

BASS Nation of WV General Meeting

March 15, 2024

Luzaders 3 Girls Diner Conference Room, Flatwoods, WV

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

1, Welcome

Vice President Randy Huffman opened the meeting with discussion of upcoming agenda items.

2. Budget: Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Postalwait announced the balance of current accounts. Informed the members of the balance sheet and the profit and loss statement from last year. Kevin allowed members to view the financial statements but did not allow them to be kept by any member.

3. Conservation: Conservation Director Matt Myers updated on Conservation Award to be drawn at each tournament. \$100 per Team Trail Series tournament. \$500 for Team Trail Series end of year. Also updated on Burnsville Lake clean-up. Raffle ticket to be given to youth participants for each bag of trash for rods to be given away at the youth tournament in the amount of \$300.00.

4. Sponsors: Presenting: Prim Law Firm PLLC, City of Ravenswood, Marion County Commission; Official: Mace's Pharmacy, Hope Gas, Ferguson's Great Outdoors Marine; Ohio River Outdoors, Gary Sapp Guide Service: Supporting, Buggy Baits. The Board requested the members get involved with sponsorship requests and asked that if any member knows of anyone wishing to become a sponsor to refer them to a Board member to discuss options and support.

5. Youth: Youth Director Dana Brown discussed the upcoming youth tournament season. A discussion was had about youth involvement in both youth tournaments and adult tournaments. Director Brown discussed the availability of youth scholarship money for youth unable to afford costs and fees and encouraged the general membership to discreetly contact him or a board member if money is the only thing keeping a youth from fishing.

6. Tournaments: Tournament Director Lyle Atkins discussed upcoming tournament season and the use of bathrooms for male and female participants. An open discussion was held about ways to involve more members and to get more participation. A discussion was held from the general membership about changes to requesting boat ramp access at Belpre. Lyle encouraged any member to discuss issues with him regarding tournament procedures if they are unclear and for everyone to assist any new

members with launching and loading procedures if they have any questions and encouraged members to have fun and his hopes that everyone participating has fun and makes the tournaments an enjoyable experience for everyone.

7. Open Tournaments: Lyle Atkins, Northern Delegate Dustin Hollen, and Western Delegate John Cooper discussed Western Open on Kanawha River, called “West Virginia Biggest Affordable Tournament” and Northern Open on June 18 at Stonewall Jackson Lake. Members were asked to get the word out to attract new members and make the experience as close to a regular tournament experience as possible so that new participants would know what to expect if they decide to join a club or fish the Team Trail Series next season.

8. Fall Meeting Dates: November 1, 2025 for Fall Board Meeting at Luzaders at 10:00 a.m. for Board Meeting and 1:00 p.m. for General. Matt made motion. Lyle seconded. Vote Carried.

9. Floor Items: General Delegate Tony Keller discussed Coast Guard Boater’s Safety Class. Coast Guard will come teach the course anywhere we ask on whatever day we would like them to do it. In addition, Mon Valley Bassmasters President Dion Bright asked about whether off-limits period would continue and was informed it would for this season but would be revisited in the Fall. Dion requested more involvement of member and suggested something like a “doodle poll” on issues so that the general members could vote and be heard on issues, even though he understands the ultimate issues are up to the Board, but it would be a way to possibly get more member input in decisions. Discussions were had about youths fishing adult tournaments.

10. Adjournment

Randy Huffman asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Myers made a motion to adjourn. Kevin Postalwait seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.