

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

1-14-2023

1:00 pm Day's Inn, Flatwoods, WV

In Attendance: Ken Hackworth, Dana Brown, Jerod Harman, Dion Bright, Ed Powell, Randy Huffman, Tyler Webb

*The meeting was called to order by President Ken Hackworth at 1:00pm.*

1. **Kayak Division** – Ken Hackworth

- A- Discussed the prior year's BNWV Kayak Division lower than expected participation.
- B- Jerod Harman made a motion to "***Suspend the BNWV Kayak Division effective 1/15/23***".
- C- The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Huffman and a unanimous vote in favor by the board.

2. **Online Club Registration and Dues** – Ken Hackworth

- A- Ken Hackworth moved that "***Club dues shall be paid online or at the March General Meeting.***"
- B- Ed Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and all voted unanimously in favor.

3. **Online Tournament Registration** - Ken Hackworth and Randy Huffman

- A- Ken Hackworth and Randy Huffman discussed tournament registration and the complications with previous methods.
- B- Hackworth moved to "***Accept online tournament registration/fees or at the March membership meeting only. Deadline for registration & entry fee(s) is 11:59pm Tuesday prior to each tournament.***"
- C- Dion Bright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and was passed unanimously.
- D- Huffman moved to "***Increase Buddy Trail Series entry fee to \$125 per tournament and Buddy Trail Championship buy-in to \$315,***" Hackworth 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Tournament Procedures** – Randy Huffman

- A- *Boat Insurance* – Ken Hackworth moved ***that "Boat Insurance must be presented to the tournament director before the start of the tournament for boats #1 and #2 and presented by the winning team at the end of the tournament"***. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Huffman and all voted in favor.
- B- *Landing Nets* – Randy Huffman moved that "***Nets will not be permitted for landing bass during the BNWV Qualifiers and the State Championship***". The motion passed by a 6-1 vote.
- C- *Non-penetrating cull tags*- The use of cull tags was discussed by the board, and Ken Hackworth moved that "***The BNWV will only allow non-penetrating cull tags***", Dana Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed with a 6-1 vote.
- D- *Weigh-in Scales* – The board discussed weighing fish by pounds and hundredths versus pounds and ounces. The discussion was tabled and more research will be done.
- E- *Weigh-in Computer Operation* – The board discussed the tournament director's responsibilities during the weigh-in, and decided that it would be best to not have the tournament director tied up at the computer. We will add another person to help, and that person can be paid \$100 for computer operation daily during tournaments.

- F- Discussion with WV DNR – The board discussed the new WVDNR tournament policy. Ultimately, the BNWV Board is discouraged by the new policy and the DNR has verbally stated they will work reasonably with tournament organizers this year.
5. **Financial** – Ken Hackworth  
A- The 2023 Budget was submitted by Ed Vozniak.  
B- The budget was emailed to the board and discussed during the board meeting.
6. **Wil Dieffenbauch** - Ken Hackworth  
A- Wil Dieffenbauch earned a berth in the 2023 Bassmaster Classic through the BNWV.  
B- Dion Bright moved that “**Effective for the 2023 season, a BNWV member that qualifies for the Bassmaster Classic through the BASS Nation shall be awarded an exemption to participate that year’s BNWV State Championship**”.  
C- The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Powell and passed with a 6-1 vote.  
D- Dion Bright moved that “**BNWV donate \$500 to Wil Dieffenbauch.**” The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Hackworth and passed unanimously.
7. **Conservation Report**– Jerod Harman  
A- Jerod Harman provided a BNWV Conservation report.  
B- Work from 2022 and the upcoming 2023 projects were discussed.  
C- Harman offered to aid the next BNWV Conservation Director after 2023.
8. **Children’s Home Society Tournament** – Ken Hackworth  
A- The CHS Tournament will be at Summersville Lake in April. Will need volunteers to assist.
9. **Youth** - Dana Brown  
A- BNWV Youth tournaments have been approved by the WV DNR.  
B- Attending Charleston, Morgantown, and Flatwoods sports shows.  
C- Has tickets for a 1) Guided trip on Okeechobee with Gary Sapp and 2) a rifle.
10. **Tournament Payouts** - Ed Powell and Dion Bright  
A- The Board discussed concerns from a few members about the payouts at the Buddy Trail tournaments. On some events, the BNWV is paying more than they are receiving for that event, and others do create a profit. The profit benefits the State Team and the costs associated with running the organization. “Presented by” BTS tournaments will have an enhanced payout.
11. **2023 Plaques**  
A- Ken Hackworth would like to present all plaques at the 2024 Awards Banquet in January.
12. **2023 State Team**  
A- Present plaques during the January Awards Banquet.  
B- Engrave finishing positions for Winner and Runner-Up, and all others will be "State Team".  
C- Most 2023 state team members have already secured their lodging.
13. **Banquet Duties**  
A- Board members and other volunteers will help with specific duties during today's banquet.
14. **Adjournment** -  
A- A motion to **Adjourn** was made by Dana Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tyler Webb and approved by all present.

