B.A.S.S. Nation of West Virginia General Membership Meeting Minutes October 14, 2022

The following Board members were present:

Dion Bright Dana Brown Ken Hackworth Jerod Harman

Randy Huffman Tony Keller Ed Powell

1. President Ken Hackworth welcomed all members in attendance.

2. The General Membership Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2021, were presented. Ed Powell moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as presented. Tony Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. 2023 Meeting dates are as follows:

January 14 – BOD

March 11 – BOD and General Membership

October 13 – BOD, General Membership, and State Championship

Meeting locations and times will be posted prior to meetings.

4. 2023 Adult Tournament Schedule (pending WVDNR approval):

Children's Home Society of WV – Summersville Hope, Line, & Sinker Tournament – May 7 @ Summersville Lake (CHS applies for WVDNR permit)

Buddy Trail Series (dates/locations chosen by BOD)

April 15 – Stonewall Jackson Lake @ Marina ramp

May 6 – Summersville Lake @ Battle Run ramp

May 20 - Kanawha River @ Charleston

June 3 – Ohio River @ Ravenswood Presented by City of Ravenswood

June 17 & 18 – Buddy Trail Series Championship @ Palatine Park Presented by Marion County Commission

Opens (dates/locations chosen by regional Delegates)

July 8 – Northern Region: Mon River @ Palatine Park Presented by Marion County Commission

July 16 – Western Region: Kanawha River @ Nitro

September 9 – Southeastern Region: 5th Annual Fall Classic @ Summersville Lake @ Battle Run ramp

SQTs (dates chosen by regional Delegates, location by regional clubs)

September 23 – Northern Region: Mon River @ Palatine Park Presented by Marion County Commission

September 24 – Southeastern Region: Stephens Lake

September 30 – Western Region: Sutton Lake

<u>State Championship</u> (chosen by respective regional clubs on a rotating region basis. Southeastern clubs selected for 2023, Western will for 2024, Northern will for 2025)

October 14 & 15 – Summersville Lake

5. Children's Home Society of WV Summersville

Ken Hackworth urged our members to compete at the Hope, Line, & Sinker benefit tournament and to help raise much-needed funding for the important and beneficial mission of CHS.

6. Board of Directors Election

The votes for expiring Board of Directors offices were counted and those elected are as follows:

Vice President: Ed Powell

Tournament Director: Randy Huffman

Youth Director: Dana Brown

Southeastern Delegate: Tyler Webb

Western Delegate: Todd Layne

The elected officers will begin their new terms on January 1, 2023.

7. Conservation

Conservation Director Jerod Harman spoke at length of the issues concerning fishing access for our members and tournament anglers in general.

8. Official Sponsors & Supporting Sponsor

Ken Hackworth thanked our current Sponsors for their support and urged our members to support our Sponsors:

Marion County Commission

City of Ravenswood

Ferguson's Great Outdoors Marine

Dock Talk WV

Trail of Dreams Tournament Series

Freedom Outdoors

Gauley River Rods & Repair

Academy Sports + Outdoors

Peoples Bank

BHE GT&S

9. Freedom Bucks

Ken Hackworth announced that our Official Sponsor Freedom Outdoors will award \$500 at each of our first four 2023 Buddy Trail Series tournaments and \$1000 at our 2023 Buddy Trail Series Championship to the highest placing finisher competing out of a boat that the finisher purchased from Freedom Outdoors.

10. Academy Sports + Outdoors

Ken Hackworth announced that Academy's new Barboursville location will have their Grand Opening on November 19 & 20. Academy will also be offering our members a 20% discount coupon for use during two Shop Weekends per year (dates TBA).

11. 2023 Awards Banquet

Youth Director Dana Brown announced that our Banquet will be held January 14 at Days Inn & Suites Flatwoods. Dana is arranging a buffet-style dinner with pricing TBA. Dana will be awarding plaques to our High School and Junior Bassmaster tournament and Series Champions. Ken Hackworth announced that he will be awarding plaques to our 2023 State Team members. We will have silent auction items, raffles, and door prizes for attendees.

12. Youth

Dana Brown spoke about the continuing success of our Youth Program and the importance of volunteers and fundraising to further our Program.

13. Adult Tournament Rules

Ken Hackworth announced that our BNWV Adult Tournament Rules are now posted on our website.

14. Adjournment

Northern Delegate Dion Bright made a motion to adjourn. General Delegate Tony Keller seconded the motion. Ken Hackworth announced that the Meeting was adjourned.