



B.A.S.S. Nation of Virginia, Inc.  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 2023  
Pizza Pub, Clarksville, VA

The meeting was called to order 9:15am by Sid Ryan, President

Present:

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

Also Present: Karla Babcock  
Abby Ryan

Minutes: Minutes from the last meeting included in board meeting package. Motioned to approve by R6 Chris Merritt, Seconded by R2 Ray Tweedy. Passed.

Treasurer Report: Current balances summary, trial balance, balance sheet and profit and loss statements for this fiscal year through July 31<sup>st</sup> included in board meeting package. Motioned to approve by R2 Ray Tweedy, Seconded by R6 Chris Merritt. Passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

2023 STATE TEAM	Sid reported on State team event, member complaints, and overall experience. State Team winnings \$6250 received. Discussion regarding division of state team winnings resulted in Motion by R6 Chris Merritt, Seconded by R5 Mike Bryant to split the total winnings among the 21 team members participating. Passed. Request by R6 Chris Merritt for protocol in place for future state teams going to Nationals.
2023 NATIONALS	Kevin Walton and Larry Witt to represent Virginia at Lake Hartwell in October. Sid and Jack will attend for BNC Presidents and Youth Directors meeting.
2023 JR/HS COLLEGE	Jack reported on JR and HS nationals events, winners and overall experience. BASS has asked all Youth Directors to discuss how reduce number of boats going forward. There were 480+ boats. Youth Directors will have conference call with BASS on Wednesday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
CLUB ROSTERS	Roster management will close September 1st and re-open by October 1 <sup>st</sup> . BASS counts members on August 31 to determine how many teams each state will be allowed going straight to Nationals. Based on our number last August, we have 5 teams going to 2024 Nationals. Our current membership is 390 which may keep us at 5 teams for 2025 Nationals. Youth club rosters for the 2023/2024 season being accepted now.
2023 STATE SPONSORS	The board led by Sid has worked diligently to build our state's sponsor list. To date, our sponsor list includes: Cabo Fishing Apparel Glass Baron – glass for raffles Missile Baits – Product donation Budget Mobile Outboard Repair – Monetary donation for member new Mercury motor purchases A & W Welding - Services Microtel Hotel South Hill – discount code for rooms The Prop Alert – Product donation (8 prop alert covers)

Balsax Line – 30% discount for all members  
Angler's Choice - batteries  
Graves Mountain Lodge – Weekend giveaway

Prospective sponsors: Larry Witt/Blue Mountain – monetary donation and a youth advisor called about DropZone weights/Ratlin' Dropshot possible sponsor

Bassmaster.com percentage discounts available. Enter last name and BASS #.  
Mercury is dedicated to BASS Nation and will have Alliance package expected to be better.  
Details to be announced at BNC. Current oil discount discussed. Sid will submit request for free 3 cases oil for state and for youth. Motion by R5 Mike Bryant, Seconded by VP Steve Woodroof to purchase 20 cases of oil to sell. Passed. Sid will submit order.

2023 #4 tournament

The State Championship Tournament (#4) will be on the James River out of Osborne Landing.

Break: 10:10am

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Prospective Members

Sid discussed calls received from prospective members looking for clubs. Thanks to region directors for their assistance with placing these callers. Quite a few from DC area received.

B.A.S.S. Quarterly Meeting

Sid reported on 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly BASS conference call. Highlights include:  
National dues to be \$30 across all venues of BASS (adults, youth, college, kayak)  
BNC National off-limit deadline changed to September 18.  
State Presidents, Youth Directors and their spouses invited to BNC; only 1 room paid  
BASS 2024 Schedules expected at BNC. Regionals early registration planned for November 28 (tier 1), followed by life members (tier 2), then everyone else (tier 3).  
\$750/team entry

Discussion regarding 10 boater and 10 non-boater early bird codes to the BASS regional assigned to Virginia. A state contract will be implemented with a \$100 deposit to receive a code. Deadline to inform the state of not using code shall be November 5<sup>th</sup> next board meeting date. Upon proof of registration, state will refund the \$100 commitment fee. Impress upon members that a code not used is lost and is not refundable nor transferable.

Fall Classic Entry Forms

Entry form has been posted. Deadline for forms/fees to be mailed to Susan is September 11, 2023

Officer Nominations

Nominations for Vice President and Youth Director now open. Nominations will close next Board meeting. Both Steve Woodroof and Jack Babcock have agreed to stay on for another term if no one or more nominations are submitted. To date, no nominations submitted.

2024 Tournament Schedule

Suggestion for dates and waters:  
Mar 16/17 on Smith Mountain Lake  
Apr 20/21 on Lake Gaston  
Sep 21/22 on Chickahominy River  
Oct 26/27 on Kerr Reservoir

R7 Craig Owens contested that Munden Point and/or Potomac was not considered. A final schedule will be voted on at the November 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting. BASS dates should be announced at the BNC October 16/17.

Need to add a college tournament preferably in March during spring break period.

Conservation

Melanie absent. Sid reported renewal of DWR grant coming up. Brunswick Academy awarded a grant for fish habitat on Gaston. AFTCO gives 10% of sales to conservation – Purchase AFTCO items.

Youth

New divisions for 2023/2024 season. North, West and Central.  
Tournament schedule proposed per division:  
North: September 10 Lake Anna  
October 7/8 Kerr Lake  
April 14 Chickahominy

West: October 7/8 Kerr Lake  
March 9 Smith Mountain Lake  
April 6 Philpott Lake

Central: September 9 Lake Gaston  
October 7/8 Kerr Lake  
April 14 Chickahominy

Junior State Championship May 4/5 Kerr Lake  
Scholarship & Fun Tournaments June 8/9 Kerr Lake

Scholarship/Facebook

Abby Ryan reported that 5 applications were submitted for the scholarship. Three awards were given at \$1000 each. Balance in scholarship account to be over \$5,000 for 2024 awards. Send pictures to Abby Ryan to post.

#### NEWS FROM THE BOARD:

Region 2: Good. Have set 2 of their 2024 regions already.

Region 3: Couple clubs may pull together. All regions completed for 2023.

Region 4: Three of five regions completed for 2023.

Region 5: R4 and R5 may combine.

Region 6: Chris reiterated hope his questions are not offensive. Goal is participation at tournament.

Region 7: Open tournament September 10<sup>th</sup> at Bob's Fishing Hole in Chesapeake w/cookout and raffle to follow.

Region 10: Absent

VP: Good

CD: Absent

TD: Good. Fixed trailer roof leak.

YD: Good.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by R7 Craig Owens, Seconded by R5 Mike Bryant. All approved. Adjourned 12:09 pm.