



Minutes of Board Meeting
January 30, 2022

Call to order – 9:00AM by Mike Bryant, President at Bridgewater Bar and Grill at Clarksville, VA

Roll Call

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| ○ Steve Woodroof | Vice President |
| ○ Ray Tweedy | Region 2 |
| ○ Cavin Young | Region 3 |
| | ○ Region 4 |
| | ○ Region 5 |
| ○ Chris Merritt | Region 6 |
| ○ Craig Owens | Region 7 |
| ○ Bruce Shepherd | Region 10 |
| ○ Youth | Jack Babcock |

Minutes – Motion to approve by Bruce Shepherd, Region 10 and second by Ray Tweedy, Region 2. All Approved.
Profit and Loss for Year End emailed to the board members and copy given at meeting.

Old Business:

Budget 2022 – Changes made as needed due to increase in prices and new purchases made in 2022 for new laptop and tournament scales. Board member vote for 2022 Budget – All approved.

2022 State Team - Contracts being returned, & need to sell sponsorships

2022 Club Roster --Some clubs are in and others are coming in – Talk to your clubs

Deadline for dues is January 31, 2022 (Changed to February 15, 2022 per bylaw changes) They can email roster if needed.

Alliance contract received by the President - Reviewed by the board to sign and return to BASS.

Bylaw Changes- Any proposals for bylaw changes – Discuss and vote below:

2.2 GOALS

2.2-1 GOALS OF THE NATION The Nation, shall, in its operations, pursue the goals of organizing and conducting fishing events which adequately provide for the needs of the bass and the angler; to establish live release of bass to their habitat as an integral part of sport fishing; promote realistic conservation of natural resources and causing adoption and enforcement of adequate water quality standards; of educating the membership in citizen involvement in the processes of government; of supporting and cooperation with fishery management agencies and educational institutions in development of good fisheries for the future; of encouraging youth involvement in sport fishery and leading the clubs in organizing and conducting youth participation activities; of promoting public awareness of the B.A.S.S. Nation's purposes, goals and activities; **of timely and efficient communications with the membership through a regularly published newsletter**; of gaining new members and clubs to B.A.S.S. and the Nation; to generate revenues sufficient to conduct the programs of the Nation; of reducing the hazards of boat operation and sport fishing; of supporting the non-profit purposes and goals of B.A.S.S.; and other such goals as may be established for the clubs and the committees of the Nation.

*Remove communication with the membership through a regularly published newsletter because we do not have one.
Approved.*

4.2-2 AREA OF REGIONS The area of the regions of the Nation shall include the following: *Region members or clubs of an in-active region may join another region.*

(a) **REGION 1 - CURRENTLY IN-ACTIVE** - shall include the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Clarke, Frederick, Prince William, Fauquier, Warren, Shenandoah, Stafford, Culpepper, Rappahannock, Page, King George, Orange, Spotsylvania, Madison, and Greene, and all cities within them, and the District of Columbia.

Approved.

(h) REGION 8 - *CURRENTLY IN-ACTIVE* - shall include the counties of Northumberland, Westmoreland, Richmond, Essex, Lancaster, Middlesex, King and Queen, Mathews, and Gloucester and all the cities within them, and the cities of Poquoson, Hampton, and Newport News.

Approved

4.3-1 REGIONAL COMMITTEES Each region shall consist of affiliated clubs located within the boundaries set forth in 4.2-2, which shall elect a director to the Board, advise their director on issues of interest to the region and conduct the business of the region *Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Chris Merritt, Region 6 to change to Members or clubs within the geographic boundaries, any or other states set in article 4.2-2 can join any region of your choosing. All approved.*

4.4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.4-1 ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS A duly elected Board of Directors, herein known as the Board, shall govern the Nation, conduct its business and act in the best interests of the clubs and members.

After discussion we will not make any changes to this bylaw.

4.4-3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS The members of the Board shall be the President, the Vice President, one director from each region, the conservation director, the public relations director, the tournament director, the casting kids director and the youth director. Members of the Board shall not hold more than one Board position at one time.

After discussion, we are removing casting kids director because we have not had one for several years. All approved.

4.4-4 VOTING BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS All bills and resolutions before the Board at regular and special meetings shall be decided by polling the Board members. Members of the Board shall have equal standing in all voting except that the President shall vote only in cases of a tie on issues requiring a plurality vote, and that any member shall be permitted to abstain. Except on routine procedural questions and in elections, the roll shall be called, and the voting recorded in the minutes of the meeting. All other questions shall be decided by the vote of a majority of the Board members present except as otherwise required by the Constitution and By-laws.

After discussion this bylaw will remain the same.

4.5-3 TENURE OF DIRECTORS Terms of office of directors shall expire upon installation of their successors. The term of office for the president and vice-president shall not exceed two consecutive years unless no one other than the incumbent president seeks the office.

