

BASS Nation of WV Board of Directors Meeting

February 8, 2024

Luzaders 3 Girls Diner Conference Room, Flatwoods, WV

In Attendance: Ken Hackworth, Randy Huffman, Kevin Postalwait, Matt Myers, Lyle Atkins, Dana Brown, Tony Keller, Dustin Hollen, John Cooper

1. Welcome. President Ken Hackworth opened the meeting with discussion of upcoming agenda items and thanking BOD members for their service to members.
2. Financials: Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Postalwait announced the balance of current accounts and informed the members of the balance sheet and the profit and loss statement from last year. Discussed the overall financial condition of the organization. Ken Hackworth made motion that IRS W9 forms must be completed & submitted before prizes are awarded. Seconded by Tournament Director Lyle Atkins. Motion carried unanimously. Forms will be available in the Tournament Trailer.
3. State Championship Dates: Championship dates are currently October 11 and 12, 2025. Ken Hackworth made a motion that the upcoming 2025 State Championship move to the Spring of 2026 to align with BASS Nation Championship date. Vice President Randy Huffman seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.
4. One Day Practice Period: Discussion on the issue. Ken Hackworth made the motion that the issue will be presented in the March General Meeting, and the Board will revisit the issue during our Fall BOD Meeting prior to the 2026 Team Trail Series tournament #1. Motion Seconded by Youth Director Dana Brown. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Sponsors: Discussion about sponsors for upcoming season. We are actively seeking additional sponsors and appreciate the support of our former and current sponsors.
6. Tournament and Live-Release Trailers: Update by Dana Brown. Dana informed us that we received an 8.5 x 24 feet car hauler enclosed trailer donated by Mace's Pharmacy in Phillipi, WV in memory of Michael Moore and Braden Short. The trailer may be traded for another trailer. 2 entities are interested in purchasing our current tournament trailer. Goal is to get a trailer with a stage. Best Trailers has offered a discount on a stage trailer. [REDACTED] for new stage trailer without discount. Approx. [REDACTED] for trailer we just received. Money dedicated to trailer will need to be earmarked. This will all be funded by donations.

General Delegate Tony Keller recommended a longer chute be installed on the current tank for the first year.

7. Youth: Update by Dana Brown. HS/Jr/ National Championships date/location hasn't been released by BASS.
8. Mon at Morgantown Youth Benefit Tournament. Update by Dana Brown. Locks will be open and available for an open tournament on the Mon River on the Saturday of Memorial Day. Will use Fort Martin Boat Ramp. \$125 entry fee. 3 people are allowed per boat.
9. Elimination Dinner: Update by Northern Delegate Dustin Hollen. February 22, 2025, is the date for the dinner with a 250-ticket limit at \$30 apiece. Bidding on baskets, live auction. Raffle Tickets will be sold. Being held at the Daily Grind in Buckhannon, WV.
10. Open Tournaments Off Limits: Ken Hackworth made the motion that Off Limits periods will not apply to open tournaments. Dana Brown seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Conservation: Update by Conservation Director Matt Myers. Burnsville Clean-up is set for 26th of April 2025. Matt made the motion for a random-draw \$100 Conservation award at each Team Trail Series tournament for teams weighing all-alive bass and an end-of-season random-draw \$500 Conservation award for teams weighing all-alive bass at all Team Trail Series tournaments. Ken Hackworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Male/Female Restrooms: Board Member Kevin Postalwait discussed men going into women's bathroom. Ken Hackworth mad a motion for an Adult Tournament Rules addition that competitors using restrooms of the opposite sex during the tournament day, including prelaunch and post weigh-in, is grounds for disqualification. Motion was seconded by Lyle Atkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13: Team Trail Series Championship: Discussion about qualifying for the Championship. Randy Huffman made a motion that a team must pay entry fees for all Team Trail Series tournaments to qualify for the Team Trail Series Championship. Seconded by Ken Hackworth. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Team Trail Series: Ken Hackworth moved that the 2026 Team Trail Series tournament #1 begins on October 11, 2025. Lyle Atkins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Boater Safety Course: Randy Huffman and Tony Keller are attempting to schedule an in-person class with WVDNR.
- 16: Tournament Procedures: Lyle Atkins discussed receiving counsel from former Tournament Director Randy Huffman.

- 17: Opens: Western Delegate John Cooper discussed ideas for increasing participation.
- 18: BASS Nation Championship Qualification: Discussion by all.
- 19: Insurance Requirements: Lyle Atkins discussed options to gather boat proof of insurance from members.
20. New Team Incentives: Lyle Atkins discussed a possible tournament comprised of 3-boat teams of 4 max competitors competing with other boat teams for a 100% payback.
- 21: Co-Anglers: Lyle Atkins discussed ideas to increase the amount of club co-anglers.
22. Clubs Changing Regions: Lyle Atkins and Ken Hackworth discussed clubs changing Regions. Ken reminded that clubs had the opportunity to change Regions in 2024 and 2 clubs made a change. Ken also reminded that clubs are not permitted to change Regions based on their desire to compete at a different SQT location than the location their Region pre-selected, that members may join another/additional club to compete in that club's SQT, and that members may compete in 1 SQT only.
- 23: Bylaws Article II: Lyle Atkins discussed involving BNWV in the Light Up the Capitol event and ideas to show support for our community.
24. Items From The Floor: Tony Keller discussed ages 16 yrs & up youth members joining adult clubs to increase our adult membership. Increasing adult membership may allow BNWV to maintain/increase the amount of our members automatically qualifying for the BASS Nation Championship. Matt Myers and Randy Huffman discussed conducting a big-bass tournament.

The March meeting will be held at Luzader's 3 Girls Diner on March 15, 2025.

25. Adjournment

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