



B.A.S.S. Nation of Virginia, Inc.  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 22, 2026

Call to order: Sid called the meeting to order at 9:05am.  
Roll Call: All members present except Kayak.  
Minutes: Last Meeting Minutes January 2026 distributed via email. Motioned, seconded and approved.  
Treasurer Report: Treasurer’s Report presented. Motioned, seconded and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NATIONALS:** Our State Championship’s top 4 teams have all accepted registration and ready to go to Lake Hartwell, SC in November 2026. BASS verified 2 teams will be eligible for the 2027 Nationals.

**REGIONALS:** Congratulations to our State Team Tier 1 anglers (5<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> place finishers from our State Championship). Marty Howard, Dustin Guthrie, Cavin Young, Jacob Lee, Adam Richardson, Bryant Copley, Chip Martin, Steven Hardy, and Michael Gunn will be our boaters with Keith Wright, Chip Woody, Sam Terry, Blake Richardson, DJ Johnson, Scott Reuschling, Dustin Wilhelm, and Bryan Harlow as our non-boaters registering this week for the BASS SE Regional to be held April 6-12 on Cherokee Lake, TN. This is our Virginia State Team, and the top Virginia boater and non-boater at the SE Regional earns a berth to the 2026 Nationals as well. Sid is still trying to fill the 10<sup>th</sup> non-boater slot for State Team. Cabo agrees to create jerseys for the State Team at anglers’ expense. Sid will have entry reimbursement checks at the tournament.

**2026 Tournament Schedule** Holly Grove Marina has been sold. New ownership beginning construction of bar/restaurant on site. Feels our tournament May 2<sup>nd</sup> would crowd their progress and take up their customer parking. We have unanimously voted on a backup.

New Format will be in place for SML. Must be registered by Monday 3/23. Boat numbers will be randomly drawn by tournament program and texted to all team members (if accurate cell phone numbers have been provided) on Friday. Checkin is Sat morning 5:30am. Only one team member necessary to checkin. Have waivers available if not previously sent to Susan. Free Raffle ticket will be handed out at checkin with a copy of the rules. Additional tickets available for purchase at weighin. Raffle prizes will be drawn at weighin while standings are verified and checks printed. You must be present to win prize.

Qualifier #1	March 28, 2026	SML/Parkway Marina
<b>Qualifier #2</b>	<b>May 2, 2026</b>	<b>Kerr/North Bend (RELOCATION)</b>
Qualifier #3	June 20, 2026	Kerr/Occoneechee
Qualifier #4	Sept. 12, 2026	Chick/JCC Riverfront Park
State Championship	Oct. 10/11, 2026	Chick/JCC Riverfront Park

**STATE SPONSORS** Currently our State sponsor list includes:  
Cabo Fishing Apparel  
Glass Baron – glass for raffles  
Missile Baits – Product donation  
Gaston Marine (formerly Budget Mobile Outboard Repair)  
A & W Welding - Services  
Microtel Hotel South Hill – discount code for rooms  
Cashion Rods – product donation

**ALLIANCE PROGRAM** 2026 Alliance Program in place. Discounts by sponsors for the teams going to nationals and the State Team Regional. Deadline dates on discounts can be stopped by vendor at any time, so order early. Do not abuse discounts. Use is for national and state team regional team members only.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**State Bylaws:** The bylaws and tournaments rules have been amended with admin changes and previously voted on changes. Please review these for yourself. They are posted.

**Richmond Fishing Expo:** 2026 Fishing Expo held January 16-18 was successful. Membership drive and marketing efforts well received.

College Championship:	BASS Nation of Virginia College Championship for 2026 to be March 29 on Smith Mountain Lake the day after our first state championship qualifier. CABO is also holding an open tournament same day, same place and allowing College teams to enter as well. BASS's College Championship is scheduled for May 29/30, 2026 on the James River.
Kayak 2026 Schedule:	BNVA Kayak sent 3 anglers to the Bassmaster Classic Kayak Series Championship! Their season is up and going with a tournament yesterday on Sandy River. YakAttack has come onboard providing award ceremony place and goodies for the competitors. Thank you to Sean.
Youth:	<p>Remaining 2025-2026 youth schedule:</p> <p>March 21, 2026 West JSQ#4 – Philpott</p> <p>April 19, 2026 Central &amp; North JSQ#4 – Chickahominy</p> <p>May 30/31, 2026 – JSC Championship</p> <p>June 27/28, 2026 – JAT Memorial Scholarship Tournament &amp; Fun Tournament</p> <p>JR Nationals on Kentucky Lake, Paris TN. July 24/25 w/mtg likely July 23</p> <p>HS Nationals on Kentucky Lake, Paris TN. July 30/30 &amp; Aug 1 w/mtg likely July 29.</p> <p>Fall tournaments for 2026-2027 season scheduled to date:</p> <p>September 20, 2026 North &amp; Central JSQ#1 on Kerr. West #1 on SML</p> <p>October 3-4, 2026 North &amp; Central JSQ#2&amp;3 on Kerr and West JSQ#2&amp;3 on Lake Anna</p>
Conservation	Conservation Directors met at the Bassmaster Classic. Melanie attended and learned a few things regarding digital input, productions and podcasts. Good event this year. Thank you to Melanie.
Scholarship/Facebook/Website	Scholarship fund balance reported. Committee accepting applications through April 1, 2026. Gave out 6 \$500 scholarships last year. At present, 4 applications in hand. Send any pictures specifically ones involving sponsors to Abby Ryan to post on Facebook site. The state website maintained by Sid and Abby is up and running.
Secretary/Treasurer Positions	Susan is stepping down from the secretary/treasurer position. Board to discuss and determine any restructure of the position(s), job description(s), salary(ies) if any, etc. for this transition. Anyone interested in either position, please let Sid know. Thank you to Susan for her service.
T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Order	Ray Tweedy putting in another order for apparel to be sold at events. Thank you to Ray.

**NEWS FROM THE BOARD:** Each director reported on any additional region news, updates, issues, or concerns.

Region 1: Requested next year's schedule to include waters in Region 1 (Lake Anna, Potomac)

Region 2: 1<sup>st</sup> tournament had 28 boats.

Region 3: R367 1<sup>st</sup> tournament had 47 boats. Thanks to Jack, Karly, JT, Jim, Chris, Cavin for running great turnout.

Region 4: Good

Region 5: 1<sup>st</sup> tournament had 12 boats.

Region 6: R367 1<sup>st</sup> tournament

Region 7: R367 1<sup>st</sup> tournament. Requests consideration for Summit Landing next year to fish Gaston

Tourn Dir: Requests patience and help with 1-day events this year. Most board members are fishing so asking help at tournaments.

Vice Pres: Calling Missile Baits and announced Parkway will have breakfast biscuits at SML checkin Sat morning

President: Thanked everyone for what they do.

Adjournment: 10:40am

Next meeting will be by conference zoom meeting/call at 7:30pm on Wednesday June 17, 2026.