The term of office for the board of directors shall not exceed two consecutive terms unless no one other than the incumbent seeks the office. Remove the president and vice-president from this bylaw as it pertains to the directors. All approved.

4.6 OFFICERS OF THE NATION

4.6-1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS The President and the Vice President shall be known as the officers of the Nation. The Board, at its November meeting, shall elect them, with nominations being held at the August meeting. The election of the Nation officers shall be by secret ballots collected from the Board members and counted by a commissioner selected and appointed by the President. The ballot of President shall be collected and marked by the election commissioner before the count so that it may be counted in case of a tie to achieve a plurality. Should there be only one nominee for each of the offices of the Nation, the election may be accomplished by voice vote or, the presiding officer may declare that each nominee is elected by unanimous consent or acclamation. This procedure can only be followed when there is only one nominee for the office of President and Vice President each.

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Chris Merritt to add: Absentee and proxy votes shall be allowed for the election of the President and Vice-President and shall be submitted to the election commissioner who shall be someone other than the one of the individuals nominated for the office being voted on. All approved.

4.6-2 TENURE OF OFFICE The terms of office of the President and Vice President shall expire upon the installation of their successors. The terms of office of the President expiring in even numbered years and the Vice President in odd numbered years. *Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Chris Merritt to Add the term of office shall not exceed two consecutive terms unless no one other than the incumbent seeks the office. All approved.*

4.6-3 QUALIFICATIONS OF THE OFFICERS Officers shall be elected from among the members. They shall be required to remain in good standing with clubs in good standing throughout their tenure. Loss of good standing by an officer shall vacate his office. Officers shall otherwise be qualified in the following manner:

(a) The President shall have served at least one full and complete term as an officer (*Vice-President*) of the Board or at least one full two year term as *a region director*, except that the Vice President shall ascend to the office of President whenever the duly elected President vacates his office or becomes incapacitated for further service. The President or his designee shall be permitted to attend the

Bassmaster Classic Tournament or the Nation Championship traveling to and from the event at Nation expense, conditional upon payment of all other expenses by B.A.S.S. and upon attendance of official functions for Nation presidents by B.A.S.S. during the event.

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Bruce Shepherd to clarify who is eligible to run for President, add region director or Vice President is eligible. All approved

(b) The Vice President shall have served at least one year as a *region director* or as a standing committee chairman named in Chapter 4.7. to

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Bruce Shepherd to clarify who is eligible to run for Vice-President. Add region director. All approved.

4.7 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

4.7-1 STANDING COMMITTEES

4.7-2 DUTIES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES The President shall appoint, from among the qualified members, the chairman of the standing committees, the Conservation/Natural Resources Committee, the Tournament Committee, the Youth Committee, the Casting Kids Committee and the public relations committee. The chairman of each committee may select their members. The chairmen of standing committees shall serve at the pleasure, and under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The standing committees shall support the Constitution and By-laws, attend the meetings of the Nation and its functions as directed by the by-laws, represent the Nation within their assigned areas of special interests, and perform other duties as follows:

Motion Craig Owens, Region 7 second by Jack Babcock, Youth to make the Conservation Director, Tournament Director and Youth Director elected board members (Not appointed by the President) with voting rights. Remove the Casting Kids Director at this time because we do not have anyone in this position. All approved.

(a) The Conservation/Natural Resources Director shall protect the environment from harmful change, encourage adoption and enforcement of adequate water quality standards, document and report violations of anti-pollution laws, take political and legal action wherever appropriate, to improve the environment, inform and educate the members and the public to create awareness of threats to natural resources, take leadership in repairing the harm already done to the environment, solicit the partnership of other organizations with similar goals and objectives, establish contact with the legislature and educate the members in citizen involvement in the process of government, cooperate and work with fishery management agencies and educational and research institutions toward improvements in fishery management for better future fisheries, coordinate the conservation activities of the Nation and recommend annual recognition of individuals and/or organizations that have achieved outstanding performance in conservation of fisheries and other associated natural resources. The conservation director shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors with the same privileges and responsibilities as regional committee chair.

(b) The Tournament Committee shall conduct the competitive fishing activities of the Nation, assist the regions and the clubs in development of tournament programs, coordinate the live release program, promote sportsmanship and respect for the fishing laws of Virginia, will recommend all Tournament Rules changes to the Board, with the Board's approval or disapproval, enforce the Tournament Rules and in consideration of a fee set by the Board, assist other individuals and organizations with tournament activities found by the Board to be acceptable and not in conflict with the Constitution and By-laws. The tournament director shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors with the same privileges and responsibilities as regional committee chair.

