

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

## General Membership 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 General Membership Meeting minutes of the October 12, 2018 General Membership Meeting were presented.  
Jerry Burkhart 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) Ed Vozniak presented the 2018 Financial Statements.
- 3) 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.
- 4) There is now an entry fee of \$50 per competitor at our Adult State Championship. There will be no payback. These funds will be used to support our State Team.
- 5) 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
- 6) Tyler Webb reported that he received all of the permits for Southern Open Series. A banner to display at the tournaments was designed by and purchased from Safety Caution Equipment in Charleston. Tyler also reviewed the tournament schedule, entry fee and payout.
- 7) Dion Bright reported on the following Youth activities and rule changes:
  - a. Youth anglers assisted with the Christmas tree project at Tygart Lake. Six to eight hundred Christmas trees were placed in the lake.
  - b. Reviewed the 2019 tournament schedule

- c. A Tygart Lake spider block restoration project is scheduled for March 23.
- d. May Brothers donated cinder blocks for the spider block restoration project at Tygart Lake
- e. There will no more "Time Outs" at the youth tournaments.
- f. The college teams will fish in the BASS Nation State College Championship tournament at Tygart Lake on June 8.
- g. Dylan Fitzgerald, Trevor Albanese, and Sam Ambrose are the Bassmaster All-State selections from West Virginia.
- h. One team for every fifty teams that fish the High School Team Trail will go to the High School National tournament.
- i. Two teams will go to the High School National tournament from the High School State tournament.
- j. College teams from Glenville State College, Marshall University, Fairmont State University and West Virginia University will compete in the College State Championship at Tygart Lake on June 8.

8) 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 will begin shocking fish on Monday and Tuesday so as not to interfere with weekend fishing activities.
- d. He and Ken Hackworth met at Stonewall Resort State Park with biologists from WVDNR, WVDEP, and WVU to discuss plans to conduct studies to improve river fishing on the Mon, Kanawha and Ohio Rivers
- e. WVDNR is placing trees and sculpting banks at Summersville Lake to improve fish habitat
- f. 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
- g. New weigh-in bags have been purchased and are ready for use.
- h. Contact your Congressmen and Senators and express your concern about the entry of E-15 gasoline in the marketplace.
- i. Plan to attend the WVDNR sectional meeting in your area. They do want, listen and react to your input.
- j. Star City is working on bank restoration, additional parking and the handicap pier.

9) Ed Powell discussed the following items:

- a. Proper fishing etiquette and ramp procedures
- b. The Adult Buddy Trail, Qualifier and State Championship schedules.
- c. Requested that members send in their Buddy Trail entry fees early. They can receive a refund for any prepaid entry fee if the refund is requested by the Wednesday before the scheduled tournament.

10) Ken Hackworth discussed the rationale used to select Buddy Trail tournament locations.

11) 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.

12) Ken Hackworth reported that BASS is in the process of reconfiguring National Regions. After multiple ballot options and voting by State Presidents, our new Region is still unannounced.

13) Ed Powell moved that the meeting adjourn.

Dana Brown seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.