

Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting
The Boneyard, October 23, 2021

President Chad Klein called meeting to order.

Roll Call taken by Becky Smyers:

-Present: 4 Lakes Bassmasters, Anglers Edge, Bay View Bassmasters, Belle City Bass Anglers, C&R Bass Anglers, Hartland Bass Club, Last Cast Bass Anglers, Midwest Bassmasters, Packerland Bass Club, River Country Bassmasters, Rockford Hawg Hunters, and Stateline

-Not Present: Bass Assassin Bassmasters, Black River Bassmasters, Black River, Blackhawk Basscasters, Castle Rock Bassmasters, Madison Bass, Northern Illinois Bass Club, Team Interstate Bassmasters and Wisconsin Valley Bassbusters.

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

Secretary's report given: Becky Smyers

-Not much, just a reminder to get youth/conservation projects into Becky by Convention via email or regular mail. You can download form on website.

Treasurers Report given: Jim Jones

-At this time there is approx. \$54,000.00 in accounts. We did sell old trailer for \$2700.00 that is included in this figure

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

Conservation Report given: Nathan Greawin

-Not much really, most fishing issues at this time are in regards to salmon, etc.

-DNR left out correct wording for Washington Island Bass fishing catch and release for 2021, they will correct for the 2022 season.

-Nathan was asked if he had heard anything on closing Sturgeon Bay to all tournaments during spawn, he had not so he will look into this.

-there is some sort of virus attacking some of fish at this time

-this past spring they were doing some fight net sampling

Youth Report given: Chad Klein

-Madison Fishing Expo has date set of February 25-27

-always looking for help w/casting kids, counts as youth project

-High School Championship scheduled for June 22-25

-Junior World Championship scheduled for July 22-25

-we currently do not have a youth club so if we end up with any teams we will most likely run youth state alongside one of our qualifiers.

Vice president/tournament director report given: Jeremy Eckes

-release boats, depending on launch site, we may do self release or boats 1-5 will be official release boats

-we may have a release boat available the same one used at NSF this year, the only issues would be:

- it would have to be available as it is used for all the north American bass/walleye challenge tournaments in our region so they have first choice, it is owned by TBF
- we would be responsible for picking up/towing and returning
 - we also would have to have at least 2 people trained on how to use it
 - this most likely would be a last resort option if needed
- Qualifiers for 2022, permits pending:
 - Saturday May 14, Lake Geneva
 - Sunday June 5, Lake Wisconsin
 - Sunday June 26, Alma Pools 4,5
 - Mr. Bass, see under new business
 - Madison Chain Team Open July 10, Madison Chain
 - NSF, September 10 and 11, Lake Vermillion

Old Business: Chad Klein

- new trailer is not wrapped yet, working on it.
- old trailer is sold, there are several things we would like to offer to clubs first at a fair price, maybe even free, scales, bags, a lot of misc. stuff, contact Chad for list of things if interested.

New Business: Chad Klein/Jeremy Eckes

- Board Positions up for election:
 - President: Chad Klein nominated, accepted
 - Secretary: Al Wych nominated, accepted
 - Conservation Director: Nathan Greawin nominated, accepted
 - Youth Director: Theresa Greawin, at end of meeting, Nathan's wife offered so she was appointed and accepted
 - she will need help w/casting kids and youth stuff
- Jeremy has 1 more year on his term, he would really like to fish qualifiers so if you have anyone interested in stepping up please let someone on the board know
 - talked about starting some sort of tournament committee that would help run tournaments, Mike Cottrell suggested contacting UW Whitewater fishing team, small donation and they would help run all of our tournaments,
 - Convention tentatively scheduled to be done in 1 day on Saturday January 15, 2022
 - looking at starting board meeting at 9, reps at 10-12, raffles sales 12-1 then lunch/awards to follow
 - Chad will look into room rates for anyone who may want to stay, as with everything these days rates appear to be slightly higher.
 - update on sponsors, Chad still has a few codes left for Lowrance, contact him if you are interested.
 - Lowrance has been bought by Brunswick, not sure at this time what it means for sponsorship for federation, stay tuned for updates.
 - Mr. Bass has seen serious decline in participation:
 - 2018-14 boats, 2019-10 boats, 2020-8 boats and 2021-5 boats
 - there is a lot of work needed to run this tournament for such a small field
 - suggestions of running possibly an open team tournament, participants would not have to be members of TBF but the numbers would go towards how many anglers can be sent to NSF
 - would like to select a location that would bring good numbers and most likely continue going to each year if it shows to be successful

- Madison Chain or Big Green were the two talked about
- entry fee would be \$220 per team including big bass, 100% payout
- 5 fish limit per team as this would be during 3 fish limit time
- we would cover expenses to run, approx. \$500.00
- Madison Chain July 10 would be our best date

- Motion made to change Mr. Bass to Team open tournament, motion 2nd and accepted.
 - still have details to work out as to how TBF members would qualify, will be discussed and decided on at Convention reps meeting
 - There are always questions as to what do we do with all of the money the federation has and why do we have so much.
 - Discussed the necessity to have a limit to what the account will not get below, \$25,000-\$30,000.00. We don't ever want to be in a situation where we need money for something, trailer, scale, etc. don't have it
 - Discussed adding a dollar amount to be put towards qualifier payouts.
 - \$1,000.00 towards pro and \$500.00 towards co for each qualifier
 - talked about paying down further, currently pay 20% talked about paying 30%
 - Motion to add \$5,000.00 per year towards qualifiers while leaving a minimum of \$25,000.00 in account at all times, motion 2nd and accepted.

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Meeting adjourned by Chad Klein