(c) The Youth Committee shall promote youth fishing activity, organize and implement an annual Youth Week which may be a partnership arrangement with another organization, teach honesty, integrity and sportsmanship, coordinate the Nation's youth programs, assist the regions and clubs in youth activities, teach youth the fundamentals of sport fishing, cooperate and work with other organizations in introducing youth to sport fishing, and recommend annual recognition of individuals and/or organizations that have achieved outstanding performance in youth fishing activities. The youth director shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors with the same privileges and responsibilities as regional committee chair.

(d). The Public Relations Committee shall promote public awareness of the Nation, its purpose, goals and activities, work with and assist the other committees by publicizing their programs, by maintaining contact with the public news media and operating a news service, work with other organizations and agencies within the purpose and goals of the Nation, and publish a newsletter at least quarterly each year. The Chairman, as authorized and directed by the President shall attend all meetings and functions of the Nation as a necessary means of the timely and efficient discharge of his duties. The public relations director shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors with the same privileges and responsibilities as regional committee chair.

Motion by Steve Woodroof, Vice-President and second by Craig Owens, Region 7 to remove the 4.7-2 (d) The Public Relations Committee since we have never had one since our corporation was formed. All approved.

4.7-3 SPECIAL COMMITTEES The President may select and appoint from among the qualified members, the chairmen and members of special committees. The chairmen and members of special committees shall serve at the pleasure, and under the

supervision of the President. All committee chairmen shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors with the same privileges and responsibilities as regional committee chair.

Motion by Chris Merritt, Region 6 and second by Bruce Shepherd to Add: Special Committee Chairman are not members of the Board of Directors per articles 4.4-1 and 4.4-3 and should not be voting members. Standing Committee members serve under the supervision of the Board. Special Committee Chairman serve under the President per this article. All approved.

(d) The Newsletter Committee in cooperation with the Public Relations committee shall create the newsletter at least quarterly. The Editor, as chairman, shall coordinate all functions relative to composing, editing, producing, selling of advertisements, billing the advertisers and distributing the publication. He/she shall, as authorized and directed by the President, attend all meetings and functions of the Nation as a necessary means of the timely and efficient discharge of his/her duties

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Chris Merritt to remove this bylaw as we do not have a newsletter. All approved.

4.8 EMPLOYEES OF THE NATION

4.8-1 SELECTION AND COMPENSATION Once the need for a contracted official has been justified and approved by the Board the position will be opened to all qualified applicants. The selection of the final candidate must be approved by a majority vote of the Board. The Board will determine the rate of compensation for the employee.

Recommendation to make this unavailable to relatives of the board of directors. After discussion there was a motion to leave as is by Chris Merritt, Region 6 and second by Bruce Shepherd, Region 10. The position has to be voted in by the board. All approved.

7.1 NATION FUNDS

7.1-1 TREASURER RECEIVES ALL FUNDS All funds received by the Nation or any of its agents on behalf of the Nation, except as provided in Sections 4.8-2 and Chapter 7.5, shall be turned over to the treasurer for deposit into the appropriate account.

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Chris Merritt, Region 6 remove chapter 7.5 as there is not one. All approved.

7.1-3 DUES Thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per member dues shall be payable to the Nation by each club on the first day of December of the preceding year. Clubs which have not paid their dues by January 31st shall be assessed a penalty of one dollar per chapter member. Clubs, which have not paid their dues by January 31st, will lose their eligibility to fish the Mr. Bass and the STATE QUALIFER Tournaments. If club dues are not paid by February 15th the chapter will be assessed a penalty of two dollars per member. Clubs that have not paid their dues by February 28th will not be allowed to participate in any State Nation activity. There will be an official update of rosters to include all changes in club membership as of June 30. Any increase in the number of active club members requires an additional payment of thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per member increased due no later than June 30.

Motion by Chris Merritt, Region 6 and second by Craig Owens, Region 7 to change the Dues amount to \$50 approved in 2020 to begin last year 2021 and make the Deadline February 15, remove the one dollar penalty per chapter member. Change the tournament names back to Mr. BASS, Team Championship and Fall Classic. All approved.

7.2 CLUBS

7.2-1 CLUB FORMATION The Nation shall assist persons desiring to form new clubs by providing information and contact with organizing officials of B.A.S.S.

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Chris Merritt, Region 6 to add: All new clubs that have submitted their club rosters and dues to the Secretary/Treasurer by February 15th will be eligible to fish that years B.A.S.S. Nation of Virginia tournaments. All approved.

7.2-4 CLUB IN GOOD STANDING Clubs that have paid their dues and updated their chapter rosters by midnight January 31st and have participated in 50% of all regional activities during the past year are considered in good standing and can continue to participate in all Nation events. At the January Board meeting each regional director will submit a list of clubs in his region that have not satisfied the 50% participation rule during the previous year. Only those clubs, upon paying their dues, will be allowed to fish the Spring Qualifier and the STATE TEAM QUALIFER Tournament during the year of the submission. All new clubs will be denied entry into the Spring Qualifier Tournament and the STATE TEAM QUALIFIER until they have participated in at least 50% of their region's activities during the year.

