

Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting
Zoom Live meeting, January 31, 2021

President Chad Klein called meeting to order.

Roll Call taken by Becky Smyers,

- Present: 4 Lakes Bassmasters, Bass Assassins, Belle City, Blackhawk Basscasters, C&R Bass Anglers, Hartland, Last Cast, Madison Bass, Midwest Bassmasters, Packerland Bass Club, River Country Bassmasters, Rockford Hawg Hunters, and Stateline

-Not Present: Anglers Edge, Bay View Bassmasters, Black River Bassmasters, Castle Rock Bassmasters, Northern Illinois Bass Club, Park City Bass Anglers, Team Interstate Bassmasters and Wisconsin Valley Bassbusters.

-Motion to accept meeting minutes from November reps meeting, motion 2nd and accepted.

Secretary's report given: Becky Smyers

-Not much, we will however waive conservation and youth projects for the 2020 season ONLY due to restrictions from pandemic. If your club was able to do something please still send projects to Becky via email or regular mail. We appreciate the work completed.

Treasurers Report given: Jim Jones

-At this time there is approx. \$51,000.00 in accounts. That number will change as most clubs have not paid dues yet.

-There will be detailed report available at convention reps meeting.

Conservation Report given: Nathan Greawin

-Not much due to pandemic, look for updates at convention reps meeting.

Youth Report given: Adam Barnard

-Not much, no date has been chosen for State Youth Championship

-talked about possibly running along with Mr. Bass, no final decision made at this time

-went over changes for ages as they were stated at last reps meeting, as long as when they qualify they are not in 9th grade yet, they are good to go.

Vice president/tournament director report given: Jeremy Eckes

-would like to have tournament committee meeting earlier in the year, looking to possibly run between board/reps meeting at convention this year.

-may make scheduling easier, more open dates, etc.

-new laptop purchased as discussed last time

-working on integrating new software perks, emailing pairings for tournaments, etc.

-wanting to have screen running in a.m. before tak- off with info.

-still need to have somethings updated on website such as one and state removal, etc.

-Qualifiers for 2021, some permits pending but shouldn't be an issue.

-Saturday May 1, Winneconne, out of Waterfront

-Sunday June 13, Sturgeon Bay, out of Sawyer Park

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

-Mr. Bass, Saturday July 10, Lake Puckaway out of County Park

-NSF, September 25, 26 Sturgeon Bay, out of Sawyer Park

Old Business: Chad Klein

- not much due to Covid-19
- new trailer is not wrapped yet, Jim Jones's son is working on design.
- old trailer needs to be emptied, some things disposed of to load new trailer in a more organized, efficient way.
- any club in Chads area that may want to help with this, this could be considered a conservation project.

New Business: Chad Klein/Jeremy Eckes

- Convention is a go at Chula Vista, the new dates are:
 - Saturday March 20, raffles start at 4 pm, dinner to follow at 5 pm, then awards, etc.
 - Mike Cottrell will be talking to Shimano rep for a possible speaker for dinner.
 - all those pro's and co's in the top 10 from the 2019/2020 season will have dinner on the Federation along with all those who fished all 3 qualifiers in 2019 and both in 2020. Please look for you invite coming soon, all others there will be a sign-up sheet on website soon.
 - anyone who had booked a room last year if you did not get a refund they should have automatically moved reservation to the new date, room block will open for reservations on Feb 17th.
 - talk about changing from the 7% rule for NSF qualifying, right now 7% of winners from each qualifier earn spots at NSF (basically 1 for every 14 participants) and then the remaining 3% from cumulative standings. A motion was made to change to win and in, then remaining spots will be determined for cumulative standings, motion was 2nd and accepted.
 - update on sponsors, Chad has signed contracts with Ranger, Minn Kota and Humminbird, still waiting on TH marine and Lowrance.
 - Rule changes for tie breakers to get in line with other series such as BFL, etc. Jeremy will layout proposal and it will be voted on at Convention Reps meeting.
 - Mike Cottrell will reach out to collegiate fishing to see any interest in helping with weigh-ins, etc.
 - See about possibly using Paypal to pay club dues, however federation still has to send a check so there will still be some lag time before a member shows as current.
- Elections
 - Youth director, Adam is stepping down but will not just leave without a predecessor, if you or another member is interested please contact Chad or contact Adam with any questions.
 - Vice president/tournament director, Jeremy Eckes was nominated and accepted.
 - Treasurer, Jim Jones was nominated and accepted.
 - 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.
 - a question was asked by a possible new member to a club that has a child that is 11, if he would be able to fish with father during club tournaments, that is up to clubs discretion, however the child could not fish with dad for a qualifier, etc.
 - Chad talked to Minnesota and let them know that we were open to moving date of NSF up starting 2022, but do not want it on the holiday weekend.
 - Since it is a whole new board, we do not know if they will follow the river schedule we used to have (verbal agreement with old board), we will not know where they will chose for 2022 NSF until this summer as they do not have to have the selection in until August 1.

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-Meeting adjourned by Chad Klein