

# VIRGINIA BASS NATION BOARD MEETING – August 21, 2022 Pizza Pub, Clarksville, VA

Meeting was called to order by Mike Bryant at 9:08am

Members Present:		
Mike Bryant	President	
Steve Woodruff	Vice President	
Ray Tweedy	Region 2	
Cavin Young	Region 3	
Chris Merritt	Region 6	
Craig Owens	Region 7	
Bruce Shepherd	Region 10	
Jack Babcock	Youth Director	
arla Babcock Asst Youth Director		
Susan Owens	Secretary/Treasurer	

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Motion by Chris Merritt and seconded by Jack Babcock to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurers report was emailed to all Board members prior to meeting. Mike asked the members to table the budget report as bank accounts have not yet completed transition. Roll call vote passed by all members present.

## OLD BUSINESS:

<u>JR/HS Championship Report</u>: Jack reported on the Junior and High School finishes in both tournaments. Congratulations to Wyatt Reynolds and Peyton Roland of Foothills Youth Anglers for their 41<sup>st</sup> place finish and Camdon Fauver and Thomas Newman of Frederick County Bass with their 25<sup>th</sup> place finish on Carroll County Lake in Tennessee in the Junior Championship. Jack indicated BASS will not be taking the Junior Championship back to Carroll County in 2023.

Congratulations to Patrick County finished 257, Blue Mountain, a new club, finished 235, and Southern Outcast finished 33<sup>rd</sup> after day 2 of the HS Championship. Ringgold Bass'in finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> making it to the final day 3. Congratulations to Kasey Ferguson and Jakari Thomas for their top 12 finish on Final Day 3 on Lake Hartwell in South Carolina. Fantastic finish to all in a field of 314 boats!!

Mike Bryant requested all Region Directors to get a consensus of their top anglers fishing Fall Classic as to who will fish State Team Championship (Fish Off) so the field can be set quickly. There are only 3 weeks between the Fall Classic and the Fish Off.

<u>Conservation</u>: Joan emailed her August report to all members prior to the meeting. Mike Bryant touched on the highlights of her report. Joan has asked for approval to use \$200-\$500 to pay for the shipping of the yellow trash bags. Motion by Cavin Young with second by Ray Tweedy. Motion passed.

<u>Alliance Program 2022</u>: Triton; Mercury; Motorguide.

## State Sponsors.

- Conrad Enterprise Clarksville raffle; discount rate; comp rooms.
- Zebco 50 rods for youth and discount purchase.
- Quantum discount purchase for State team.
- ReyChem giveaways at state events.

- Glass Baron monetary and product donations
- Power Pole State team members sign up as pro-angler
- Missile Baits lures for state events and youth events
- Graves Mountain Lodge provides sample jellies and weekend giveaway to raffle
- Anglers Choice battery giveaway
- CABO apparel
- BMOR (Budget Mobile Outboard Repair) 2 gallons oil per tournament for raffle

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Fall Classic Entry Form on Website

2022 Calendar – State Team Championship (Fish Off) date changed to October 29-30, 2022. Members present roll call vote for choice of waters: Gaston 3, Smith Mountain Lake 2, Kerr 1 and Chick 1. Tournament will be on Lake Gaston out of Holly Grove.

<u> 2023 Calendar –</u>

•	Mr. BASS	Gaston/Holly Grove	April 1-2, 2023
•	6 Man	Kerr/Occoneechee	May 6-7, 2023
•	Fall Classic	Kerr/Occoneechee	Sept 16-17, 2023
•	Fish Off	ТВА	Oct 21-22, 2023

Holly Grove is confirmed. Permit applications have been submitted for both Kerr tournaments.

<u>2023 Youth Budget:</u> The youth budget will be reviewed and approved at the January meeting. The current income and expense sheet was included in the meeting package for member review.

<u>Nominations for President</u>: Bruce Shepherd nominated Mike Bryant. Jack Babcock nominated Sid Ryan with a second by Steve Woodroof. Review of bylaws indicate Bruce's nomination non-valid. As no other valid nominations were made, Ray Tweedy motioned and Jack Babcock seconded to close nominations. Mike Bryant announced Sid Ryan will be the new President starting January 2023. Mike will invite Sid to attend the BNC in November with him. Mike will ask BASS to pay for Sid to attend.

Facebook Page. Send photos to Abby Ryan or Mike to post.

## **REPORTS PER REGION DIRETORS & YOUTH**

- Vice Pres: Recovering from arterial major surgery. Hopes to improve in a month or so.
- Youth: Scholarship fund is over \$3000. The scholarship fund gave away 2 scholarships of \$500 each this year. Next year can give away larger scholarships or more scholarships.
- Region 2: Good.
- Region 3: Nothing new.
- Region 5: Mike reported Max 10 now has 44 members.
- Region 6: Chris reported the fishing expo in Richmond is requiring the sponsors to have insurance. He checked out the Farm Bureaus event and they are requiring no insurance.
- Region 7: Craig reported a pilot fundraiser of an aluminum dog box that Region 7 is raffling off.
- Region 10: Good.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Woodroof. Seconded by Ray Tweedy. Meeting Adjourned 10:32 am

Respectfully submitted, Susan Owens, Secretary/Treasurer