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Ray Tweedy, Region 2 to change the roster deadline to February 15th. Remove the last sentence that says all new clubs will be denied entry into the Mr. BASS and State Team Qualifier (per article 7.2-1) All approved.

7.2-5 CLUB NOT IN GOOD STANDING. Clubs that did not pay their dues by January 31st and/or did not participate in 50% of its region's activities during the past year are not in good standing and are not eligible to participate in Nation state activities.

Change the date – Admin change.

7.3 NATION TOURNAMENT

7.3-1 **SPRING QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT (Formerly Mr. BASS)** A Spring Qualifier Tournament will be operated annually by the Tournament Committee (Board of Directors) in either March, April or May with dates being set by the Tournament Committee. Dates are to be set by the Tournament Committee on or before September 1st, of the prior year (pending ramp approval after October 1). The tournament shall be held at a site recommended by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board. The tournament will be conducted as a team event comprised of two man teams from eligible clubs from the B.A.S.S. Nation of Virginia. Each club in good standing (7.2-4) shall be permitted to enter a maximum of ten (10) teams of its eligible members and must provide one tournament boat (8.1-6) for each paid entry. Entry fee for the tournament will be *one hundred and forty dollars (\$140.00)* per two man team which includes ten dollars (\$10.00) per boat for big fish award. The big fish award will pay back one hundred percent (100%) overall big fish (2 places). Fees shall not be refundable to individual, team or regional applicants once the Nation has accepted the fee except in extenuating circumstances approved by the board. Each club's two-man team must supply a tournament-approved boat. **The top forty (40) finishing individuals, comprised of members from the top twenty (20) finishing teams, from the Spring Qualifier Tournament (Formerly Mr. BASS) shall become eligible to fish the State Fish Off Event for that year.** If any of the individual members of the top **twenty (20) teams** elects to not go to the State Fish Off Event or have double qualified for the State Fish Off, the qualifying positions will be offered to individuals from the next team in the standings until **all forty (40) positions** are filled. If an individual has qualified from a previous tournament (double qualifier) and accepts the qualifying spot from this tournament, the vacated position will be offered to an individual from the tournament of the vacancy.

Motion by Chris Merritt, Region 6 and second by Ray Tweedy, Region 2 to change the name back to Mr. BASS. All approved.

Motion by Jack Babcock, Youth and second by Chris Merritt, Region 6 to increase the top 25 teams to be eligible for the State Fish Off event. All approved.

Motion by Chris Merritt, Region 6 and second by Ray Tweedy, Region 2 to increase all of our tournament entry fees to \$160 per team. All approved.

7.3-2 **SUMMER QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT (Formerly CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP)** A State Qualifier Tournament also known as the **SUMMER QUALIFIER** Tournament (Formerly Club **Team Championship**) will be operated annually by the Tournament Committee in either April or May with dates being set by the Tournament Committee. Tournament dates are to be set by the Tournament Committee on or before September 1st, of the prior year (pending ramp approval after October 1). The Summer Qualifier Tournament will be held at Buggs Island Lake. The tournament will be conducted as a team event comprised of two man teams from eligible clubs from the Virginia B.A.S.S. Nation. Each club in good standing (7.2-4) shall be permitted to enter a maximum of ten (10) teams of its eligible members and must provide one tournament boat (8.1-6) for each paid entry. Entry fee for the tournament will be *one hundred and forty dollars (\$140.00) per two man team* which includes ten dollars (\$10.00) per boat for big fish award. The big fish award will pay back one hundred percent (100%) overall big fish (2 places). Fees shall not be refundable to individual, team or regional applicants once the Nation has accepted the fees except in extenuating circumstances approved by the board. **The top forty (40) finishing individuals, comprised of members from the top twenty (20) finishing teams, from the Summer Qualifier Club Tournament shall become eligible to fish the State Fish Off Event for that year.** If any of the individual members of the top **twenty (20) teams** elects to not go to the State Fish Off Event or have double qualified for the State Fish Off, the qualifying positions will be offered to individuals from the next team in the standings until **all forty (40) positions** are filled. If an individual has qualified from a previous tournament (double qualifier) and accepts the qualifying spot from this tournament, the vacated position will be offered to an individual from the tournament of the vacancy.

Motion by Chris Merritt, Region 6 and second by Ray Tweedy, Region 2 to change the name back to Mr. BASS. All approved.

Motion by Jack Babcock, Youth and second by Chris Merritt, Region 6 to increase the top 25 teams to be eligible for the State Fish Off event. All approved.

