
  + Winni – Alton Ramp
    - No status on where this is

Youth Report

* Wreath Sale
  + Happened in November
  + Helps with sponsorship and jersey costs
* Next Event: Expo in Milford
  + March 6-8
  + Magazines, 50/50 raffle and shooting game
* Tentative JR Schedule released
  + Still waiting for permits, but dates and proposed regions should remain the same
  + Clubs need to sign up for two events

President’s Report Old Business

* Congrats to Cam Sterrit moving on to fish the Bassmaster Classic
  + Finished 3rd at Nationals!
* Leadership meetings at Nationals updates
  + Most of the sponsor stuff is the same except for Lowrance
    - Lowrance will honor the state team stuff but they are no longer a sponsor of BASS
    - New Yamaha PowerPlay program is similar to the Toyota Bonus Bucks
* 2020 Schedule. 4 opens with one drop – See the trail flyer
  + First tournament will be the College Championship as well
    - One college has already reached out about info
  + CORRECTION: September 13 – West Alton Marina NOT Lees or States (Steamboat rally)
  + This year we qualified to send 4 teams to Team Championship (result of the change made to collect onsite membership fee at opens)
    - NOTE: Tournament participants only pay the one time membership fee if they are not already a BASS Nation member
* Other events:
  + STQT Cobbosse 9/19-20
  + Club v Club – TBD 8/2
    - Location was supposed to be Great East Lake but we would need to go through Maine Fish and Game
      * Considerations: Weed inspections, weed stickers, and limited number of tournaments
      * John will look into permitting Great East

President’s Report New Business

* Next meeting Tuesday February 18 @ 7pm at BPS in Hooksett
* Book your rooms for the STQT at Lakeside
  + Lakeside will help with food
  + Lakeside will not be doing weed inspections this year
  + We will need someone to go to Maine inspection training
    - John will find dates of next training and share with interested parties
* JR Bassmasters at the Milford Show
  + March 6, 7, 8
* Barry Conservation Camp Scholarship
  + Deadline is this week
  + One submission so far
    - Let’s consider some different/earlier marketing next year
* Tournament scales going back for repairs
  + There is a loose connection in the head unit
  + Tripods need some hardware replaced
* TH Marine discount for all members
  + 20% discount
  + Don’t put on Facebook
* Banquet Tickets $40. Slide Show. Prize suggestions?
  + Saturday 3/21/20
  + Ticket deadline March 10 (March meeting)
  + Slideshow – James will put this together and send out
    - New Idea: NH BASS nostalgia photos along with photos from last season
* Constitution/Bylaws and Tournament Rules changes submitted next meeting.
* BOD Changes
  + Dave Tsao motions to vote Scott into VP position
  + Brian Emerson Seconds
  + All in favor
  + Scott Doughty will be joining the board as the new VP
* **Rosters are due March 1**
  + 30 for National and 30 for state
  + Impacting the ability to send email and other information
  + If members are not on the roster by March 1, they will not get any new email
* Sponsor Update: Bark are Dobyns Rods, Lews, Maui Jim, Hummingbird, EGO S2 Slider
  + More to come
    - Stabil and 303 should be sending product this week
    - Tackle Supply Depot will most likely be back
  + John will be reaching out to vendors at he classic and to some local coffee/brewery companies
    - If you have a connection for this, please pass them to John

Pass the gavel

* Skeeter contingency program has changed a bit
  + If you own a skeeter, you could get money for multiple years, now it only applies for first two years of ownership