

BASS Nation of WV Board of Directors Meeting

March 16, 2024

NG Armory, Gassaway, WV

In Attendance: Ken Hackworth, Ed Powell, Randy Huffman, Tony Keller, Dustin Hollen,
Matt Myers, Dana Brown

1, Welcome

President Ken Hackworth opened the meeting with discussion of upcoming agenda items.

2. Board of Directors Special Election

Due to a vacancy in the position of Secretary/Treasurer, President Ken Hackworth called for a special election to fill the vacancy. Kevin Postalwait was nominated by Vice President Ed Powell to fill the vacancy of Secretary/Treasurer. Nomination was seconded by Conservation Director Matt Myers. Kevin Postalwait was elected unanimously by all present voting in favor. Kevin Postalwait is the new Secretary/Treasurer.

3. Financials

The Board members discussed the financial state of the organization moving forward. It was reported the organization has hired a CPA firm to assist with financial matters which include the following:

- a. The CPA has now secured the organization in good standing with the WV Secretary of State and the WV Treasurer's Office.
- b. The CPA will assist with regaining our nonprofit status moving forward.
- c. The CPA will assist with the continuing payment of WV Sales taxes as required by state law. The organization must now collect IRS Form W-9 from anglers and any angler receiving over \$600 shall receive an IRS Form 1099.
- d. Change address with the WV Secretary of State to reflect the new address of current Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Postalwait.
- e. Assist in drafting a budget for the next fiscal year and making sure we have the appropriate line items per request of Tournament Director Randy Huffman and agreed upon by the Board of Directors.
- f. Ken Hackworth made the following motions: that the office of President no longer have access to financial accounts; that the office of Vice President be given access to all financial accounts (General, Youth, and Conservation) in the event the

Secretary/Treasurer is unable to act; that the office of Secretary/Treasurer be given access to all financial accounts; that Southeastern Delegate and current Webmaster Tyler Webb be given access to all financial accounts for the ability to transfer PayPal monies into each respective account from our website; that the office of Conservation Director be given access to Conservation financial account; and that the office of Youth Director be given access to Youth financial account. Motions were seconded by Tournament Director Randy Huffman. The motions carried.

h. The last checks to be written before the change will be for the awards banquet, rent for the armory space for today's meeting, and an Official Sponsor banner.

i. Randy Huffman recommended limiting expenses to only essential business expenses. The Board agreed. Ken Hackworth suggested that the President and Youth Director not attend the 2024 National Leadership Meetings during the BNC and the 2024 HS/Jr. National Championships. The Board agreed.

j. Erie Insurance premiums were paid for this year and the Conservation Director and Secretary/Treasurer will work together to see what insurance options might be available for next year to make sure we are adequately covered and to see if there are any cost-saving options that offer the same or additional coverage.

k. Finally, there was discussion regarding approved travel and the need to break expenses and income into line items for better budget tracking in the future.

4. Sponsors

The following list of sponsors are on board for the year thus far:

a. Marion County Commission in an amount to be determined.

b. City of Ravenswood \$2,500 General and \$[REDACTED] Youth

c. Prim Law \$[REDACTED]

d. Great Outdoors \$[REDACTED]

e. People's Bank \$[REDACTED]

f. Freedom Outdoors \$[REDACTED]

g. Ed Powell, Powell Electric \$[REDACTED]

h. Gauley River Outfitters—[REDACTED]

i. Gary Sapp Guide Service—[REDACTED]

j. InnerAction Media—[REDACTED]

k. Buggy's Baits—[REDACTED]

5. Presenting Sponsor Payout

The Board tabled and will revisit the issue.

6. Conservation

Conservation Director Matt Myers gave a report on Conservation efforts. A lake cleanup is scheduled for March 23, 2024, at Bulltown Recreation area at Burnsville Lake from 9am to 12pm with a focus on youth attendance and participation. A discussion was also had regarding Chestnut Tree planting at Burnsville later this year as a Conservation opportunity. The Conservation Director will continue to look for fundraising, sponsorship, and projects as the year moves forward.

7. Adult Tournament Plaques

Tournament Director Randy Huffman led a discussion about receiving plaques at the tournament rather than at the end of the year even though the plaques given at the tournament will not be personalized. The Board decided to give plaques at the ramp after the tournament and to keep the new style of wooden plaques for this year.

8. Youth

Youth Director Dana Brown noted that dues have been raised to be on par with the Adult dues and that payment of Youth dues does cover participation in the adult tournaments. Ken announced that on April 26, 2024, at 8 pm there will be a Light Up the Capitol event and B.A.S.S. Nation of West Virginia Youth and Adults are encouraged to be at the event and wear their jersey to show support for child abuse prevention.

9. B.A.S.S. Nation Championship Funding

The Board of Directors tabled and will revisit the issue. Two BNC contenders have dropped, and Ken is awaiting invitation replies from alternates.

10. Off Limits Period Areas

The Board discussed which areas on the river tournaments would be off limits. The Board decided on the Mon River the entire River and tributaries would be off limits. On the Ohio River, tournament waters would be defined at the pool in which the tournament is launched plus two locks in any direction meaning you would have to lock through three times to be out of tournament waters. Maps will be marked and uploaded to the web page so anglers know which waters will be considered tournament waters and will, therefore, be off limits for the weekdays prior to any tournament. The tournament water of any lake shall be the entire navigable waters of the lake.

11. SQT & State Championship Fees

A discussion was held concerning entry fees for qualifying tournaments & State Championship. A motion was made by General Delegate Tony Keller to have an entry fee of \$25.00 for each qualifier and \$25.00 for the State Championship. Dana Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

12.Items from the Floor

Discussion was held about polygraphing during at least one tournament during the year. It was determined the Tournament Director would pick a minimum of one tournament in which a polygraph would be administered. The Board believes that having a polygraph performed would enhance the integrity of our organization and sport.

Discussion was had from the floor about changing the Fall General Meeting to a different location and date. The issue was tabled and will be revisited.

13.Adjournment

Ken Hackworth asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Myers made a motion to adjourn. Ed Powell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.