Motion by Chris Merritt, Region 6 and second by Ray Tweedy, Region 2 to increase all of our tournament entry fees to \$160 per team. All approved.

7.3-3 **FALL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT (Formerly Fall Classic)** A two-day Fall Qualifier Tournament shall be operated annually by the Tournament Committee on a selected weekend of September. The Tournament Committee will determine the site of the tournament. Each regional organization in the B.A.S.S. Nation of Virginia shall be permitted to enter a maximum of twenty-five (25) teams of its eligible members and must provide one tournament boat (8.1-6) for each paid entry. Entry fee for the tournament will be *one hundred and forty dollars (\$140.00) per two man team* which includes ten dollars (\$10.00) per boat for the big fish award. The big fish award will pay back one hundred percent overall big fish (2 places). Fees shall not be refundable to individual, team or regional applicants once the Nation has accepted the fees except in extenuating circumstances approved by the board. **The top forty (40) finishing individuals, comprised of members from the top twenty (20) finishing teams, from the Fall Qualifier Tournament shall become eligible to fish the State Fish Off Event for that year.** If any of the individual members of the **top twenty (20) teams** elects to not go to the State Fish Off Event or have double qualified for the State Fish Off, the qualifying positions will be offered to individuals from the next team in the standings until **all forty (40) positions** are filled. If an individual has qualified from a previous tournament (double qualifier) and accepts the qualifying spot from this tournament, the vacated position will be offered to an individual from the tournament of the vacancy.

Motion by Chris Merritt, Region 6 and second by Ray Tweedy, Region 2 to change the name back to Mr. BASS. All approved.

Motion by Jack Babcock, Youth and second by Chris Merritt, Region 6 to increase the top 25 teams to be eligible for the State Fish Off event. All approved.

Motion by Chris Merritt, Region 6 and second by Ray Tweedy, Region 2 to increase all of our tournament entry fees to \$160 per team. All approved.

7.3.4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT A State Team Qualifying tournament shall be operated annually by the Tournament Committee on a selected weekend in October. The state president or designated agent will determine the site of the tournament. Participants for this tournament will come from the Spring Qualifier (Formerly Mr. BASS (twenty teams), the Summer Qualifier (Formerly Club Team Championship (twenty teams) and the Fall Qualifier (Formerly Fall Classic (twenty teams) tournaments for a total field of sixty (60) boats. The entry fee for this tournament shall be ninety dollars (\$90.00) per person for individuals entering the tournament as boaters which includes five dollars (\$5.00) per person for the big fish award. The entry fee for this tournament shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per person for individuals entering the tournament as co-anglers (non-boaters) which includes five dollars (\$5.00) per person for the big fish award. The big fish award will pay back one hundred percent overall (2 places) in both the boater and co-angler categories. Fees shall not be refundable to individual, team or regional applicants once the B.A.S.S. Nation has accepted the fees except in extenuating circumstances approved by the board. This tournament will be a PRO-AM style DRAW tournament format as directed by B.A.S.S. Boater limit will be 5 fish (2-12" and 3-14") and the non-boater limit will be 3 fish (2-12" and 1-14"). One -half of the members who qualified for the tournament shall register as boat owners and one-half as co-anglers/nonboater based on the position they qualified for in the Spring Qualifier, the Summer Qualifier and Fall Qualifier tournaments. Individuals registered as boaters will compete against the other boaters. Individuals entered as co-anglers (non-boaters) will compete against other coanglers. There will be separate payouts and standings for the boater and co-angler categories. Pairings will be determined by a random draw and pairing combination will be for both days of the competition. The first through tenth place individual finishers in the boater division of the State Fish Off will become members of the Virginia State Team as boaters and will represent Virginia at the next B.A.S.S. Eastern Regional Tournament and thereby receive all benefits and privileges of the Virginia State Team membership. The first through tenth place individual finishers in the co-angler (non-boater) division of the State Fish Off will become members of the Virginia State Team as co-anglers (non-boaters) and will represent Virginia at the next B.A.S.S. Eastern Regional Tournament and thereby receive all benefits and privileges of the Virginia State Team membership. If any of the 1st through 10th place finishers in either the boater or co-angler division does not claim the Virginia State Team position, it shall be offered to other competitors in the order of their finish in the final scores until the positions are filled. In the event an individual who has qualified for the Virginia State Team drops out of their State Team position 60 or more days before the Eastern Regional competition date, the next highest qualifier from the Fish Off will be offered the vacant position. If a position on the State Team is vacated less than 60 days before the Eastern Regional competition date that position will be filled in accordance with article 7.4- 1. All other tournament prizes and trophies will be determined by the Tournament Committee. All provisions of Chapter 8.1 shall be applied during the event. All other decisions and arrangements shall be delegated to the Tournament Committee.

