



B.A.S.S. NATION OF VIRGINIA, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2022
Pizza Pub, Clarksville, VA

The meeting was called to order 9:00am by Mike Bryant, President

Present:

Vice President	Steve Woodroof
Region 2 Director	Ray Tweedy
Region 3 Director	Cavin Young
Region 4 Director	Steve Davis
Region 5 Director	Pam Bryant, Region 5 Secretary
Region 6 Director	Chris Merritt
Region 7 Director	Craig Owens
Region 10 Director	Bruce Shepherd
Youth Director	Jack Babcock
Conservation Director	Melanie Barrow for Joan Blankenship

Minutes: Motioned to approve by R7 Craig Owens, seconded by VP Steve Woodroof. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Bank statements and reconciliations sent to all officers and directors via email. Treasurer read the Profit and Loss statement and Balance sheet year-to-date. R7 Craig Owens motioned to approve. Seconded by VP Steve Woodroof. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

2022 Calendar	Chapter Team 6/24-25 Top Winners: Clay Ross (B)/Jeff Ross (NB) Fall Classic 10/1-2 Top Winners: Clay Ross (B)/Jeff Ross (NB) State Championship 10/29-30 Top Winners: Travis Lugar (B)/Parker Brogan (NB)
Rosters & Dues	Current rosters sent to Region Directors via email to be updated and returned with 2023 dues no later than December 31 st , 2022. Rosters will also be sent to individual clubs with updated 2023 Calendar.
State Sponsors	Alliance Program: Triton; Mercury; Lowrance, Motorguide. <i>We now must help sell Triton Boats to get up to \$5000 - no longer free</i> <i>2023 Alliance Program not announced yet.</i> Clarksville Chamber of Commerce CABO – Chris Merritt and Jeff Salmon, state team apparel Zebco – Rods for youth and discount purchase for state team from Quantum Glass Baron – Glass for raffle Budget Mobile Outboard Repair – Craig Owens, 2 gallons oil for raffles Missile Baits – Lures for state events Graves Mountain Lodge – Sample jelly and weekend giveaway Anglers Choice - Batteries

New Business:

B.A.S.S.	Discussion of President Meeting at B.A.S.S. National Championship - Pickwick was very tough producing only 5 limits on day 1 and 6 limits on day 2. Congratulations to Jeff and Eric for getting to Nationals.
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New changes begin in 2024. Not set in stone yet. BASS still working out details.

- Each state will send teams straight to the Nationals. No more State Team competing in Regionals.
- BASS will announce in September the number of teams each state can send.
- That number will be percentage based ranked by membership across the states.
- We no longer pay an entry fee for the teams, but BASS will no longer provide hotel, fuel, or boat yard.
- Nationals will be a 250-boat pro-am with \$100,000 payout anticipating TV coverage.
- BASS says states can run their qualifying tournaments the way they choose; team or pro-am format.
- Virginia will need to decide at the January board meeting how we determine our teams for Nationals; whether we use team or pro-am format for our qualifiers (For example: if BASS says VA gets 6 teams. Do we take top B/NB from Mr. Bass, Chapter Team, and Fall Classic with top 3 B/NB from State Championship); and to what extent the state will contribute to expenses of the teams going to Nationals.

BASS is setting up new Nation Regionals in 2024 to replace their current OPENS. Not set in stone. BASS still working out details.

- Each state will be given a certain number of codes for early bird entry into the Regional like signing up for the ELITES. Thereafter, the Nation Regionals will be open to “at large” competitors who must pay state dues to their state.
- BASS will determine by membership percentage the number of codes to each state.
- 250 boat field. Boater entry \$500. Non-boater entry \$250. Pro-Am format.
- Virginia will need to decide at the January meeting how we determine who gets early bird codes and if the state will contribute to expenses of early birds or is it pay your own way.

