

Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting
Chula Vista Resort & Water Park, Wisc. Dells
Date: January 15, 2022

President Chad Klein called meeting to order.

Roll call taken by Al Wych:

- Present: 4-Lakes Bassmasters, Anglers Edge, Belle City Bass Anglers, C&R Bass Anglers, , Madison Bass Club, Midwest Bassmasters, River Country Bass Masters, Rockford Hawg Hunters, Stateline Bass Anglers, Team Interstate Bass, Packerland Bass Club.
- Not Present: Bass Assassin Bassmasters, Bayview Bassmasters, Black River Bassmasters, Blackhawk Basscasters, Castle Rock Bass Anglers, Last Cast Bass Anglers, Heartland Bass Club, Northern Illinois Bassmasters, Wisconsin Valley Bassmasters

Motion to accept Meeting minutes from Oct. 23, 2021 reps meeting, motion 2nd and accepted.

Secretary's report given: Al Wych

Need to get Youth / Conservation projects sent in to me via. E-mail or regular mail. Each club is required to submit for a spot on the NSF. Forms can be found on the Wisconsin Bass Federation Website –Member forms & Downloads – Project reports.

Need to update Clubs and Club contacts on the WBF website. Please go into the Wisconsin Bass Federation Website, Clubs and review your clubs information. Report changes to me by Feb. 19th.

My e-mail address is: abwych@gmail.com. Cell phone number for texting or calling me is (815)-218-5390. If you need my mailing address, e-mail or text me and I'll send it to you. In the future it will be on the WBF website under Secretary.

Treasurer's report given: Jim Jones

The treasurers report for the year 2021 was reviewed by Jim Jones. A copy of the P&L may be obtained by contacting Jim. The contact information is on the Wisconsin Bass Federation Website under contact WBF.

Conservation report given: Nathan Greawin

The DNR is focusing on the Great Lakes area in the Northern part of the state. The primary focus is on moving a pipe line that would pass through an Indian reservation.

Wisconsin held a free fishing day for Ice Fishing on 1/15/22.

Nathan reviewed a handout on "Smallmouth Bass Eggs to Fry". Key points from the handout are: Smallmouth Bass typically produce about 50% of the number of eggs as compared to Largemouth. Female eggs in Smallmouth don't mature all at once and they may spawn two or

three times before being spent. Researchers conclude that the main function of the male is to protect the eggs and keep them free of sediment. One study found that angling for bass during spawning season is not beneficial for producing smallie fry. (Reference: "Smallmouth Bass From Eggs to Fry" by Bill Cody / November 19,2009. Available on: bassresource.com).

Youth Report given: Theresa Greawin

The Kids Casting program will be held at the Madison Fishing Expo. on February 25-27. Lures and plastic baits would be appreciated for handouts. Clubs participation is encouraged. A sign-up sheet was posted at the reps. meeting for Club names and Contacts. Participation in the Kids Casting program can be used for your Clubs Youth Project Report.

To contact Theresa for information or participation call (608)-343-1913 or e-mail: tjewel.gem@gmail.com.

Vice President / Tournament Director report given: Jeremy Eckes

The NSF qualifying tournaments for 2022 are:

- Lake Geneva, out of Williams Bay, Saturday May 14th. (Permit Approved)
- Lake Wisconsin, out of Lakeside Bar, Sunday June 5th. (Permit Approved)
- Alma Pools 4 & 5, out of Alma Marina, Sunday June 26th (Permit Approved)

A motion was made and unanimously approved to go to 100% entry payout to 30% (3/10 entries) of the field for the Qualifiers. Was previously 20% pay out (2/10 entries).

NSF (National Semifinal Tournament), September 10th & 11th. Lake Vermillion, Fortune Bay Resort Casino, Tower Minnesota. (Permit Approved)

Trip Sheets will be posted on the Website. Entries will be due one week, the Friday, before each event. Communications will be sent by texting and e-mail. Please check your e-mails.

Madison Chain Team Open , out of Green Lantern, Sunday July 10th. (Permit Pending) The entry fee will be \$230. (\$200 + \$20 Big Bass+\$10 Green Lantern Dock useage). Entry fee will be 100% payout to 30% of the field. Must be 16 years old to participate. This will be a Qualifier for the NSF for the highest finishing boater and higher finishing co-angler that are WBF members prior to the event. A motion was made and seconded, unanimously approved.

It was discussed to make a flier for the Madison Chain Team Open to be available at the Madison Fishing Expo.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to increase the payouts for the Top 3 Anglers of the Year on the boater and co-angler side from the three Qualifying tournaments.

Old Business: Chad Klein

Still working on getting the new trailer wrapped.

New Business: Chad Klein

Sponsorships are being carried over with the exception of Cushion Rod.

Is there something we can do to get more people to the Qualifiers and the Banquet? Bring your ideas to the next reps. meeting.

Next meeting tentatively planned for March 20, 2022 at Highway Harrys at Johnson Creek.
Board meeting at 10:30 and Reps. meeting at 11:00.

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Meeting adjourned by Chad Klein: