

**Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting
Chula Vista Resort & Waterpark, Wisconsin Dells
Date: February 3, 2024**

President Chad Klein called meeting to order.

Roll call taken by Al Wych:

- Present: : 4-Lakes Bassmasters, C & R Bass Anglers, Madison Bass Club, River Country Bassmasters (1), Rockford Hawg Hunters, Team Interstate Bass, Bayview Bassmasters, Last Cast Bass Anglers, River Country Bassmasters (2)
Anglers Edge, Belle City Angler, Heartland Bass club & Coulee Region Bass Anglers
- Not Present: Packerland Bass Club

Motion to accept Meeting minutes from November 12, 2023 reps meeting, motion 2nd and accepted.

Secretary's report given: Al Wych

Youth /Conservation projects for 2023 are due. I have received them from all clubs other than Packerland Bass Club and Bayview Bassmasters. Please forward them to Al Wych at: abwych@gmail.com or bring to the March reps. meeting.

Treasurer's report :

A copy of the P&L / Financial information is available by contacting Jim Jones. The contact information is available on the Wisconsin Bass Federation Website under contact WBF. We recently purchased a new scale and printer.

Conservation report: Nathan Greawin

Nathan reviewed a new legislative bill LRB-0046/1 being proposed in Wisconsin to offer a resident lifetime fishing license. The cost would be 30 times the fee of an annual fishing license (\$577.50). The holder of a resident lifetime fishing license must still purchase a fishing stamp if their targeted species requires a stamp. Currently 22 other states have lifetime resident fishing licenses available.

Youth Report given by : Hillary Fry

The Madison Fishing Expo is scheduled for Feb. 23-25, 2024. (Casting Kids)

The Milwaukee Fishing Expo is scheduled for March 7-10, 2024. (Casting Kids)

Eight fishing rods are available for the casting kids programs, four to be given out at the Madison Fishing Expo and four at the Milwaukee Fishing Expo.

Help is needed to run the Casting Kids programs. Please contact Hillary Fry through e-mail or Text messaging to coordinate times that your clubs can help with the programs Contact information for Hilary Fry: Cell-(414)-628-0888, e-mail: hillary.fry@gmail.com.

Volunteering to help at the casting kids program is a good way to complete your youth projects for 2024. Event volunteers, coordinated with Hillary, will receive free entry.

Vice President / Tournament Director report: Dave & Mitch Van Ert

Dave & Mitch Van Ert have agreed to be our Tournament Director Committee for 2024. They will run the qualifiers for 2024

The tournament permits have been obtained and the tournament dates and locations for 2024 are listed below:

Jr. and High School State tournaments on Big Green Lake – May 19, 2024

Qualifier #1- Madison Chain, June 8, 2024 – Green Lantern

Qualifier #2- Big Green, June 23, 2024 – Dodge County Park

Qualifier #3- Mississippi Pools 7, 8, & 9, June 30, 2024- Stoddard Public Ramp

Team Open Tournament – Madison Chain, July 7, 2024- Green Lantern

NSF- Lake Le Homme Dieu, Alexandria, Minn., September 7 & 8, 2024 The tournament is being run by the Minnesota Bass Federation.

The tournament payout for the Angler of the year is being increased for the 2024 season. Based on the point standings after the three qualifying tournaments, the payouts will be:

Boater: 1st Place \$5,000, 2nd Place \$800 & 3rd Place \$400

Co-angler: 1st Place \$2,500, 2nd Place \$400 & 3rd Place \$200

New Business: Chad Klein

It is being proposed to move one of the Qualifiers for the 2025 season to August 18th of this year. The other two additional qualifiers will remain in 2025. Please review with your club members and bring any comments or concerns to the March reps meeting.

The next reps. meeting will be at Cabelas in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin on March 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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Meeting adjourned by Chad Klein

Al Wych- Secretary