

Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting
10/27/2018 Grand Lodge Resort, Wausau

President Kurt Scheer called meeting to order.

Roll Call taken by Becky Smyers,

- Present: Belle City Bass Anglers, Black Hawk Bass Casters, Last Cast Bass, Marshfield Bass Club, Midwest Bassmasters (by speaker phone Nathan Greawin), Racine County Bass Addicts 1,2,3, River Country Bassmasters, Rockford Hawg Hunters, State Line Bass Anglers, Team Interstate Bass, Wisconsin Valley Bassbusters

-Not Present: 4 Lakes Bassmasters, Anglers Edge, Bassassassins, Bayview Bassmasters, Black River Bassmasters, C&R Bass Anglers, Castlerock Bassmasters, Hartland Bass, Madison Bass Club, Northern Illinois Bassmasters, Packerland Bass Club, Park City Bass Anglers

-Clubs still listed on website that are not active: Antigo Bass Warriors, Beaver Dam Bass, Big Sacks, Cranberry Country, Iola Bass, Lake Ripley Lunkers, Shawano Red Neck Bass Busters, Skoolin Bass, Statewide Bass, Stevens Point Bass Busters, Tri-County Bass, we need to update website

Motion to accept meeting minutes from March reps meeting, motion accepted.

Secretary's report given, Becky Smyers

-All clubs must turn in either a conservation or youth project, volunteering at one of the qualifiers as release boat, bump fish, etc. will count. Please fill out sheet from downloads page and email or mail to Becky. Info is on the website. IF your club does not turn in a report, club will not be eligible to send a boater and co to NSF. Reports are due by January Reps meeting 2019 (date TBD).

Treasurers Report: Not given, Mike Watson not present

Conservation Report: Nathan Greawin given over speaker phone, had car troubles could not get to meeting:

-Spoke with Elane A. at the DNR office, they are looking for Water Action Volunteers to work along with UW to test streams, rivers and lakes. Some details of program are they are looking for either 2-3 people monthly(per body of water) approx. March-September to take water samples monthly, do test and then send in results. This would be done on the same body of water for the 6 month period. Testing takes approx.. 1 hour. We can set up a presentation for January reps meeting to go over all the details. Another great opportunity for conservation projects for clubs!!!

Youth Report: given by Jim Jones for Adam Barnard who was not in attendance

- Per Jim Jones, the 2 youths sent for JWC represented well
- Will be looking for volunteers again for Casting Kids at Fishing Expo in February
- No date or lake set for State Youth Championship
- Need more youth involvement

Vice president/tournament director report given by Chris Morgan:

- Chris will be stepping down as Tournament Director/VP

- We had 75 boats total participate in all 3 qualifiers

- Dates for 2019 Qualifiers

 - May 4, LaCrosse

 - June 1, Oconto

 - June 29, Lac DeFlambeau (Fence Lake for launch)

 - Mr. Bass, no date set yet, will be on Pewaukee, most likely in July and will be a 3 fish tournament

 - NSF, September 18-22, LaCrosse

- As always trying to boost participation and attention to TBF

 - thinking of running an open tournament for both TBF and non TBF members

 - could do as a team format or possibly even a Big Bass event, with 100% payback

 - any TBF members that would participate would go towards our total numbers for sending to NSF.

 - no lake or dates set yet, trying to not be so late in the year to draw interest in non-tournament anglers, could possibly get some media involved, could appeal to general public who have maybe been interested in tournaments but have never had a chance to participate in one.

 - will have a booth of some sort with info, and up to members to get around and talk to people that would be at the event that they do not know.

 - Tournament will be determined at January reps meeting.

Old Business Kurt Scheer:

- Trailer turned out very nice

- new aerators are working out well with new bag system

- have the mesh bags that go inside plastic bags, these were used at Mr. Bass and it helped weigh in to go much better.

New Business Kurt Scheer:

- We need updated rosters and emails for all clubs/members, especially important when sending out invites for NSF and any other email blasts.

 - these emails only go out to current active members

 - News from YWC and FLW Cup

 - state high school champions, TBF will now allow winners from each state to go to NSF, TBF will cover entry fee and states will pay membership fees

 - must be 16 years old and up

 - could be 2 extras co's if needed or add 2 more boats

 - several states are having issues with participation due to the auto entries per club for NSF

 - it was decided that each club will have to have a pro and a co represent at 1 qualifier, they can either link for 1 tournament or they can link with someone else if they cannot attend the same qualifier

 - Club dues are to be in by January 31st 2019 for at least 6 members of a club for the club to be considered active

-if your club is not active you will not be considered for any of the sponsor discounts
-dues must be postmarked by January 31st 2019
-discussed a penalty for clubs who are not active, we will not proceed with that at this time but it may be up for discussion again in the future if we continue to have problems with dues.

-Elections

-VP/Tournament director, nomination for Troy Shull, he will accept (was not present), nomination seconded, ran un-opposed. Troy will be our new VP/Tournament Director for the next term starting in 2019.

-Youth director, nomination for Adam Barnard, he will accept (was not present), nomination seconded, ran un-opposed. Adam will continue to be our youth director for the next term starting in 2019.

-Treasurer, Nomination for Jim Jones, Nomination for Mike Watson

-ballots will be mailed out to all club presidents, each member gets 1 vote, ballots to be returned to Secretary (Becky Smyers) by January 1st, 2019. Ballots will remain sealed and will be counted at January reps meeting.

-January reps meeting, Kurt Scheer will be looking into dates in January at Chula Vista and will get info out once he has everything set.

-Convention, we will go back to having in March on a Saturday evening and then reps meeting will be following Sunday morning. Most likely in early March at Chula Vista, Kurt Scheer will be working on date and will get info out once he has everything set.

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-Meeting adjourned by Kurt Scheer