

## ***BASS Nation of WV Board of Directors Meeting***

1-15-2022

Days Inn at Flatwoods, WV

In Attendance: Ken Hackworth, Dana Brown, Jerod Harman, Dion Bright, Ed Powell, Tony Keller, Randy Huffman, and Todd Layne

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Hackworth at 12:20pm.

1. **Previous meeting minutes** were discussed.

A- Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Tony Keller and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dion Bright. All voted in favor.

2. **Board of Director Elections** to fill unexpired Board positions, the following changes were made::

A- Dana Brown to Youth Director (Nominated by Ken Hackworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Powell)

B- Ed Powell to Vice-President (Nominated by Ken Hackworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dana Brown)

C- Randy Huffman to Tournament Director (Nominated by K. Hackworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Powell)

The motions were discussed and approved by all.

3. **Tournament Procedures Review**

A- Ed Powell discussed anglers who qualify for the State Championship and the implications when anglers back out.

B- There was a motion made by Randy Huffman "To eliminate changes to the State Championship competitor roster 1 week prior to the State Championship. Emergency situations can be taken into consideration by the Tournament Director." The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Hackworth and then approved by all.

C- Jerod Harman made a motion "To increase the size of the State Championship field from a maximum of 120 anglers to 140 anglers." The motion was discussed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dana Brown and voted in favor of by all.

D- Jerod Harman mad s motion that "All dead fish remain the property of the angler after the weigh-in." This motion had been made in 2021 and had been approved. Harman rescinded his motion.

4. **Miscellaneous**

A- Ken Hackworth discussed the State Sponsorship program for the 2022 season. He also discussed the Alliance Program and the associated company's involvement.

B- The BNWV General Acct will be transferring \$1000 to the Conservation account in continued support of the program

C- We received a check from Mercury Marine.

- D- The Tournament Trailer sponsors were discussed
- B- Doug Wood will continue as Tournament Asst. through the 2022 season`
- C- A memorial for Christine Wood was discussed and would be unveiled later in the day at the BNWV banquet.
- G- Gary Sapp has been helping the BNWV through his guide service in Florida.

**5. Financials**

- A- Ken Hackworth has been helping with the banking and financial work while Ed Vozniak recuperates from an illness.
- B- The banquet is an investment in our members of the organization.
- C- Payments by PayPal is doing good.

**6. Conservation**

- A- Wreath collection will be at the WV National Cemetery in Pruntytown on 1/29/22 beginning at 8am. We are taking approximately 2500 wreaths to refresh existing structures at Tygart Lake in Feb/March.
- B- Christmas trees will also be installed in Tygart Lake again in 2022
- C- March 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> is the Bassmaster Classic Conservation Summit meetings for Conservation Directors and DNR Fishery Chiefs in Greenville, SC. WV DNR's Mark Scott will be attending. Jerod Harman made a motion for travel to be approved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Hackworth and approved by all.
- D- Next WV DNR Commission meeting is Sunday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Charleston office. There should be an update from the DNR on the Navigable Rivers Study.
- E- BNWV Conservation will have tickets for a G. Loomis rod and a custom Buck 110 at the banquet on 1/15/22

**7. Youth**

- A- Dana Brown stated that Bo Hollen and Ari Clark will be fishing during the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Bassmaster Classic and on the Classic stage.
- B- The BNWV Collegiate and Jr. / High School State Championships have been separated and will be on their own specific dates
- C- Two Spring and 2 Fall tournaments are scheduled in 2022. Also, Lake Hartwell will be in July and Carrol County in September or October this year.
- D- "Cast for Kids" is a program that Jay Yelas is involved with, and we plan to bring this to WV. One of these will be at Tygart Lake in 2022. The Tygart event will be from the shoreline. If other events are scheduled, we may need volunteers to bring boats.

**8. State Team**

- A- Lodging reservations are made and state team agreements are sent out and due on 1/15/22
- B- Hats are being ordered for the 2022 State Team.

**9. BNWV Kayak Division**

- A- Kayak Tournament Director Shane Raynes was unable to attend today, but Ken Hackworth discussed our Kayak Division plans for 2022.
- B- Ken Hackworth will appoint an Asst. Kayak Tournament Director soon.
- C- There will be 3 Trail Events planned for the 2022 season.

**10. Banquet**

- A- Set up for the banquet will begin as soon as the meeting is complete.
- C- We anticipate 100+ members and their families to be on hand.
- D- The main purpose is to celebrate our accomplishments and build the relationship with our membership.

**11. Adjournment**

- A- The motion to adjourn was made by Dion Bright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dana Brown and approved by all.

**Minutes recorded by Conservation Director Jerod Harman**