**Virginia Bass Chapter Federation**

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2019

**Board Members**

President…………..Brian Briesmeister-absent

Vice President……. Scott Whitmore

Region 1 Director…. Steve Hajdasz

Region 3 Director…. Vacant

Region 4 Director…. James Shorter

Region 5 Director…. Vacant

Region 6 Director…. James Vick

Region 7 Director…. Wayne Hayes – absent

Region 8 Director… John Flicek

Region 10 Director… Miller Castle – absent

Tournament Director… Alton Vaughn-absent

Assistant Tournament Director…Becky Conley

Youth Director…... Vacant

Conservation Director…. John Flicek

State Chaplin…... Vacant

Secretary……. Tammy Caldwell

Treasurer……... Stephanie Brewer

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by the Vice President following the Articles of Incorporation meeting at Comfort Inn, South Hill, Va.

The board observed a moment of silence.

**2019 Incorporation Meeting**

The annual Virginia TBF incorporation meeting was called to order with those Board members listed above in attendance. There was discussion of incorporation requirements and procedures. Following the discussion, the incorporation meeting was adjourned.

**Meeting Minutes**

The secretary distributed meeting minutes from August 18, 2019 board meeting. Steve Hajdasz, mentioned a correction to the August minutes for March 7 tournament location, from Claytor Lake to Smith Mountain Lake. Region 1 made the motion to accept the minutes and Region 6 seconded the motion, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes with the correction.

**Treasurers Report**

The treasurer reported to the board that the taxes have been paid, ramp fees have been paid and is working with the State Corporation Commission to get all the paperwork in.

**Conservation Report**

The Conservation Director reported on the meeting with the Mariners Museum Sara Sweeten from Virginia Tech to help with their eelgrass test plots in the Chickahominy River. John will bring back more information to the board when he receives it from Sara to determine if the board will go forward with helping support this effort by going through TBF to apply for some grant money to help fund this project.

Conservation Director handed out directions on downloading the creel survey to your phone and encouraged everyone to continue doing the surveys when fishing tidal waters, James, Chickahominy, Pamunkey, Mattaponi & Rappahannock.

**Youth Report**

Region 6 hosted a youth tournament with 2 participants, this was the first tournament for both anglers and they had a great time, even though they didn’t catch any fish. The parents were appreciative of the efforts in having the tournament. TBF likes the way we are running the youth program now and is interested in how it goes over the next year and if successful they will encourage other states to follow suit.

Becky Conley volunteered to be the State Youth Director.

**Safety Report**

The Vice President stressed to remain vigilant with safety on the water, especially with
colder waters and temperatures, make sure you are wearing your flotation devices and that
current flotation devices, can still be used as long as they are serviceable. The Conservation
Director gave an updated report from the boating state meeting on injuries, deaths and
property damage for 2018 and 2019 as of October 7 in the state of Virginia. Check out the
article in the current Tightlines edition.

**Public Relations/Sponsor Update**

2019 has been the best year with regards to new sponsors being acquired, this is result of th dedicated work of this board. Keep working with getting sponsors as well as keeping current sponsors.

**Old Business**

**National Semi-Final Update**

We had a good showing at the National Semi-Finals in West Virginia. We won both angler and non-angler divisions and placing 8 of the non-boater slots and 4 of the boaters in the money along with winning Big Fish and Ranger Cup. Our Top Boater and Non-Boater will go to the TBF National Championship in April 2020. The 2020 National Semifinal will be hosted by Virginia and held at Kerr Lake in September.

**North Regional Tournament**

Thanks to Steve for his hard work in getting the ramp and hotel for this tournament.

The first state tournament was held on October 19 on the Potomac and we heard nothing but positive comments from anglers on the new format. Hoping for more participation in the spring tournaments as weather played a factor in this tournament. Great team effort by all who helped run this event.

**Online registration**

Online registration was well received for the North Regional Tournament. Online and mail in registration will be opened earlier for the remaining state tournaments. Moving forward with online registration Tammy will reach out to them to let them to let members know when their registration has been received.

**Trailer Clean Out**

Several board members met at James and Linda Vicks house on October 5 to clean out and organize the trailer. We removed a lot of old outdated sponsor banners and equipment that is no longer needed. We reorganized where things go in the trailer, cabinets were labeled, clothing can now be stored up front in the trailer, this makes it easier to be able to sell clothing at tournaments. The organizing of the trailer paid off after the first state tournament, with everyone’s help breaking down the site following the tournament we were packed up and ready to go in 30 minutes. Great team effort.

