

BASS Nation of WV Board of Directors Meeting

October 11, 2024

Holiday Inn, Moundsville, WV

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

1, Welcome

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

2. Acceptance of previous minutes: Motion made by Kevin Postalwait to dispense with reading of previous minutes. Seconded by Dana Brown. Motion Carried.

3. Financials:

Update on amount of money in the bank accountants of general account, youth, and conservation accounts. Approval given for Ken Hackworth to order BNC competitor shirts in the amount of \$1,247.00.

A motion was made to give a stipend to those members that made the National Championship to pay a portion of lodging and fuel. Randy Huffman made the motion. Dana Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to supplement the Bass Nation Team Championship participants at the rate of \$500 per team. Ken Hackworth made the motion. Randy Huffman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Conservation

Conservation Director Matt Myers gave a report on Conservation efforts including the establishment of a conservation award. Director Myers is in discussions with Bass Pro Shops in Morgantown about an award for a drawing for a \$100 gift card for teams that present bass "all alive" at each tournament as well potentially a \$500 prize drawing at all events. These discussions are ongoing and no final decision has been reached and no board action is needed at this time.

Conservation Director Myers also floated the idea of establishing a "High School to College Conservation Scholarship" for high school seniors fishing our youth trail. Director Myers is working on getting funding for a scholarship program and that work is ongoing.

5. Future Meeting Dates:

Meeting dates for 2025 were discussed and set as follows:

January 11, 2025 (postponed to February 8 due to travel conditions)

March 15, 2025

Ken Hackworth moved that fall meeting not be on the same date as the State Championship which Ben Nowak seconded. Motion Carried. The fall meeting is TBD at this time.

6. Team Trail Dates:

Dates for the team trail are as follows subject to DNR approval:

April 12, 2025 Sutton

May 3, 2025 Stonewall

May 17, 2025 Summersville

June 7, 2025 Mon River @ Palatine Park

June 21,22 2025 Ohio River @ Ravenswood Team Trail Championship

May 18, 2025 Children's Home Society of WV Benefit Tournament

A motion was made by Ken Hackworth and seconded by Tony Keller to sponsor the National Guard tournament on Summersville Lake on April 30 thru May 1, 2025. Motion carried.

7. The board deferred scheduling the Opens tournaments at this time.

8. SQT and State Championship Tournament Dates:

Dates of SQTs were set with locations to be chosen at the next meeting.

September 20, 2025 Northern

September 21, 2025 Southeastern

September 27, 2025 Western

October 11 - 12, 2025 State Championship

Discussion was had about what the 2026 season will look like with B.A.S.S. changing the dates for the BASS Nation National Championship. This includes going to a two division state with a North/South which would require a by-law change and changing a

Board Member from the Southeast Division to a Media Director position. Also, discussions were had about lowering the number of anglers for the State Championship tournament.

9. Youth

Youth Director Dana Brown discussed the elimination dinner set for February 2025. Also, awarding of the fantasy fishing rods for winners of this year's fantasy fishing contest.

10. Items from the Floor

None

11. Adjournment

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