

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

General Membership 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 General Membership Meeting minutes of the October 18, 2019 General Membership meeting were presented. Jerry Burkhart moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Rick Hamer seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.
- 2) Sec/Treasurer Ed Vozniak presented the 2019 Financial Statements.
- 3) President Ken Hackworth recognized the following members that volunteered to help with several 2020 BASS Nation of WV (BNWV) Conservation Projects.

WVDEP / Boy Scouts of America Christmas Tree Recycling Event @ Capitol Market

Todd Layne – BNWV Western Delegate
Grant Michki -- Mountaineer Bassmasters
Ken Hackworth – BNWV President

Renegade Bassmasters East Lynn Lake Project

Brian Mowdy - President
Kevin Cole - Conservation Director
Mike Linville -- HS Boat Coach
Caleb Linville -- Cabell-Midland HS
Seth Christian
D.R. Beckner

Wreaths Across America @ WV National Cemetery / Tygart Lake Project

Jerod Harman - BNWV Conservation Director
Mike Moore - BNWV Northern Delegate
Henry Chisholm -- Gettin' Jiggy Bassmasters
Paul Isner - Gettin' Jiggy Bassmasters
Dustin Hollen -- State Team member
Bo Hollen Jr. -- Bassmaster Championship Contender
Kenny Anderson -- Gettin' Jiggy Bassmasters
Trey Anderson -- Gettin' Jiggy Bassmasters
Gary Ross -- Bassmaster Team Championship Contender
WVU Bass Fishing Team
Mark Garner -- Appalachian Bassmasters
Dion Bright - BNWV Youth Director
Ron Flowers -- West Virginia Bassmasters
Dana Brown - BNWV Vice President

- 4) Conservation Director Jerod Harman reported on the following items:
- a) "Alabama" bass were illegally transported and stocked at Lake Norman. This resulted in lower tournament weights at the lake.
 - b) The Tygart Lake Wreath Recycling project was very successful.
 - c) The WVDNR habitat barge is working on several fish habitat projects. The WVDNR is negotiating to purchase another one.
 - d) The Ohio River Study project is continuing.
 - e) Discussed the WV Wanton Waste law and how BNWV will comply with it at our tournaments. 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.

- 5) Vice President Dana Brown recognized the members of the 2020 State Team:

Mike Spurlock (State Champion)
Bert Collins
Steve Hinkle
Tyler Webb
Alan Fluharty
J.C. Christopher
Brian Fitzgerald
John Smith
Dion Bright
Gary Dennis
Brian Hill
Shawn Ferguson
Dustin Hollen
Brandon Tallhamer
Jimbo Collins
Steve Jackson
Tim Boothe
Chad Brinegar
John Trunk
Gene Bailey
Randy Huffman.

- 6) Youth Director Dion Bright reported on the following Youth activities:
- a) The Jr. Bassmaster/HS/College State Championships tournaments will be on April 26 at Summersville Lake. The HS 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 Adult members will assist at the Great Outdoors Marine Open Youth Tournament planned for April 19 @ Summersville Lake.
- 7) Ken Hackworth reported that there will be three Regional Kayak State Qualifying Tournaments (KSQT).

- 8) Ken Hackworth reported that 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.
- 9) Asst. Kayak Tournament Dir. Shane Raines reported on the Kayak Tournament Division activities and answered questions from the members.
- 10) Ken Hackworth announced that the new BNWV website is up and running. The Message Board has been discontinued because of on-going security and access issues. Members may use the BNWV Facebook page and planned Members-only Forum group to view and post messages.
- 11) Tournament Director Ed Powell reported on the new tournament hours for the Adult Buddy Trail Series. The Buddy Trail 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.
- 12) Randy Toler moved that the meeting adjourn.
Steve Jackson seconded the motion.
The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.