



B.A.S.S. NATION OF VIRGINIA, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2023
Pizza Pub, Clarksville, VA

The meeting was called to order 9:02am by Sid Ryan, President

Present:

Vice President	Steve Woodroof
Region 2 Director	Ray Tweedy
Region 3 Director	Cavin Young
Region 4 Director	Absent
Region 5 Director	Mike Bryant
Region 6 Director	Chris Merritt
Region 7 Director	Craig Owens
Region 10 Director	Bruce Shepherd
Tournament Director	J.T. Williams
Youth Director	Jack Babcock
Conservation Director	Melanie Barrow

Also Present: Karla Babcock
Abby Ryan

Minutes: Minutes from last meeting included in board meeting package. Motioned to approve by CD Melanie Barrow. Seconded by TD Jack Babcock. Passed.

Treasurer's report: January bank reconciliations and February activity to date included in board meeting package. Treasurer reported bank accounts have been moved from American National Bank to Atlantic Union Bank with new accounts opened: operating and reserve accounts for each adult and youth. Motioned to approve by R7 Craig Owens. Seconded by R2 Ray Tweedy. Passed.

Old Business:

2023 Calendar	Contracts for Douglas Lake tournament have not yet been received from B.A.S.S. Hotel reservations at the Quality Inn, Kodak, TN are in place. UPDATE* Links to docuSign tournament contract and W9 from B.A.S.S. have been emailed to all state team members. Susan will be registering all team members. Sid is obtaining shirt sizes from members.
Rosters & Dues	All clubs have been renewed for 2023 prior to the February 15 th deadline. Motion to allow additional members to club rosters prior to the first tournament (March 31, 2023) by R5 Mike Bryant. Seconded by R7 Craig Owens. Roll call vote taken. Passed unanimously by members present.
2023 Fishing Expo	Sid thanked everyone who helped at the Fishing Expo. A lot of potential sponsorships for BNVA. Good help!
BASS Kayak Program	Will Brewer and Priscilla Johnson still serious about getting a Kayak trail started. One "Open" tournament can send 10% on to Nationals or 10% membership if a trail is started. Another group decided against it due to \$30 Nat'l/\$10 State dues. They wanted to know what the State will give back to the Kayak in return for the State dues. Suggestions discussed – 50% to kayaker going to Nationals. No decision made.
State Sponsors	2023 Alliance Program still not confirmed: Triton; Mercury; Lowrance, Motorguide. Sid has reached out sponsors:

911 Custom Lures	Product donations for youth this year.
A&W Welding	Services (Jim Sampson)
Angler's Choice	Battery giveaway not confirmed
Balsax Fishing Line	Product discount 30% w/code VABassNation30
Budget Mobile Outboard Repair	Monetary donation for member new Mercury motor purchases (Craig Owens)
Cabo Fishing	Apparel (Chris Merritt)
Cashion Rods	50% off. Melanie has # and forms
Clarksville Chamber of Commerce	\$250 deposit. Spoke with Jeff Jones & Mary Willis.
Glass Baron	glass for raffles (Ivan Morris)
Graves Mountain Lodge	Sample jellies and weekend giveaway for raffles
Microtel Hotel South Hill	Discount for Nation members (youth, college, adult)
Missile baits	Product donations (John Crews)
Rapala	One time discount code for state team
TH Marine	30% off for state team and board members
The Prop Alert	8 Prop covers (4-"Caution" and 4-"BNVA logo") met w/Sid & Mike @ Angler's Choice
Zebco	50 rods for youth and discount on rods for state team from Quantum not confirmed

UPDATE on sponsors*: Graves Mountain is in for the Weekend Giveaway but will not be able to provide sample jellies due to lack of jars. Cashion rods returned Sid's call. Sid requested 1-2 rods per tournaments. Cashion to respond.

New Business:

2023 Bylaws Update

A redline version of amendments approved at the January meeting and incorporated together with the clean copy were emailed to all members prior to the board meeting. The clean copy was included in the board meeting package. Roll call vote of members present: 9 for, 1 against - R6 Chris Merritt motioned to amend Article 8 section 29 TIES to read "All ties occurring in the final point standings to be broken first by total weight not including dropped tournament, second by of total number of fish weighed in not including dropped tournament, and third by flip of a coin." Motion to amend seconded by R5 Mike Bryant. This motion to be taken back to regions and vote will be taken prior to first tournament. Sid noted that during last conference call with BASS, Hank Weldon stated the BNC is planned to be in October every year going forward.

2023 B.A.S.S. Nationals

The official dates for 2023 BNC have been changed to October 17-20. Our fourth tournament is Oct 21/22. Due to required participation at BNC by board members and VA's State Team winners, motion by TD J.T. Williams to move our 4th tournament to October 28/29. Seconded by R6 Chris Merritt. Roll Vote of members present: 9 for, 1 abstain. Passed.

Mr. BASS Entries

Mr. Bass entry form was included in board meeting package and is posted on the website. Tournament meeting at Parkview HS gym discussed due to fees. Cici Carroll joining Mecklenburg County Chamber of Commerce and may get fees waived. All approved to reserve the Parkview HS gym whether or not fee is required for March 31st Mr. Bass

tournament meeting. Also discussed there is no requirement for copies of boat insurance. Random checks will occur at tournaments.

President's Topics

- Cost to wrap state trailer to be investigated.
- Cabo Fishing apparel can provide 48 shirts for resale with BNVA logo at approximately \$1000. R10 Bruce Shepherd motioned to approve. Seconded by R5 Mike Bryant. Passed.
- NC Anglers F1 largemouth bass stocking 2 fingerlings \$1. Offering matching \$3 to every \$1. Motion by CD Melanie Barrow to spend \$200 from conservation budget toward F1 program. Seconded by R2 Ray Tweedy. Passed.
- Request to purchase rods at Classic for raffles. R7 Craig Owens donated \$300 to purchase rods.
- Request to allow expense allowance to state team members not staying at team contracted hotel denied by board.

Conservation BASS Aftco sponsor gives 10% of sales to conservation so purchase Aftco products. Grant cycle ends March 15. TN conservation is starting a riverfront "Adopt an Access". Melanie plans to begin with 2 times/year. Also Melanie notes there is spotted bass virus and asks to track if you see one by measurement on a ruler with picture.

Facebook Send pictures to Abby Ryan to post.

Youth New scales, laptop and tournament software upgrade purchased. College Championship

Scholarship Scholarship funds are enough to allow for increased recipient amounts and/or number for 2023. Reminder that any dependent of a Nation member is eligible.

Report from Directors and VP:

R2 – Region tournament April 30 on Smith Mountain Lake

R3 – Schedule set starting March 26. Combined R3/R6 tournaments

R4 – Absent

R5 – Schedule set. Recent SML tournament took 13 lbs in 3 fish to win. Facebook page access to any board member who asks. Only posts relative to club, region or state allowed.

R6 – Schedule set starting March 26 w/Region 3. New Bass/state changes well received.

R7 – Schedule set starting Mar 11 on Gaston. Lost one club – Princess Anne due to changes.

R10-Alabama bass continue to be a problem. Request the Bass Opens on our waters be added to the calendar.

VP – All good.

Tournament Director –

Conservation – Fish habitat project starting through NC as VA is quite difficult to work with.

Youth – Request by Jack to spend \$700 to buy rods at the Classic. Approved. Jack reports kids sunk a bunch of xmas trees. A couple new clubs in the southwestern part of the state looking to join. Jack asking kids to run fish for adult tournaments and the BASS Open.

Next board meeting – August 20, 2023. Pizza Pub, Clarksville 9:00am

Meeting adjourned 12:12pm.