

B.A.S.S. Nation of West Virginia (BNWV) General Meeting Minutes

10/13/23 @ Quality Inn Summersville: 7:00pm

1. **Welcome** – President Ken Hackworth opened the meeting with discussion of upcoming agenda items.
2. **Gen. Meeting Minutes 3/11/23** – Shawn Ferguson made a motion to dismiss reading of previous meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Joe Carroll.
3. **Board of Directors Election** – Ballots received from active clubs were tallied by Ken Hackworth and Tournament Director Randy Huffman. Results are as follows:
 - i. President: Ken Hackworth. Unopposed
 - ii. Sec./Treasurer: Todd Layne. Unopposed
 - iii. Conservation Director: Matt Myers. Unopposed
 - iv. General Delegate: Tony Keller. Unopposed
 - v. Northern Delegate: 19 – Dustin Hollen, 3 – Scott Panas.
4. Ken Hackworth expressed his and our organization's gratitude for out-going Conservation Director Jerod Harman's and out-going Sec./Treasurer Ed Vozniak's long-tenured dedicated service to our members.
5. **2024 Meeting Dates**
 - a. BOD/Awards Banquet: January 13
 - b. BOD/Gen: March 16
 - c. BOD/Gen/State Championship: October 11
6. **Adult Tournament Schedule (pending WVDNR approval):**
 - a. 4/13 – Stonewall Jackson Lake @ Marina
 - b. 5/04 – Summersville Lake @ Battle Run
 - c. 5/18 – Kanawha River @ Charleston
 - d. 6/01 – Ohio River @ Ravenswood – Presented by City of Ravenswood
 - e. 6/15 & 6/16 – Buddy Trail Series Championship Presented by
 - f. Marion County Commission– Monongahela River @ Fairmont (Palatine Park)
 - g. 5/05 - Summersville Lake (Children's Home Society of WV)
Opens
 - h. 4/20 - East Lynn Lake
 - i. 6/22 - Stonewall Jackson Lake
 - j. 9/15 - Summersville Lake
SQTs (selected by clubs in their respective Region)
 - k. 9/21 - Ohio River @ St.Marys (Northern)
 - l. 9/22 – Summersville Lake @ Battle Run (Southeastern)
 - m. 9/28 - Ohio River @ Gallipolis (Western)
 - n. **State Championship (selected by Western Region clubs)**
 - o. 10/12 & 10/13 - Kanawha River @ Charleston
7. **Youth Program** – Youth Director Dana Brown and JJ Dickens led discussion of not scheduling a Youth tournament at the same location following an Adult tournament.
 - a. JJ's reasons for not scheduling included attending school on Mondays and tough fishing after Adult tournament on Saturday.

- b. Dana reasoning is that Sundays were selected to prevent conflict with youth sports on weekends.
8. **Off Limits Period** – Group discussion led by JJ Dickens, Josh Milam, Jay Phillips, Shawn Ferguson, Ed Powell, et al.
- a. Would like to see off limits period from Monday prior to tournament until start of tournament for all BNWV tournaments.
 - b. Ken Hackworth announced that all opinions would be considered and further discussion would occur.
9. **Restructuring Regions** – Jay Phillips and Ken Hackworth led the group discussion.
- a. Jay would like to realign regions to prevent the Western from having 60+ boats. Would like to see all regions balanced to avoid crowded waters for SQTs.
 - b. Ken stated that realignment would require a change to Bylaw Article V. Ken then stated that Bylaw Article V also gives the Board of Directors the authority to assign clubs to a Region.
 - c. Ken announced that the issue will be an Agenda item at the 1/13/24 BOD Meeting.
10. **Adjournment** – Ken Hackworth asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawn Ferguson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Joe Carroll.