

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

Board Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2019

The following Board members were present:

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

- 1) The Board of Directors Meeting minutes of the October 12, 2018 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 State Team items:
 - a. Anglers that dropped from and added to the 2019 State Team.
 - b. Sponsor discounts were setup for the Team members.
 - c. Cash awards instead of boats will be awarded at the National and Regional Championships.
 - d. Alliance product orders must go through the President.
 - e. The lodging arrangements for the Regional Championship in Maine will permit anglers to bring their spouses.
- 3) Ken Hackworth reported that he has signed an Agreement with B.A.S.S. that authorizes our 2019 Adult Buddy Trail as a participating 2019 B.A.S.S. Nation Team Trail and reported on changes to the B.A.S.S. Nation Team Trail. Beginning in 2019, there is no entry fee for eligible B.A.S.S. Nation members to register for the B.A.S.S. Nation Team Trail. Members that fish our Buddy Trail will be eligible for and entered in the B.A.S.S. Nation Team Trail. B.A.S.S. Nation of WV (BNWV) can send one team to the Bassmaster Team Championship for every 20 teams that compete in our Buddy Trail/B.A.S.S. Nation Team Trail. The list of eligible members is due at B.A.S.S. on June 1.
- 4) Ken Hackworth reported on 2019 Alliance activity. The 2019 Alliance forms and information are late. They normally arrive in November. Academy is no longer a presenting sponsor for B.A.S.S.
- 5) Ken Hackworth reported on the changes to the Regional Championships. Starting in 2020, there will be six Regional Championships instead of the current three. B.A.S.S. has not yet determined which states are in our Region. Ken requested that West Virginia be in a region that is no further north than New Jersey, further south than South Carolina nor further west than Tennessee.
- 6) Tyler Webb discussed our Southern Opens Series Sponsored by 304 Lures.
 - a. All tournament dates are approved except the Lake Moomaw tournament in Virginia.
 - b. Sponsor will pay for the tournament awards and add \$█████ for the payouts.
 - c. Anglers can use Alabama rigs when fishing these tournaments.
- 7) Ken Hackworth reported on the following items:
 - a. The 2019 Weigh-in Assistants Agreement is ready.
 - b. The 2019 Buddy Trail tournament entry form was updated and is on the website.
 - c. Tyler Webb, Dana Brown & Dion Bright have been added as Editors on the BNWV Facebook site.
 - d. If you compete in 2 or less Buddy Trail tournaments, the Buddy Trail Championship entry fee is \$250.
 - e. An article about Dylan Fitzgerald, our current High School Team State Champion and Adult State Champion, will soon appear in BASS Times.
 - f. Dion Bright has replaced Tim Mitchem as our representative on the Upper Mon River Assoc. (UMRA) Board of Directors.
- 8) Ed Vozniak moved that BNWV create an Immediate Past President position within the organization. The position would be non-voting and for a term of one year. The Immediate Past President would participate in Board meetings, continue to be included in Board communications and be available to assist the President. The Immediate Past President will help to provide a smooth transition when leadership changes occur in the organization.

Dana Brown seconded the motion.
The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 9) Ed Vozniak presented the BNWV 2018 Financial Statements and the proposed Budget for 2019. There was a lengthy discussion of the 2019 State Team expenses.
Ken Hackworth moved that the 2019 BNWV Budget provide funds for the State Team to go to the 2019 Regional Tournament at Sebago Lake in Maine. Funds will be provided for lodging, tournament entry fees, travel fuel, boat fuel and \$100 for travel lodging.
Dana Brown seconded the motion.
The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- 10) Ken Hackworth moved that the entry fee for the BNWV State Championship tournament be \$50 and there would be no payback for the tournament.
Tony Keller seconded the motion.
The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- 11) Ken Hackworth reported on the following Sponsor items:
- a. BNWV has officially requested \$ [REDACTED] from the Marion County Commission to stock bass in the Monongahela River at Fairmont.
 - b. BNWV has officially requested \$ [REDACTED] from the Marion County Commission for sponsorship of the BNWV Buddy Trail Championship Presented by Marion County, the Northern Open Sponsored by Marion County and the HS Team Trail Tournament Sponsored by Marion County. Ken, Dana Brown and Jerod Harman plan to attend the January 30 Commission meeting.
 - c. Gallia County Convention and Visitors Bureau has agreed to pay BNWV \$ [REDACTED] for sponsorship of our Buddy Trail tournament & HS Southern SQT at Gallipolis, OH.
 - d. Due to excessive sponsorship requirements, BNWV will not continue to have Solar Bat as a sponsor.
 - e. Two new Official Sponsors may join BNWV this year.
- 12) Ken Hackworth moved to sell the BNWV electronic leader board to the Trail of Dreams for not less than \$ [REDACTED].
After a brief discussion the vote was as follows:
The motion passed with eight votes in favor and one against.
- 13) Jerod Harman reported on the following Conservation items:
- a. --Line and lure collection stations at local lakes.
 - b. --Stonewall Jackson Lake and Tygart Lake projects.
 - c. --The need for a larger-capacity live-release trailer and its cost. It will cost an estimated \$15,000 to build a 600 to 700 gallon-capacity trailer. Jerod will continue his research and search for a more economical alternative.
- 14) Dion Bright reported on the following Youth Program items:
- a. --Dion, Dana Brown and Ken Hackworth will meet with the Kanawha County Schools Superintendent and high school principals on March 6 to discuss high school bass fishing clubs.
 - b. --High School, College and Jr. anglers will fish separate State Championship tournaments in 2019.
 - c. --The Nation Championship tournament will be held in August.
- 15) Jerod Harman moved that the meeting adjourn.
Dana Brown seconded the motion.
The motion passed by a unanimous vote.