

Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting
Cabela's Sun Prairie, Wisconsin
Date: March 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, River Country Bassmasters (2), Anglers Edge, Belle City Anglers & Heartland Bass club
- Not Present: Packerland Bass Club, Bay view Bassmasters, Last Cast Bass Anglers, Coulee Region Bass Anglers

- Motion made to accept Meeting minutes from February 3, 2024 reps meeting, motion 2nd and accepted.

Secretary's report: Al Wych

Youth /Conservation projects for 2023 are due. I have received them from all clubs other than Packerland Bass Club and Bayview Bassmasters. You can also turn in any Youth / Conservation reports for 2024 as you complete them. Send to Al Wych at: abwych@gmail.com

Treasurer's report : Jim Jones

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

Conservation report: Nathan Greawin

With the new season approaching, it is important to check your registrations, insurance papers, and fishing licenses. Boating safety functions: lights, fire extinguishers, life jackets including spare life jackets and throwables. Trailer inspections: bearings, seals, flares and whistles as required. Review any pertinent regulations for changes.

Youth report: Hillary Fry:

The Madison Fishing Expo was Feb. 23-25, 2024. There were over 600 kids that participated in the Casting Kids program. Two brothers won the fishing rods given out for high scores of 130 pts. There was a good turnout

The Milwaukee Fishing Expo is scheduled for March 7-10, 2024 at the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds. Contact information for Hillary Fry: Tb youthwi@gmail.com

Vice President / Tournament Director : Dave & Mitch Van Ert

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

Tournament entry forms for the qualifiers have been post on the Wisconsin Bass Federation Website. The entry forms are located under Tournaments- Tournament Entry Forms.

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:

Starting this year Boaters and Co-Anglers can sign up on the Entry Forms as either linked or individually. In the event that more boaters are signed up than co-anglers an observer will be assigned. In the event that we have more Co-anglers than boaters a waiting list will be developed and the assignment of Co-anglers will be developed based on the earliest entry forms first.

The deadline for entry will be Friday the week prior to the tournament, based on post mark date.

Starting in 2025 we are planning to establish Qualifier dates in the months of May, June and July. We will be working to establish traditional weekend dates during the same time periods each year. The open tournament will move to October.

Membership dues determine the number of available discounts from our sponsors. It is based on the paid memberships as of January 31st. Paid memberships are due by December 31st each year with a deadline of January 15th. Memberships paid after these dates effect the total number of available discounts from our sponsors.

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Meeting adjourned by Chad Klein

Al Wych- Secretary