Motion by Ray Tweedy, Region 2 and Bruce Shepherd, Region 10 to change to October/November for the event. All approved. Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and Ray Tweedy, Region 2 to change the location of this event to the President and Board of Directors. All approved.

Motion by Chris Merritt, Region 6 and second by Ray Tweedy, Region 2 to increase the entry fee to \$100 for boaters and \$60 for nonboaters. Also, the field will increase to 75 teams if we get the participation. All approved.

Motion by Chris Merrit, Region 6 and second by Craig Owens, Region 7 to Add: Any team that fished all three state qualifier events is eligible to enter one boater and one non boater in the State Championship. If both members enter the tournament. Approved by 5 to 2. (VP- no and region 2 – no)

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Steve Woodroof, VP to add Fish limit by state rules. All approved.

7.6 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING AND CITING

7.6-1 CONSIDERATION OF OTHER WATER RESOURCE USERS The Nation shall consider the needs of and restrictions upon all other users of the waterway and adjacent resources upon which it intends to schedule or sanction and event. Special events of others, which are likely to be in conflict with anglers, shall be avoided wherever possible, if they are scheduled prior to the Nation scheduling. Specific days to which other users are limited by law for their activities shall be excluded from the Federation Nation scheduling for events or practice days to be cited upon tidal waters of the Commonwealth. When Nation scheduling conflicts with specific days of waterfowl Hunting season, Nation sanctioned events, including state, regional and chapter tournaments will not begin prior to 8:00 am on these days and must end not later than 4:00 pm.

Admin change to B.A.S.S. Nation.

6. ELIGIBILITY Members, and clubs in good standing whose official application and entry fee are received by the secretary/treasurer prior to the published deadline for the Spring Qualifier (Formerly Mr. BASS) and Summer Qualifier (Formerly Club Team Tournaments) and the Fall Qualifier (Formerly Fall Classic) shall be eligible to compete, conditional upon acceptance by the Tournament Committee. In order to be eligible to participate in the Spring Qualifier (Formerly Mr. BASS) Tournament and the Summer Qualifier (Formerly Club Team) Tournament the member must have been a member of that club at the time of submission of that club's official roster (no later than January 31st). Any member whose name is not present on the official roster submitted to the Nation Board will not be allowed to participate on that club's team.

Change the names of the state qualifying events back to Mr. BASS, Team Championship and Fall Classic per previous changes.

10. TOURNAMENT WATERS Tournament waters shall be defined as all public waters which are accessible by boat from the tournament headquarters with the exception of the waters within one hundred yards of the headquarters location or such off limits

areas as may be designated and announced at registration time by the Tournament Committee. All fishing by participants shall be done from a boat on tournament waters and all participants and competition boats shall remain on tournament waters throughout the competition hours. Violators shall be disqualified for that day's competition.

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Ray Tweedy, Region 2 to remove the one hundred yards of the headquarters location. All approved.

17. FISHING TACKLE: Use of grippers for landing bass is prohibited during tournament competition. During practice and competition no more than one artificial or biodegradable artificial lure may be attached to a line at one time. One lure is defined as a single manmade device designed to attract and/or catch one fish at a time. Adding trailer hooks, plastic trailers, blades, etc., to a single lure is acceptable. If multiple fish are caught on a single manmade lure, on a single cast, all fish are considered legal and may be added to the daily catch subject to scoring rules (17). No "live bait," "dead bait," or "prepared bait" will be permitted during official practice and competition, with the exception of pork strips or rinds. Any umbrella-type rigging, harness, or other device designed to hold more than one lure at a time with or without hooks –is not allowed. Such rigging, harness, or device cannot be added to a single lure as described above. Traditional twin arm spinnerbaits or buzzbaits are allowed. Trailer hooks and plastic trailers must be on the main hook of the bait; only spinner blades can be affixed to the arms. The head on the main stem may be hinged. On these twin arm spinnerbaits or buzzbaits, no more than two wires, with a maximum length of 6 inches, may extend off the main arm or body of the lure at the line tie point. The "head and hook" portion of the lure must be even or trail behind where the blades attach to the wires. B.A.S.S. officials have the sole authority to determine whether a lure is considered a single lure as defined above. Only ONE casting, spin casting or spinning rod (8 foot maximum length from butt of handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time. A hung or snagged lure that is not in or on the water is not considered in use and may be set aside while another is in use. Other rigs as specified above may be in the boat ready for use; however, only ONE is permitted in use at any given time. If a competitor breaks his line while setting the hook or retrieving a fish, he is allowed to make an attempt with the rod being used or with his hands to secure the visible line and land the fish for it to be counted as legal. He may NOT hook the line with another lure, rod and reel, or other device. No competitor may intentionally snag or foul hook a bass to be counted in their daily catch. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their catch disqualified. When visually fishing for bedding bass, to be counted as a legal fish, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth and must be verified by your partner before being unhooked. With the mouth closed naturally, you must not be able to see where the hook point enters the fish to be considered hooked inside the mouth.

