

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

Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2017

The following Board members were present:

Jerod Harman	Tim Mitchem	Tony Keller	Dana Brown	Ed Powell
Dave Helmick	Ken Hackworth	Tyler Webb	Mike Moore	Ed Vozniak

- 1) The Board of Directors Meeting minutes of the October 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Ken Hackworth moved to accept the minutes as presented. Jerod Harman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.
- 2) Ken Hackworth reported on the items discussed at the President's meeting held at the BASS Nation Championship. They are as follows:
 - We can now use our previous format prior to 2016 to qualify our State Team.
 - TH Marine and Academy Sports were announced as new sponsors.
- 3) Dana Brown reported on youth activities discussed at the Youth meeting held at the BASS Nation Championship. There were no new rule changes.
- 4) Dana Brown reported on the following Youth items:

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 - The December 31, 2016 bank balance is \$ [REDACTED].
 - We can send 4 High School and 2 Junior teams to the Youth National Championship at Kentucky Lake.
 - The high school group will have a booth at the Morgantown Sportsman Show.
 - Eleven new high schools expressed interest in forming clubs at the Charleston Hunting and Fishing Show.
- 5) Jerod Harman reported on Conservation activities.
 - A progress report on the Stonewall Jackson Lake Project.
 - The Burnsville Lake cages need repaired.
 - The Corps of Engineers wants some line and lure disposal stations like the ones that we placed at Stonewall Jackson Lake.
 - May have summer tournaments to raise funds for Upper Monongahela River Association (UMRA)
 - The "Friends of Reservoirs" membership will be renewed.
 - Work with the DNR to change the Stonewall Jackson Lake fishing regulations.
 - There is a DNR Commission meeting in their Charleston office on February 12.

- 6) Tim Mitchem reported on the following items:
 - We were losing Mayo Tree Service and Ohio River Outdoors as sponsors.
 - The Corps of Engineers is a study on the Monongahela River locks. Legislators are working to get the study stopped.
 - Bob Burgess said that Trail of Dreams, will donate \$1,000 to the Youth fund if a BNWV team wins the Best of the Best tournament. He will speak at the BNWV March 18 meeting to answer questions about the Best of the Best tournament.
- 7) Ed Powell reported on the following items:
 - The DNR has approved all of our tournament dates.
 - Fish weighed in at Stonewall Jackson Lake that are greater than 17 inches in length and have a clipped tail will be treated as an 18 inch bass.
 - Starting tournaments at "safe light" was discussed. No action was taken.
- 8) There was a discussion about how to increase participation at Bass Nation of WV (BNWV) open tournaments. Tim Mitchem moved that if there were 20 boats in the tournament, the first place team of a BNWV open tournament would be awarded a free entry to the 2018 Buddy Trail tournaments, if they were BNWV members in good standing for 2018. This free entry would only be awarded to the first place team. Ken Hackworth seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.
- 9) The following Open tournaments are currently scheduled.
 - Bluestone Lake—March 25
 - Mon River-----October 7
- 10) Negotiating a host fee from the local Convention and Visitors Bureau at the State Tournament location was discussed.
- 11) The Buddy Trail Championship was discussed.
 - The Marion County Commission is the prime sponsor of the Buddy Trail Championship.
 - The payout for the Buddy Trail Championship will be 80% of the tournament fees for the tournament plus 100% of designated sponsor revenue.
- 12) Jerod Harman proposed that the Buddy Trail top three teams for 2017 receive an additional monetary award. After a discussion the proposal was tabled. We need to have more data on the funding available for these payments. It will be discussed at the March 18, 2017 Board Meeting.
- 13) Dave Helmick moved that if a team fished less than 2 of the 2017 Buddy Trail tournaments before the Buddy Trail Championship, the entry fee for the Buddy Trail Championship is \$250. Jerod Harman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.
- 14) Ed Vozniak presented the 2016 financial statements.
- 15) Ed Vozniak presented the 2017 Budget. After a review of the 2017 Budget, it was adopted.
- 16) Tim Mitchem moved that the meeting adjourn. Tony Keller seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.