

Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting  
November 8, 2013, VFW Portage

President Chad Klein called meeting to order.

Roll Call taken by Becky Smyers,

- Present: 4 Lakes Bassmasters, Anglers Edge, C&R Bass Anglers, Castle Rock Bassmasters, Last Cast, Madison Bass, Midwest Bassmasters, River Country Bassmasters, Rockford Hawg Hunters, Stateline, Team Interstate Bassmasters, and Wisconsin Valley Bassbusters

-Not Present: Bass Assassins, Black River, Bay View Bassmasters, Belle City Bass Anglers, Black River, Blackhawk Basscasters, Heartland Bass Club, Madison Bass Club, Marshfield Bass Club, Northern Illinois Bass Club, Park City Bass Anglers, and Packerland Bass Club

-Motion to accept meeting minutes from October reps meeting, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and 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 Reps Meeting in March 20, 2021(convention).

Treasurers Report given: Chad Klein for Jim Jones

-Net income \$1082 including trailer purchase

-approx. \$45000.00 in accounts

-New trailer will be set up very similar to WABTA trailer, Mike Cottrell and Dave Van Ert have taken on that project.

-old trailer is for sale, \$3500.00, please contact Chad w/any questions or interest.

-As of October 1, clubs can start turning in dues for 2021 season. Dues are due by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Conservation Report given: Nathan Greawin

-Not much new info, DNR is behind on a lot of things due to Covid-19.

-Hunter safety is now being offered completely online, with a recommendation of a field day for those who have not handled firearms.

-With the pandemic, fishing became very popular, especially shore fishing so this is an opportunity to complete a conservation project that would be to do some clean up at parks, rivers, lakes where shore fishing is available.

Youth Report given: Chad Klein for Adam Barnard

-at the presidents meeting over the summer it has been changed to youth can participate in a club based by grade not age, for championship they can be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade but not in high school yet, (summer between).

-hotel rooms will no longer be paid for youth championship, hopes is to have as many youth participating as the high school fishing which is in the hundreds of kids.

-youth still must be part of a TBF club with 6 members

-never is there allowed to be only one adult one child in a boat, must be one adult two children

Vice president/tournament director report given: Jeremy Eckes

-In need of updating Tournament Keeper software for scales, running on system that is 11+ years old, approximate cost would be \$300

-a few of the many notable features: additional tie breakers than what was previously available, ability to send text directly from software for pairings, etc., email directly from software, allows use of monitor to live broadcast leaderboard, species tracking, payout structure, print checks (with a check printer), etc.

-with the above mentioned, also new laptop needed, again running on a system that is 11+ years old, but we could use old one for pump station if we were to upgrade everything else

-Jeremy will look into more details and we can discuss at January reps meeting

-How did the rules/pairings go via text, most people ok with it, talk about omitting in person rules/pairings evening before and doing brief rules in a.m. if needed or just do check in, kill switch, live well checks as we did this year.

-Need to update rules, current rules on website are not up to date

-motion to remove state/ones, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.

-suggestion is having a rules committee similar to tournament committee that is open to all members of federation, we may try to do one around either January or March reps meeting, can run along with tournament committee as well.

-talk of omitting 7% rule as it basically breaks down to sending only 2 spots qualified through cumulative standings, which is low given price point of fishing all 3 tournaments.

-Qualifiers for 2021, permits pending

-Saturday May 1, Winneconne, most likely out of Rainbow Park

-Sunday June 13, Sturgeon Bay, most likely out of Stone Quarry Park

-Saturday June 26, Pool 8,9,10, running out of Pool 9

-Mr. Bass, Saturday July 10, Lake Puckaway

-NSF, September 25, 26 Sturgeon Bay, Launch tbd

Old Business : Chad Klein

-not much due to Covid-19

-new trailer is not wrapped yet, ideas or places to complete work, please contact Chad and Jeremy

New Business : Chad Klein/Jeremy Eckes

-Need to have website updated, a lot of outdated info, TBF runs website so we will have to go through them for all of that once we have all changes to be made.

-Elections

-Youth director, Adam is stepping down, if you or another member is interested please contact Chad.

-Vice president/tournament director, Jeremy Eckes was nominated and accepted.

-Treasurer, Jim Jones was nominated and accepted.

-More from Presidents meeting this summer

-TBF/BASS clubs if you as a club hold a tournament (open), you must declare it as a TBF tournament or it will not be covered by TBF insurance.

-The Living the Dream package is a little different, you now will win the boat, get a set amount of money to fish any tournament trail of choice, preferably an MLF series but doesn't have to be.

-Each division winner will receive smaller package, money, etc.

-There are some job positions available through TBF, some relatively local some relocate to Oklahoma, please contact Chad for more info.

-Minnesota has a whole new board, they would like to move up date of NSF as to be able to fish for largemouth in Minnesota, this will not affect 2021 season. With the new board, we had a verbal agreement with past board to do the every other year on river, that may or may not stand now.

-Motion to change pre-fish end time for qualifiers/NSF to end at 5pm versus earlier times like in the past, Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.

-Motion to change back to receiving plaque or trophies for top winners versus paper and \$25 Cabelas card, Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.

-Will set up tournament committee meeting for next year along with try to run rules committee at the same time as to not have too many meeting that people have to attend.

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-Meeting adjourned by Chad Klein