Other general changes:

Clubs can consist of as few as 2 members

National dues will probably increase from \$30 to \$50

BASS is planning to standardize state dues across the states.

2023 Calendar

R6 Chris Merritt asked if the April 1-2 and May 6-7 tournament locations can be swapped. R7 Craig Owens motioned to leave locations as is. R5 Pam Bryant seconded. Regions 2 and 6 voted no. Motion passed.

Youth Director Jack Babcock motioned to add Board meeting to calendar on February 26. Seconded by R5 Pam Bryant. Motion passed unanimously.

R7 Craig Owens motioned to add the College Team Championship to calendar for March 4th on Kerr Lake. Seconded by R2 Ray Tweedy. Motion passed unanimously.

Jack Babcock noted there will be a College Open on James River April 21-22, 2023.

Typographical date changes. Updated Official Calendar to be posted to website.

State Team

2023 Southeastern Regional will be May 22-26, 2023, on Douglas Lake, TN

State Team member contracts will go out by end of December 2022

By-law changes	Specific angler issues with motor hp and youth tournament rules discussed. President-elect Sid Ryan to discuss with angler. Directors to review bylaws and bring up any proposed changes for vote at January meeting.
Budget 2023	R5 Pam Bryant noted the Alliance line items should be removed from proposed 2023 budget until Alliance program contract received from BASS. R5 Pam Bryant then motioned to approve the proposed 2023 budget. Seconded by R7 Craig Owens. Motion passed unanimously.
Conservation	Joan wishes to phase out of the conservation director position. Melanie Barrow sat in for her at this meeting. Election for Conservation Director to be voted on at January meeting. Joan will assist through November 2023. President Mike Bryant highlighted the Conservation Report from Joan, and thanked Joan for her many years of extraordinary work with conservation.
FACEBOOK	Send pictures to Abby Ryan to post
Scholarship	Abby Ryan thanks Jim Sampson for his huge donation to scholarships. He also donated the JAT Memorial trophy. Mike Bryant announced the passing of Aubrey Williams, the oldest member of BASS. Please send in any memorial photos to Abby.

Report from Directors and VP:

R2 – Set up 2 region tournaments: March 5 on Smith Mountain Lake. April 30 on Smith Mountain Lake

R3 – Combined R3/R6 tournament schedule set

R4 – Combined R4/R5 tournament schedule set. 5 tournaments

R5 – Rodney Pritchett passed away. Pam was voted in as Region 5 secretary. Mike Bryant was voted in as Region 5 Director to be approved at January State Board meeting.

R6 – Thanks to Mike Bryant for his years as President and his time and efforts on behalf of the state.

Tournament schedule in place. As it is even # year, no Region 6 Director nominations yet. They need a tournament director.

R7 – Tournament schedule in place. Craig announced the passing of Kenny Brooks.

R10-Alabama bass continue to be a problem. Sid Ryan spoke with Gene Gilliland at the BNC about the Alabama bass problem. Focus is “Don’t Move Fish”. Encourage keeping smaller fish to eat.

Thanks to Mike and Pam Bryant for their service to the state. Best to Sid Ryan, President-elect.

VP – Long year. Was able to fish 2 times. Looking forward to 2023. Thanks to Mike Bryant.

Cons – Thanks to Mike Bryant (via Steve Woodroff)

Youth – Thanks to Mike and Pam Bryant. Jack went over the Youth tournaments scheduled in the spring. March 18/19 JSQ #4, April 29/30 JSC (6 man), May 20 Fun tournament (boat captains can fish), and May 21 JAT Memorial Scholarship Tournament. Tried new format holding 2 qualifiers in one weekend.

Worked very well. 103 boats on Saturday and 97 boats on Sunday. Will have trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as well as for boat captains at the Fun tournament. Jack announced their youth winners – posted on Facebook.

Next board meeting – January 8, 2023. Pizza Pub, Clarksville 9:00am

Meeting adjourned 12:05pm.