Motion by Bruce Shepherd, Region 10 and second by Craig Owens, Region 7 the rod length was changed to 10 foot maximum in BASS Nation tournament rules per the Bassmaster website. All approved.

18. FISHING METHODS Trolling as a method of fishing shall be prohibited. Participants shall hook, play and land any fish they catch in competition, using no devices other than a landing net, tackle as provided in section 8.1 - 17, and that participant partners or observers may assist in landing and bringing them into the boat. All fishing must be done from the boat. Contestants must not depart from the boat to land the fish. Boats may not be trailered during tournament hours.

Motion by Jack Babcock, Youth and second by Craig Owens, Region 7 to leave nets in the Virginia state events. Nets are not allowed at the Divisional or National level. All approved.

19. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except within 100 yards of the tournament headquarters or as otherwise specified by the Tournament Committee or within 50 yards of marina gas pumps or within 50 yards of another competitor's boat which was first anchored. Any such anchored boat shall have its trolling motor retracted from the water with anchor in water or power poles. No such anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within the 50-yard circle claimed by him, to the exclusion of any other competitor. Violation will result in disqualification for that day's competition. It is the responsibility of the anchored boat to make other competitors aware that he is anchored.

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Chris Merritt, Region 6 to change to Permitt where posted or otherwise state by the Tournament director or President. All approved.

20. FISHING PARTNERS REQUIRED Participants shall fish with the team member from their club that they are registered with for that tournament. Laws of the Virginia B. A. S. S. Nation, Inc. In the event an entrant has to exclude him-self / her-self from the competition they shall report immediately to a member of the Tournament Committee and notify them of the situation. Upon the loss or absence of their duly assigned partner the entrant's partner shall terminate all activity and report directly to a member of the Tournament Committee.

Motion by Jack Babcock, Youth and second by Ray Tweedy, Region 2 to allow an entrant to fish one day ONLY by himself. All approved.

20. a. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ONLY: FISHING PARTNERS REQUIRED Participants shall fish with partners assigned and approved by the tournament committee. No two members from the same region/club will be paired together at the initial pairings. The selection of partners by the Tournament Committee will be in accordance with Chapter 7.3 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Virginia B. A. S. S. Nation, Inc. In the event an entrant has to exclude him-self / herself from the competition they shall report immediately to a member of the Tournament Committee and notify them of the situation. Upon the loss or absence of their duly assigned partner the entrant's partner shall terminate all activity and report directly to a member of the Tournament Committee. The

Tournament Committee shall be responsible for pairing the entrant with another tournament entrant or observer if available. Only as a last resort shall this entrant *be paired with someone from his/her own region. In the event that an entrant cannot be paired with someone, then another member of the departing entrant's region/club shall be dropped from the competition. It shall be the responsibility of the departing entrant's team captain to determine who will leave the event. Flight out will not begin until such time as all pairings are finalized.* Violators of this rule are subject to the penalties provided for in Regulation #30

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Ray Tweedy, Region 2 to change no two members from the same region to club will be paired together. All approved.

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Chris Merritt, Region 6 to allow an entrant whos partner had to terminate shall fish by themselves on day two ONLY. Remove flight out will not begin until such time as all pairing are finalized. All approved..

25. CHECK IN AND LATE PENALTY All competitors must check in with tournament officials at the official check-in site by the previously announced finish time. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of 1 pound per minute or portion of a minute deducted from the competitor's total weight of catch for that day, including any weight to be counted toward a "lunker award". Any competitor who is more than 15 minutes late will lose all credits for that day's catch. There will be no acceptable excuses for tardiness.

Motion by Jack Babcock, Youth and second by Craig Owens, Region 7 to remove , including any weight to be counted toward a "lunker award. All approved.

27. TOURNAMENT CREEL AND SIZE LIMIT At no time shall a team have more than five fish in the live well. Possession of more than five fish will result in disqualification. The minimum acceptable length of fish will be 12 inches with the exception of those bodies of water with a slot limit or a 14"/12" law (example 2 – 12" and 3 – 14"). Any fish which does not meet the minimum acceptable length will be removed from the competitors catch and the competitor will be assessed a one pound penalty for each short fish deducted from the total weight of his remaining legal fish. Any fish presented for weigh-in, which is judged to be dead will result in an eight-ounce penalty for each such fish, deducted from the total weight of fish.

Motion by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Chris Merritt, Region 6 to change to four-ounce penalty per BASS Nation rules. All approved.