**Trailer Decals**

Working with decal company on getting the trailer exterior cleaned and the new team tournament trail logo made and replacing the current Virginia state decal on the back of the trailer. We are also looking to replace the old faded state of Virginia decals on each side with new ones that have our new logo replacing the shape of Virginia decal that has all the region areas on it.

**Facebook Discussion**

If your region or club has something you want posted to the state Facebook page send it to Tammy and she will get it approved and then she will post it. Make sure to keep posts professional. Can only post state sponsored events or information that is endorsed by the state. Make sure you have liked the TBF Facebook page.

**New Business**

**2020 National Semi-Final**

The 2020 National Semifinal will be held on Kerr Lake Sept. 18-20. The tournament director has the ramp reserved for the tournament. Working on host hotel for anglers and Becky will secure a location for the pre-tournament meeting. Updated information to come at future board meetings.

**Bylaw Changes**

Region 8 Director made a motion to change the Bylaw rules for location for tournament trail events to read as follows: Paragraph 7.3-1 and Paragraph 7.3-2Add after 3rd sentence:

“Tournaments will be scheduled on Virginia waterways (lake/rivers) with sufficient ramp and parking facilities to accommodate 60+ boats.” Region 1 seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the Bylaw change. The secretary will add the change to the Bylaws and post them on website.

**2020 Raffle**

Raffle tickets were distributed to the board. There are two prizes in this drawing, 1st Place is a Humminbird Helix 9 G3N depth finder and 2nd Place is a $250 Visa gift card. Winners will be drawn at the 2020 National Semifinal in September.

**2020 National Semifinal Team**

Discussion on how the Virginia National Semifinals State Team will be selected. The motion was made to send six teams from the State Championship and one team from each of the Regional tournaments for a total of twenty team members. The board voted unanimously on the proposal. Discussion on how the state team members will be identified as a group will continue at future board meetings.

**Youth Tournament Schedule**

Region Directors, let Scott know the dates for the youth tournaments in your area by December 1 so that it can be added to the Winter Tightlines edition.

**2020 Sponsors**

Continue to look for sponsors for the state. Will be sending out letters to current sponsors as well as any potential sponsors before the end of the year. Think outside the box for sponsors. Think about businesses other than fishing related such as car dealerships, restaurants, etc.

**2020 State Championship**

The ramp location for Saturday is TBD and Sunday North Bend will be the ramp location. Working on getting North Bend for both days.

**Clothing Order**

We will be placing a clothing order for new apparel in the near future. Looking at going away from the cotton t-shirts, anglers are wanting the dry wicking material. Scott will check with All Star out of Danville at their apparel line and will bring the information back to the January board meeting.

**Tight Lines**

Information is due to John Flicek by December 1st so that he can start putting the Winter edition together.

**2020 State Schedule Finalized**

The Vice President handed out draft of the 2020 state schedule of events. There were a few changes, the secretary will make the changes before posting on the website ([www.vabass.com](http://www.vabass.com)) and Facebook page.

**2020 Business Calendar**

The Vice President handed out the 2020 business calendar to board members for review of timeline of when things need to be done. Any additions or revisions will be discussed at the January board meeting

**2020 Draft Budget**

The Vice President handed out a draft of the 2020 budget to board members to review for any additions or changes.

**Richmond Fishing Expo**

The Richmond Fishing Expo will be January 17-19 at the Meadow Event Park – State Fairgrounds in Doswell, Va. Volunteers needed to help work the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation booth and the Reel Kids state competition. If interested please contact Scott Whitmore.

**Election of President**

The election for President of the Board of Directors was conducted in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation, Inc. Scott Whitmore was elected by unanimous vote of Board Members present at the meeting

**Nomination for Vice President**

With Scott Whitmore being elected President, nomination was held for Vice President. The Region 8 Director made the motion to nominate Steve Hajdasz, The Region 6 Director seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the Vice President nomination.

**Summary & Action Items**

Tammy will add Phoenix boats to the online registration form as well as create additional registration forms for the remaining state tournaments and have them ready by the end of December.

**Around the Horn**

**Region 1 –** Looking forward to working with Scott Whitmore and if any regions would like for him to come to their meetings please let him know

**Region 4 -** Everything is good

**Region 6 –** Be careful going home

**Region 8 –** Tightlines submissions due December 1. Send lots of pictures and club information.

**Treasure –** Have a safe trip home

**Assistant Tournament Director –** Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas

**Secretary –** Thanked John for the Cabela’s tins and Halloween bags that were used at the Tony Huddleston Fishing Rodeo and Halloween event at Christiansburg Recreation Center.

**Vice President –** Thanked the board for their hard work and dedication this past year. Looks forward to serving as President.

**Adjourn**

Next meeting January 5, 2020 at Comfort Inn, South Hill, Va.