



Minutes of Board Meeting
January 22, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:30AM by Mike Bryant, President, at Lou's Soul Food, Doswell, VA.

Roll Call

✓ Steve Woodroof	VP
✓ Joan Blankenship	Conservation
	Region 1
✓ Charlie Davis	Region 2
✓ Cavin Young	Region 3
✓ Stephen Davis	Region 4
✓ David Bryant for	Region 5
✓ Chris Merritt	Region 6
✓ Sid Ryan	Region 7
✓ Ed Clayton	Region 10

- DGIF Fisheries Chief, Mike Bednarski, spoke to everyone. Monitoring the restocking of fish at SML and then they will look at habitat restoration. The Big Bass tournament in the Spring. Does that effect the fish during the spawning?
- Minutes - Motion to approve by Joan Blankenship, Conservation and second by Chris Merritt, Region 6. All approved.
- Treasurer's report - Motion to approve by Chris Merritt, Region 6 and second by Cavin Young, Region 3. All approved.

Old Business: *Region 1 Director, Mike Boitnott had back surgery in November & is still recouping.*

- Former Youth Director, Becky Gore fell and broke ribs and is still having medical issues. Call or send her emails.
- Casting Kids Director - NEEDED
- Youth Director - NEEDED – High School teams growing fast!!! We have North 8 clubs and South 4 clubs
- 2017 Calendar - February 10-11, 2017 Anglers Choice Open House, Martinsville, VA
- April 8-9, 2017 Mr. BASS at Gaston – Entry forms out soon
- May 6-7, 2017 Team Championship – Entry forms out soon
- CLUB ROSTERS - Due by end of February but we will still take members in March.
- 2017 Membership - Work on increasing membership & try to get more teams to fish state events
- 2017 Bylaws & Rules - Determine what needs to be changed – Updated on website. Discussion about rules for State Championship. Motion to change it to non-boater to help with gas and only on the tournament days (Suggested \$40 minimum for a 2 day event). Motion to approve by All approved. Suggestion about changing our team events. Take this back to the regions and talk to the members.
- 2017 Budget - Attached – Vote (Lottery raffle again in 2017 for state team) – Region 2 yes, Reg. 3 yes, Reg 4 yes, Reg 5 yes, Reg 6 yes, Reg 7 yes, Reg 10 abstain, VP yes, conservation yes. Approved.
- Alliance Program 2017 - Triton; Mercury; Lowrance, Motorguide, Lowrance contract 2016 - State Team only get discount
 - ***We now have to help sell Triton Boats to get up to \$5000 - no longer free***
- State Sponsors - Conrad Enterprise – Clarksville raffle; discount rate; comp rooms
 - South Hill Chamber of Commerce - \$ per room per night
 - . Zebco – 50 rods for youth and discount purchase for state team from Quantum
 - ReyChem (Detailer's Choice) – Giveaways
 - Glass Baron – Glass for raffle
 - Rock House Marina - Giveaways
 - Power Pole
 - Real Deal Props – Discount service on props & trolling motors for giveaways
 - River Rat Baits – Baits for each state event & **25% discount to all members**
 - Missile Baits – Lures for state events

- Graves Mountain Lodge – Sample jelly and weekend giveaway

New Business:

- Today at the Richmond Expo we are giving awards to the top 20 teams for the 2016 John Crews Elite Team.
- Presidents Meeting - We went to Texas on 11/18/16 – 11/22/16 & Youth Meeting. The Bassmaster Classic will be in Texas. Regional June 12-16. T-H Marine is now a sponsor for the state team. B.A.S.S. membership is down and they want us to grow 100 members over the state we can send 2 teams to the nationals. Now the presidents come in after the events and meet.
- Website -New web address vabassnation.com. Our old website vafederationnation.com still works and goes to the new one.
 - FACEBOOK - Send pictures to Abby Ryan to post. Sponsors need more pics, banners and tweets. We need more hats for our state events. More promotions.

• Report from Region Directors & Conservation & Tournament

- Region 2 – May combine region 4 and 2 for one event at Kerr in June 4.
- Region 3 – Planning to fish with region 6 again and schedule set. Any member of BASS can fish the events.
- Region 4 – Schedule set. First on end of March.
- Region 5 – David Bryant of Max 10 Bassmasters filling in for the meeting.
- Region 6 – Fishing with region 3. First event March 11 at Buggs Island.
- Region 7 – Schedule set and first event march 11 at Buggs Island. That is Sid's birthday.
- Region 10 – Collecting dues.
- Abby Ryan – Joseph Thomson Scholarship. Changed the name to Memorial Scholarship. New flyer and open up to dependent of adult member in good standing. Due by May 1st. Send any donations to Sid Ryan.
- Conservation – Summary in packet.
- VP – Raffle tickets to sell for each region. 100 each due back on June 5th. This is how we raise money for the state team.
- Motion to adjourn by Steve Woodroof, VP and second by Chris Merritt, Region 6.

Next board meeting - March 19, 2017 at 9:00AM in Clarksville, VA

Submitted by:

Pam Bryant
Secretary