27.a. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT CREEL AND SIZE LIMIT At no time shall a participant have more than five fish in the live well. Possession of more than five fish will result in disqualification. The minimum acceptable length of fish will be 12 inches with the exception of those bodies of water with a slot limit or a 14/12 law (example 2 – 12" and 3 – 14"). Any fish which does not meet the minimum acceptable length will be removed from the competitors catch and the competitor will be assessed a one pound penalty for each short fish deducted from the total weight of his remaining legal fish. Any fish presented for weigh-in, which is judged to be dead will result in an eight-ounce penalty for each such fish, deducted from the total weight of fish.

Motion by Chris Merritt, Region 6 and second by Craig Owens, Region 7 to At no time shall a boater have more than five fish and a co-angler have more than three fish in the livewell. Also, change the eight-ounce penalty to four-ounce per BASS Nation rules. All approved.

30. VIOLATIONS. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES Participants shall honor the letter and the intent of the Tournament Rules or they shall be judged to have violated them. All judgments are reserved to the Tournament Committee. Participants who suspect that the Tournament Rules have been violated may protest to the Tournament Committee at any time during the tournament or within 15 minutes after arrival at the tournament sight followed with a written protest within 30 minutes after closing the scales. Protests shall be decided by the Tournament Committee through any means available within the Constitution and By-laws and Tournament Rules in consideration of the statements and other evidence presented by the concerned parties and witnesses. Polygraph examination, administered by a qualified examiner who is duly licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall be included among the methods available to the Tournament Committee for consideration in their deliberations. All participants shall be presumed to be familiar with the Tournament Rules and to have implied their consent and agreement to submit to polygraph examination when they affix their signatures to the official registration list. Polygraph examination may be requested only by the Chairman of the Tournament Committee and shall be provided under his supervision and at the expense of the Federation. Refusal to submit to such examination reasonably requested and provided may be considered during protest deliberations. Participants held by the Board of Directors to have violated the principles of fairness, sportsmanship and ethical conduct explicitly or implicitly included in the Tournament Rules may be declared ineligible to compete in present and future tournament events. Participants held by the Tournament Committee to be in violation of the Tournament Rules shall be penalized as specified in the rules. When a penalty is not specified for a violator the Tournament Committee has the discretion of determining what degree of penalty is appropriate for the violation.

Admin change to B.A.S.S. Nation.

Alliance Program 2022 Triton; Mercury; Motorguide,

State Sponsors

We now have to help sell Triton Boats to get up to \$5000 - no longer free

Conrad Enterprise – Clarksville raffle; discount rate; comp rooms

Zebco – 50 rods for youth and discount purchase for state team from Quantum

ReyChem (Detailer's Choice) – Giveaways

Glass Baron - Donation
Power Pole – Discount if on Pro Staff
Missile Baits – Lures for state events & Youth events
Graves Mountain Lodge – Sample jelly and weekend giveaway
Angler's Choice Marine – Battery giveaway
Cabo – Jersey given at each event
Craig Owens – Mercury motor sponsor

New Business:

2022 Calendar - March 2-5, 2022 – Bassmaster Classic, Lake Hartwell, Anderson, SC
March 12-13, 2022 – JSQ3 North & South, Smith Mtn. Lake Parkway Marina
March 12-13, 2022 – MR. BASS, Holley Grove Marina, Lake Gaston – board members will have to help work event
(Sid & Abby Ryan are out of town & Jack & Karla work youth)
Discussed the option of changing the youth qualifier instead of have two state events on the same day and the board voted to keep both events.
March 20, 2022 – State Collegiate Championship, State Park, SML – Entry form will be posted
April 24- May 1 2022 - Lake Hartwell, Anderson SC– State Team– BASS Regional

2022 Entry Forms - Will email and post at a later date when we know all details

Pam Bryant, Secretary/Treasurer resigned effective February 28, 2022. Susan Owens, Region 7 will be interim secretary for Mr. BASS tournament until someone can be voted in permanently at the March board meeting. We are taking resumes. Please send to Mike Bryant, President to be considered.

Conservation – Joan Blankenship will attend the Conservation Summit at the Bassmaster Classic to make a presentation to AFTCO which is one of the grants that she received in 2021.

FACEBOOK - Send pictures to Abby Ryan to post

Report from Region Directors & Conservation & Youth

Vice-President

Region 2

Region 3 – Schedule set

Region 4

Region 5

Region 6 – Schedule set

Region 7 – Applauds Pam Bryant for her hard work for 16 years. Volunteer Susan Owens as interim

Region 10 – Region 4, 5, and 10 fish together again this year. Thank you, Pam

Youth – Attempt to have advisor meeting for South and North at the JSQ3 Smith Mountain Lake

Motion by adjourn by Craig Owens, Region 7 and second by Bruce Shepherd, Region 10. All approved.

Next board meeting – March 27, 2022, Bridgewater Bar & Grill

By,
Pam Bryant
Secretary