

Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting
October 13, 2019 Cabela's, Madison

Interim president Becky Smyers called meeting to order.

Roll Call taken by Becky Smyers,

- Present: 4 Lakes Bassmasters, Bay View Bassmasters, Belle City Bass Anglers, Blackhawk Bass Casters, C&R Bass Anglers, Last Cast, Madison Bass, Midwest Bassmasters, River Country Bassmasters, Rockford Hawg Hunters, Stateline Bass, Team Interstate Bassmasters, Wisconsin Valley Bassmasters

-Not Present: Anglers Edge, Bass Assassins, Black River, Castle Rock Bassmasters, Heartland Bass Club, Packerland Bass Club

-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 Next Reps Meeting 2020(convention).

-All clubs must attend 2 out of 3 reps meetings per year to be considered in good standing, if you do not your club will not be eligible to send a boater and co to NSF. This is in our bylaws if you would like to reference.

Treasurers Report given: Jim Jones

-Have approx.\$46,000.00 total, this year to date total income before expenses is approx.. \$16,000.00, not completely accurate due to funds from last year that were sitting in pay pal that were transferred into our account.

-As of October 1, clubs can start turning in dues for 2020 season. Dues are due by January 1st.

Conservation Report given: Nathan Greawin

-Madison City parks is possibly trying to start collecting fee for any tournament that is ran out of city park such as Lake Farm, Nathan called one of the directors of parks department but could not get any answers on fees, fines, etc. Nathan will update if he finds out any new info.

Youth Report given: Jim Jones for Adam Barnard

-We had 2 boats at Youth State Championship

-Winners moving on to nationals are Braxton and Caleb Burke, Daryl Gibson was their boat captain. Will update with info for next years tournament at the next reps meeting.

-Will be looking for volunteers for Madison Fishing Expo, Feb. 28-March 1. Please email Adam with any questions.

Vice president/tournament director report given: none

- We currently do not have a Vice president/tournament director, clubs if you have a member who is interested we need to know by November 1 as we need to start submitting permits, etc. If there is more than 1 person nominated, we will be mailing out ballots, please contact Becky with any nominations.

Old Business : Becky Smyers

-working on convention with Chad Kline, will be looking into possibly doing something same weekend in Madison during fishing expo, possibly Portage as well, either way most likely will be end of February or March, will update once we have things finalized.

-we will be providing meals for top 10 pro's and co's from this season and any member who fished all 3 qualifiers, (we had 13 pros and 13 co's who did). This was voted on in March.

New Business : Becky Smyers

-Always looking for ways to improve participation at qualifiers. Some suggested lowering entry fees, motion was made but was not accepted, fees will stay the same at this time.

-A question was asked from a club in a situation where they have 18 members as to how many can be sent to NSF, 6 member club sends 1 pro 1 co, 20 member club sends 2 pro 2 co, etc. We have had clubs split in past to send more if they don't meet numbers criteria, however remember that means there will need to be separate reps to attend meetings, separate youth/conservation projects and a pro and co must fish 1 qualifier as well.

-Mr. Bass has had poor participation the last few years, talked about changing format, etc.

-Motion made to keep Mr. Bass as is for 2020, motion accepted.

-Elections for president: Chad Kline nominated and accepted, will be official at Convention but will work with Becky on any outstanding issues. Elections for Conservation Director, Nathan Greawin nominated and accepted, he will continue his position. Vice president/tournament director, no nominations at reps meeting, please talk to club members and get any nominations to Becky by November 1st. If we don't have a tournament director, we don't have any one to run qualifiers!!!

-For 2020. TBF will give \$10.00 to each State Federation for each NEW member over what they had the previous year. Dues still remain the same though.

-Tournament Committee met October 3. Lakes have been selected for qualifiers for 2020 and 2021, with NSF being hosted by our state in 2021. These are pending permit approval.

2020 Schedule:

-Qualifier #1- Lake Geneva, Saturday May 9

-Qualifier #2-Big Green, Sunday June 7

-Qualifier #3-Madison Chain, Sunday June 28

-Mr. Bass-Little Green, Sunday July 26

2021 Schedule: dates have not been selected yet

-Qualifier #1-Winneconne

-Qualifier #2-Pools 8,9,10. Launching out of Pool 9

-Qualifier #3-Sturgeon Bay

-Mr. Bass-Lake Puckaway

-NSF- Sturgeon Bay

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-Meeting adjourned by Becky Smyers