

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

## Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2019

The following Board members were present:

Dion Bright	Tony Keller	Dana Brown	Todd Layne	Ed Powell
Ken Hackworth	Tyler Webb	Ed Vozniak	Mike Moore	Jerod Harman

- 1) The Board of Directors Meeting minutes of the January 19, 2019 Board meeting were presented. Tony Keller moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Dana Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- 2) Ken Hackworth reported on the following sponsors:
  - a. Marion County Commission - Presenting Sponsor
  - b. 304 Lures - Southern Opens Series Sponsor
  - c. Gallia County CVB - Tournament Sponsor
  - d. TD'S Shaky Heads, The Great Outdoors Marine, Par Mar Stores, Precision Pipeline - Official Sponsors
  - e. Express One Del. Svc., McCall's Marine - Supporting Sponsors
  - f. AFTCO will be added to the web site and State Team shirts.
- 3) Mike Moore presented the idea of having an Elimination Dinner in January or February of 2020 to raise funds. After a discussion, an exploratory committee was formed to research the project. The following Board members are on the committee:
  - Mike Moore
  - Dana Brown
  - Dion Bright
  - Jerod Harman
  - Ken Hackworth
- 4) Tyler Webb reported that all Southern Open Series tournament permits were approved. A tournament banner was designed by and purchased from Safety Caution Eq. in Charleston.
- 5) Dion Bright reported on the following Youth activities:
  - a. He, Dana Brown and Ken Hackworth met with Kanawha County Schools' Superintendent and high school principals to discuss youth fishing clubs
  - b. Youth anglers assisted with the Christmas tree project at Tygart Lake
  - c. May Brothers donated cinder blocks for the spider block restoration project at Tygart Lake
  - d. Dylan Fitzgerald, Trevor Albanese, and Sam Ambrose are the BASS Nation All American selections from West Virginia
- 6) Jerod Harman discussed the following Conservation items:
  - a. Trees will be cut at Stonewall Jackson Lake to provide fish cover
  - b. Beginning this year at Stonewall Jackson Lake, anglers fishing a registered bass tournament are excluded from the daily creel limit of one black bass (smallmouth, spotted and largemouth) 18 inches or longer.
  - c. WVDNR, WVU, and WVDEP will be conducting studies to improve river fishing on the Mon, Kanawha and Ohio Rivers. BNWV will also be involved.
  - d. WVDNR is placing trees and sculpting banks at Summersville Lake to improve fish habitat
  - e. WVDNR now has a modified pontoon boat that can be used to install fish habitat (trees/spider blocks) all year round and they want to acquire a second boat

- f. New weigh-in bags have been purchased and are ready for use.
  - g. Star City is working on bank restoration, additional parking and the handicap pier
  - h. Discussed the WVDNR tournament permitting process
- 7) Ed Vozniak moved that approved Board travel will be reimbursed at the current IRS standard mileage rate. Dana Brown seconded the motion. After a brief discussion the Board voted on the motion. The motion passed with nine votes in favor and one against.
- 8) Ken Hackworth discussed the following State Team items:
- a. A payment for the lodging at Point Sebago Resort is due in April.
  - b. The mandatory State Team meeting is August 17
  - c. Sponsor data for the State Team shirts is due before June 15.
  - d. 1 member has withdrawn from the Team. New member is 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Chris Morrison.
- 9) Ken Hackworth reported that, after multiple option votes by BASS Nation State Presidents, the new BASS Nation Regions have not been announced.
- 10) Tony Keller moved that the meeting adjourn. Ed Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.