

Wisconsin Bass Federation Reps Meeting

Date: April 8, 2025

Zoom Call

President Chad Klein called meeting to order.

Roll call taken by Al Wych:

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

Motion made to accept Meeting minutes from February 1, 2025 reps meeting, motion 2nd and accepted.

Secretary's report: Al Wych

Youth /Conservation projects for 2024 are due. I have received them from all clubs except Belle City Bass Anglers and Bayview Bass Masters. Send to Al Wych at: abwych@gmail.com .

This meeting was held as a virtual (Zoom / Team) meeting and seemed to be well received by the participants. There were approximately 15 participants. The positives were no travel time, and reduced costs of travel. Participants were able to communicate well.

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. The WBF has a positive bank balance. At the fall reps. meeting we will need to discuss any actions necessary to maintain the desired budget

Conservation report:

No report was issued. The Conservation Director position is open. Anyone Interested in this position please contact Chad Klein.

Youth report: Hillary Fry:

The Madison Fishing Exp. was February 21-23. The Casting Kids program was another success this year. There were just under 400 kids who participated. Participation was down due to no coverage on Friday. Special thanks to C&R Bass Anglers, Last Cast Bass Anglers and Madison Bass Club. Thank you to Drastic Plastics for donating plastic lure handouts to each of the kids.

Vice President / Tournament Director : Dave Van Ert

When signing up for the qualifiers please sign up with a link. If you are a co-angler and you sign up without a link and there is not enough boaters you may not be able to go. If we don't have enough co-anglers signed up we may send a boater out without a co-angler.

The tournament entry forms are out on the Wisconsin Bass Federation Website. They can be found under Tournament: Tournament Entry Forms.

2025 Tournaments: (The tournament list is up to date on the WBF website)

Wi TBF Qualifier #1 – Delavan Lake, May 18th.

High School & Jr. State Championship – Delavan Lake, May 18th.

Wi TBF Qualifier #2- Sturgeon Bay, June 7th. (Quarry Launch - Sturgeon Bay)

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Wi TBF Team Open- Madison Chain, August 10th. (Green Lantern)

High School Qualifier #3-- Madison Chain, August 10th. (Green Lantern)

National Semi-Final- Madison Chain, Sept. 6-7, (Green Lantern)

The High School Qualifiers and Jr. State Championship tournaments that are on the same dates as the TBF tournaments will follow out after the TBF boats and they will come in ½ hour after the TBF boats for the weigh ins.

New Business:

The top finishing boater and co at the NSF will go to the National championship. If we have 30 boats from Wisconsin participate in the NSF we could also send the second place boater and co to the National Championship.

The Angler of the Year (AOY) for the top boater and top Co-angler from the 3 qualifiers, will qualify directly for the National Championship

Last year we added \$1000 for boater payout and \$500 for co-anglers to each qualifying tournament. This year we will be adding \$800 for the boater payout and \$400 for the co-angler to each qualifier. The difference will be used to send this year's Angler of the Year (AOY) boater and co-angler directly to the National Championship.

We still have the same National Sponsors as we did last year.

We would like to get suggestion on how to increase our WBF membership. Please send any suggestions to Chad Klein's attention. The next meeting will be held in October. The date and timing will sent out this fall prior to the meeting.

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Meeting adjourned by Chad Klein

Al Wych- Secretary