**Virginia Bass Chapter Federation**

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2020

**Board Members**

President…………. Scott Whitmore

Vice President……. Steve Hajdasz

Region 1 Director…. Bill Haire-absent

Region 4 Director…. James Shorter

Region 6 Director…. James Vick

Region 8 Director… John Flicek

Region 10 Director… Jackie Dye

Tournament Director… Alton Vaughn

Assistant Tournament Director/Youth Director…Becky Conley

Conservation Director…. John Flicek

State Chaplin…... Vacant

Secretary……. Tammy Caldwell

Treasurer……... Stephanie Brewer

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the President. Welcomed Jackie Dye back as Region 10 Director.

The board observed a moment of silence.

**Meeting Minutes**

The secretary distributed meeting minutes from November 3, 2019 board meeting Region 6 made the motion to accept the minutes and Region 8 seconded the motion, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

**Treasurers Report**

The treasurer reported to the board that she is getting tax information together to take to the accountant for 2019.

**Conservation Report**

The Conservation Director is waiting to hear back from Sara Sweeten on the eelgrass test plots on the Chickahominy River, he will reach out to her again.

**Youth Report**

Becky Conley is the new Youth Director. Picked up two youth clubs in Region 10 area. The youth anglers are growing. Region Directors need to get Scott dates for youth tournaments and will post them on the Youth Facebook page, Virginia Bass Chapter Facebook page and the website. TBF is ecstatic how Virginia is running the youth program and will become the model nationwide.

**Safety Report**

The President reminded everyone to continue to be diligent about safety while on the water, especially during colder weather. Angler recently hit a submerged log, luckily he had his kill switch on his life jacket and he is alive to tell the story.

 **Business Calendar**

President discussed items on the business calendar that would be discusses during the board meeting.

***Old Business***

 **Online registration portal**

West Regional Tournament registration opened on Monday, January 6 with online and mail in registration. Registration for the remaining tournaments will open sixty days prior to the tournament date. This gives anglers time to register for tournaments.

**Trailer Decals**

Will start working on getting the trailer redone what the cost will be 1) new tournament trail logo, 2) the cost to have the trailer wrapped**,** having a sponsor panel to make it easy to change out sponsors.

**2020 National Semi-finals**

The 2020 National Semi-finals will be September 18-19 at Kerr Lake, North Bend ramp.

 Pre-tournament meeting will be Friday, September 17. West Virginia is excited to come to the event

**2020 National Semi-final Team**

Discussion on identifying the Virginia State team going to the NSF. Tabled until the next board meeting.

**2020 Raffle**

The drawing will be held September 18. 1st place: Hummingbird Helix 9 Mega SI G3N Depth Finder. 2nd place: $250 visa gift card. Proceeds help support our youth and conservation program.

**State Championship ramps**

State Championship will be on Kerr Lake May 16-17. Palmers will be used on Saturday and North Bend will be used on Sunday.

**2020 Budget**

Reduced the number of board meetings at South Hill, will meet January, June and November this helps with expenses for staff. Couple board meetings will be held at tournament location. Communication thru email is a high priority to region directors and staff.

***New Business***

**2020 Sponsors**

Continue to get new sponsors, check with current sponsors to keep them on board. Make sure members are using sponsors, this help keeps them. Any sponsors for your region send John the logos, he will add them to that regions page in Tightlines.

**Sponsor Letter**

The President will type a sponsor letter and email out to the directors and staff

**Clothing Order**

Scott is working with All Star for prices on clothing order – shirts, hats, etc.

**Tightlines- Due dates and hard copies**

Meeting article information deadlines for Tightlines is crucial to getting Tightlines together and to the printer, especially when having hard copies printed. Pictures are great for regions pages, tournament results, schedules, keep your regions page active. John can create an ad for sponsors.

**State Schedule**

2020 State Tournament Trail is posted on the website: [www.vabass.com](http://www.vabass.com)

Working meeting will be held Friday, March 27 6 p.m.

**Richmond Fishing Expo**

Set up will be Thursday. Anyone wanting to volunteer at the show Friday, Saturday and Sunday please let Scott know. Notify any 2019 Casting for Kids winners the Championship will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, kids attending the show can qualify to participate in the Championship up until noon Saturday.

**Travel Money for the TBF National Championship**

TBF National Championship will be held in Grand Lake, Oklahoma the first of March

Region 8 made the motion to give money to the Chris Fiore and Tom Haynes going to fish the National Championship, Region 4 second the motion. The board voted unanimously to give them money for travel expenses.

**Regional Tournament Registration**

Registration will open for the West Regional Tournament on January 6.

Region 6 presented a proposal to change the state tournaments to two-day tournament, Friday and Saturday for next year. The proposal has been tabled to the November board meeting when rule changes are discussed. Region directors will ask their club presidents to get feed back from club members and report back to them.

**Staff Dues**

Agreement was made to pay staff dues out of Virginia Bass Chapter Federation monies, this is a liability issue.

**New Liability Statement at open tournaments hosted by regions**

Directors will be emailed the new liability forms for tournaments, open tournaments, non-members and youth tournaments These forms must be signed by anglers before fishing any TBF sanctioned tournaments.

**New TBF Partnership**

The new TBF/FLW partnership will have some changes, any questions your club or members have let Scott know and he will address them.

**Communication**

Having monthly region meetings or at least quarterly region meeting so that members are getting the information, will get more support within your regions when you need it. Communication is key to keeping members informed with what is going on with not only the state but TBF as well. Scott will be happy to attend region meetings to answer any questions.

**List of club presidents with contact information**

Region directors send your club presidents and contact information to Scott.

**Contingency Awards**

Items to put in goody bags, raffle prizes etc. If you know of any business that would like to donate items let the Scott know.

**Region Re-districting**

Region 8 Director passed map of current regions. The directors updated regions currently without at director, expanding some regions area. John will email out the updated map. Information will be updated on the website.

**Summary & Action Items**

Anyone needing a boater safety class let John know he is a certified instructor and will come out and teach the class.

**Around the Horn**

**Region 4 –** Gave update on Chuck Hart- It’s been 19 weeks since he had surgery on his foot, he has had three skin grafts and the last one took and he is progressing well after his surgery

**Region 6 –** Expo rooms should be in everyone’s name. Children’s Hospital Tournament will be June 6.

**Region 8 –** Created tri-fold brochures for youth to promote the youth program and will work on a brochure for the state.

Gave update on Phil Brewer- had a stroke December 6, making improvements daily, he is now able to walk a little with his walker. Phil is at the Regency Health & Rehabilitation Center in Yorktown, if you are in the area loves having visitors.

**Region 10 –** Positive meeting he has been to in many years and is going in the right direction.3

**Treasurer –** Good meeting

**Secretary –** Safe travels home

**Assistant Tournament Director –** See everyone at the fishing expo.

**Vice President –** July 31 St. Jude’s tournament on the Potomac, Leesylvania ramp. Youth event June 6th.

**President-** Good meeting looking forward to a good year.

**Adjourn**

Next meeting March 27, 2020 South Hill, Va.