

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

## Board Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2020

The following Board members were present:

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

- 1) The Board of Directors Meeting minutes of the January 11, 2020 Board meeting were presented. General Delegate Tony Keller moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented.  
Youth Director Dion Bright seconded the motion.  
The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- 2) President Ken Hackworth reported that he requested [REDACTED] from The Marion County Commission to support our activities at Palatine Park in Fairmont. Marion County Commission is also providing funds for stocking bass in the Mon River. Conservation Director Jerod Harman will coordinate the stocking activity with the supplier and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

- 3) Ken Hackworth reported on our sponsors for 2020.

There are commitments for 2020 from the following parties:

### Official Sponsors

Marion County Commission  
Mountain State Waste  
McCall's Marine  
The Great Outdoors Marine

### Supporting Sponsors

Express One

- 3) Ken Hackworth reported on our fundraisers.

Mercury Rebate (purchased by Ed Powell for \$1000)  
Mercury Prop (purchased by Jerod Harman for \$300)  
Trolling Motor (selling for \$850 + shipping, if applicable)  
Alliance boat sales leads (graduated scale)

Ken is developing a partnership plan with an Official Sponsor for Alliance Nitro boat sales leads. Tentative plan is to reimburse the Official Sponsor for purchasing a 1-year BASS membership for a non-member Nitro boat buyer that may culminate in a sales lead.

Jerod Harman discussed the possibility of a Cast and Blast event at Stonewall Jackson Lake.

The possibility of an Elimination Dinner was discussed.

- 4) After a long discussion about tournament times, Tournament Director Ed Powell moved that the Adult Buddy Trail Series tournament hours will be from 6:30 am to 3:30 pm. and the second day of the Buddy Trail Championship will end at 2:30 pm.

Tony Keller seconded the motion.

The motion passed with eight votes in favor and one against.

- 5) The number of Regional Kayak State Qualifying Tournaments (KSQT) was discussed. There will be three of them as planned.
- 6) Jerod Harman reported on the items presented at the Conservation Summit held during the Bassmasters Classic in Birmingham, Alabama. He also reported on the WV Wanton Waste law.
- 7) After a long discussion, Jerod Harman moved that any dead fish weighed at a tournament will be returned to the angler that brought them to the scales after it is weighed. Any fish that die in the holding tank will be distributed to the tournament crew.

Dion Bright seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 8) Dion Bright reported on the following Youth activities:
  - a. The State Championship tournament for the youth will be on April 26 at Summersville Lake. The National tournament may be at Kentucky Lake.
  - b. The Fall youth tournament schedule is posted on the BNWV web site.
  - c. Prizes at the youth tournaments will be plaques, rods and reels instead of cash.
  - d. A Cast for Kids event for special needs children is scheduled on July 17 in Grafton. They need volunteers and donations.
  - e. The gun safe and guns raffle was very successful. The winner, Mike Moore of Buckhannon, donated a gun to BNWV to be raffled for the Youth activities.
  - f. BNWV members will assist at the Great Outdoors Marine Open Youth Tournament planned for April 19.

- 9) Ken Hackworth reported on the following request:

The Black Diamond Girl Scout Council has requested BNWV Adult volunteers to conduct a Basic Fishing Training Class for their Adult volunteers at Camp Rocky Ledge in Milton on Saturday, May 10.

- 10) Tony Keller moved that the meeting adjourn.

Vice President Dana Brown seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.