

Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting
Hi-Way Harrys – Johnson Creek
Date: March 20, 2022

President Chad Klein called meeting to order.

Roll call taken by Al Wych:

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

Motion to accept Meeting minutes from January 15, 2022 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.

Below is a brief update on some of the Projects for 2021:

- Boat ramp cleanup & fishing combos donated to community youth groups.
- 9 boats provided to guide customers in casting for kids tournament. Money was raised for the University of Wisconsin Children's Hospital and Cancer Center.
- Trash and debris picked up at launch sites and fishing areas for Pierce and Olson Lake.
- Volunteers prepped trailer for tournaments and provided cleanup at each of the qualifying tournaments.
- Provided 8 hour kids fishing program for a group of 5 youths.
- Completed boat check in, site cleanup and weigh in assistance at two of the Qualifying tournaments.
- Boat launch and trash cleanup at Big Muskego Lake.
- Worked at the Madison Casting Kids event.
- Club members worked with high school fishing teams, coordinated Cops & Bobbers and Coon Creek Casters annual Kids Events, made prize donations to each group.
- Performed trash / garbage cleanup along the shore on Castle Rock Lake.
- Provided \$50 donation to the Edgerton Kid's fishing event.
- Saved used baits from each tournament for proper disposal.

Club Contact Update: Currently updating the Club contacts on the WBF website. Please go into the Wisconsin Bass Federation Website, Clubs and review your clubs information. Need updates for Team Interstate Bass & Bass assassins. Report changes to Al Wych

My e-mail address is: abwych@gmail.com. Contact information for the Board Members has been updated on the WBF website.

Treasurer's report given: Jim Jones

Membership updates are being processed. If you haven't turned in your dues please expedite them as soon as possible to be eligible to fish in the Qualifying tournaments.

Conservation report given: Nathan Greawin

Nathan reviewed a report by the DNR. A Platteville wholesale fish dealer had 19 convictions for illegally selling Invasive Carp. It is required to gut or severe the gill cover before transporting any of the invasive fish. Further information can be found on the Wisconsin DNR Website – Platteville Wholesale Fish Dealer Convicted.

Youth Report given: Theresa Greawin

The Kids Casting program was held at the Madison Fishing Expo, on February 25, 26 & 27th.

Turnout was very good. There were 397 kids that participated, 73 Friday, 195 Saturday, & 129 on Sunday. There have typically been 200-250 participants in the past.

There were a lot of new families and first time participants. Brochures were handed out and participants were given soft plastic lures and candy along with WBF contact information. Thank you to Brovarney Baits, Drastic Plastics and the Rockford Hawg Hunters for donations. A signup sheet had 27 people interested in either joining a fishing club or starting a new fishing club.

Thank you to all clubs that worked with Theresa and Nathan Greawin for making it a successful event.

Next year as an opportunity for improvement there is a plan to get a sign in sheet for Club Participants.

Vice President / Tournament Director report: 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)

Entries will be due one week, the Friday, before for each of the above qualifying events.

There will be a youth tournament on the same day as the Lake Wisconsin Qualifier.

The entry form for the July 10th Madison Chain Team Open, out of the Green Lantern will be posted on the Web Site as soon as the permit approval is received. Communications will be sent by texting and e-mail. Please check your e-mails. The entry fee will be \$230. (\$200 + \$20 Big Bass+\$10 Green Lantern Dock usage). Entry fees for this open event will be taken up until

the start of the event on July 10th. (Cash only if paying the day of the event.) There will be 100% payout to 30% of the field. Entrants must be 16 years old to participate. This will be a Qualifier for the NSF for the highest finishing boater and highest finishing co-angler that are WBF members prior to the event.

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

Old Business: Chad Klein

In the process of getting the trailer wrapped for 2022.

New Business: Chad Klein

Ranger / Federation Bonus will be the same as last year, \$100 per qualifier, \$50 for the open. Ranger bonus will go to the highest finishing Ranger Boat fisherman. Ranger wear is required when participating for the bonus program.

Lowrance is participating in a sponsorship program starting April 1st providing discount codes for the top 10 finishers in the AOY standings.

TH Marine is offering discounts which need to be coordinated through Chad Klein.

Due to a lack of product there will be no Minn Kota or Humminbird codes this year.

Rep. meeting participation: There was a discussion to remind everyone that participation is required in two of the three reps. meetings to be eligible to fish the NSF tournament.

A question was brought up on the use of cull tags. We will investigate if there are any recommendations for the proper use of cull tags. (Clip on vs. puncture type tags)

Next meeting tentatively planned for October 23, 2022:

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Meeting adjourned by Chad Klein

Al Wych- Secretary