

B.A.S.S. Nation of West Virginia

General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2019

The following Board members were present:

Dion Bright	Tony Keller	Todd Layne	Ken Hackworth
Ed Vozniak	Mike Moore	Jerod Harman	

1) The General Membership Meeting minutes of the March 9, 2019 General Membership meeting were presented. John Trunk moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Randy Cutright seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

2) The votes for the expiring Board of Directors seats were counted and those elected are as follows:

President-----Ken Hackworth
Secretary Treasurer-----Ed Vozniak
Conservation Director-----Jerod Harman
Northern Delegate-----Mike Moore
General delegate-----Tony Keller

The elected officers will begin their terms on January 1, 2020.

3) Ed Vozniak presented the General Fund financial data as of September 30, 2019.

4) Dion Bright discussed the following youth activities.

- a. Fewer boats fished the youth tournaments in 2019.
- b. There were 38 boats at the last tournament at Stonewall Jackson Lake.
- c. Fifty boats will fish in the youth State Tournament.
- d. The team champions from the youth trail will go to the Nation Tournament.
- e. Raffle tickets for a propeller and for a gun safe with eight guns are being sold.

5) Jerod Harman presented the Conservation Fund financial data as of September 30, 2019. Jerod also discussed the following conservation activities:

- a. A fish habitat project planned for Tygart Lake in 2020.
- b. At Stonewall Jackson Lake, trees will be cut and anchored in the lake for fish habitat.
- c. BNWV is participating in a fisheries study being conducted on the Ohio, Monongahela, & Kanawha rivers. It will address the recent decline in bass being caught and recommend possible solutions.

Jerod Harman discussed the WV Wanton Waste Law and the impact on handling dead fish at our tournaments. The complete Conservation Report is available on the "Conservation" tab on the BNWV web site.

6) Ken Hackworth congratulated & recognized the 2019 State Team on their performance at the BASS Nation Regional tournament at Sebago Lake in Maine. They finished in seventh place out of sixteen teams. Jay Phillips and Chris Morrison will advance to the BASS Nation Championship on Lake Hartwell, SC.

- 7) Ken Hackworth announced that the 2020 BASS Nation Southeastern Regional tournament will be at Lake Okeechobee in Florida the last week in January 2020. Ken has made lodging reservation for the team.
- 8) Ken Hackworth reviewed the major changes to the State Team Agreement.
 - a. Team member(s) withdrawing from the Team after Team shirts have been ordered must reimburse BNWV the cost of their shirt(s) within 30 days of withdrawal. Failure to do so will result in a 2-year ban from all BNWV draw tournaments
 - b. Team Member(s) withdrawing from the Team after receiving their supplement money must return all BNWV monies received to BNWV by February 1, 2020. Failure to do so will result in a life-long ban from BNWV.
 - c. Team prize or monies awarded will be used to reimburse BNWV for the costs of fielding the Team. Any surplus amount will be shared equally among all Team Members.
 - d. BNWV will provide arrangements and pay for 2 Team Members sharing a hotel room during the tournament week. Team Members opting to bring a guest will be reimbursed at ½ of the cost of the BNWV-provided rooms and must make their own lodging arrangements.
- 9) Ken Hackworth reminded the members that harassment in any form is not tolerated and is subject to the Angler Code of Conduct section of BNWV Tournament Rules.

10) The 2020 meeting dates are as follows:

Board & State Team Meeting-----January 11, 2020

Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting-----March 14, 2020

Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting-----October 16, 2020

The meeting locations and times will be posted prior to each meeting.

11) The following 2020 tournament schedules were prepared:

Qualifiers:

Southeast Region-----Stephens Lake -----September 19

Western Region-----Kanawha River-----September 26

Northern Region-----Mon River-----October 3

The clubs from the regions attending the General Membership Meeting selected the location of the Qualifiers.

State Championship Tournament:

Summersville Lake-----October 17 and October 18

The clubs from the Southeastern Region selected the location of the State Tournament.

12) Joe Carroll moved that the meeting adjourn. Ben Nowalk seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.