Virginia Bass Chapter Federation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2019

Board Members

President ..... Brian Briemeister - absent
Vice President. ..... Scott Whitmore
Region 1 Director ... Steve Hajdasz
Region 3 Director... Vacant
Region 4 Director...Chuck Hart
Region 5 Director .. Vacant
Region 6 Director .. James Vick
Region 7 Director... Wayne Hayes
Region 8 Director... John Flicek
Region 10 Director Miller Castle - absent
Tournament Director..... Alton Vaughn
Assistant Tournament Director....Becky Conley
Youth Director ..... Vacant
Conservation Director.....John Flicek
State Chaplin..... Vacant
Secretary ..... Tammy Caldwell
Treasurer..... Stephanie Brewer - absent

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by the Vice President. The Board observed a moment of silence in remembrance of anyone that has passed recently and to honor the men and women abroad defending our country.

Meeting Minutes

The Secretary distributed meeting minutes from the June 23, 2019 Board meeting. A motion was made by Region 8 to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Region 6. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was dispensed with in the absence of the treasure.

The Vice President added that the state was in good shape to finish 2019 and start into the 2020 season.

Conservation Report:

Continue doing the Creel surveys and getting those in so John can compile the data and send to the appropriate contact. Still working on how to possibly support incorporating the Eel grass into the Chickahominy River working alongside the DGIF.

Youth Report:

Multiple youth tournaments coming up:

Region 4 – September 7: Claytor Lake

Region 8 – September 7: Chickahominy River

Region 6 – September 8: Chickahominy River

Points system has been put in place for the youth tournaments, directors will get a copy of the scoring process. State Championship will be held by the first weekend in June every year to determine who will go to the Junior National Championship.
Region 8 director passed out form's the youth angler's parents must sign in order for them to fish tournaments.

Communications Report:

Flyers explaining the new tournament format were handed out. New season begins October 1st, allowing new members to be eligible to fish the new tournament format. By joining in October Members essentially get three extra months and make them eligible to fish the first tournament of our new format.

Safety Committee Report:

Continue to be safe on the water. New page in Tightlines magazine that will focus on safety and boating related issues.

Public Relations Committee Report:

Continue to work with hotels, sponsors, Chamber of Commerce, etc.

Old Business:

Financial Committee – New State Tournament Format:
John has the payout sheets/worksheets ready for the new state tournament format. The flyer will be emailed out to directors, payouts are per boat. Everyone needs to be proactive in promoting the new tournament format.

Bylaw changes to show new tournament format:
Bylaw changes have been made and the revised bylaws have been posted on the website.

New tournament staff support:
Discussion on how registration will work for the new format, staffing for the tournaments, mail in and online registration/payments, etc. Vice President putting together a slide showing a standard set up and the needed number of personnel to run the event.

New Business:

Junior World Championship and National Board meeting update including purchases:
The Junior Anglers represented Virginia very well at the Junior World Championship, they had a great time and the parents were very appreciative of Virginia Bass Chapter Federation's effort with the youth.

The Conservation Director attended the National board meeting, providing an overview of what was covered: membership trends, how were doing nationwide, everyone was very positive, need to work on growing the membership, communication thru email blast to the members to keep them informed.
TBF membership dues deadline is December 31, please make sure to have them paid by the deadline.
For websites and social media posts make sure you only post pictures that you own, have written permission to use copywritten pictures/images, if you pay for pictures/images keep a record that you paid.

2019 National Semi – Finals:
33 teams will be representing Virginia at the National Semi – Finals September 14-15 at Stonewall Jackson Lake, WV. State qualifiers will have their entry fees reimbursed. Region 4 made the motion to pay the club qualifiers $50 each to help offset their entry fees, Region 1 2nd the motion. The board voted unanimously approved the payouts.

2020 Regional Tournament Trail Schedule:
The 2020 Regional tournament schedule was set:
North- October 19 – Potomac, Leesylvania State Park
West – March 7 – Claytor Lake, Parkway ramp

South – March f28 – Kerr Lake, North Bend State Park
East – April 25 Chickahominy, Rt 5 Ramp
State Championship—May 16-17 Kerr Lake, North Bend State Park
Region 6 motioned to approve the 2020 Tournament schedule, Region 8 2nd the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the schedule.

Regional Tournament registration and payment methods:
Secretary is finalizing the online registration and payment.

North Regional Tournament update for October 19,2019:
Region 1 is finalizing preparations for the North Regional tournament. Will confirm hotel location and get information to the Vice President.

2020 Sponsors:
Sponsorship letters will be mailed out in October to current sponsors as well as old sponsors. Think outside the box when looking for sponsors, car dealerships, restaurants, battery dealers, boat dealerships, Marinas etc. Sponsorships can be monetary or products.

Decals for trailer and trailer inventory and cleaning:
October 6 is the scheduled date to clean and organize the trailer.

2020 National Semi-final:
The 2020 National Semi – Final will be held September 19-20 at Kerr Lake

Facebook and website postings:
Postings should be in the best interest of TBF and our State Federation. We must insure what we post that we also endorse. We cannot afford to flood our pages with items that have no interest to our members and sponsors that would cause them to skip over our page. When using pictures make sure you are posting pictures you own, if not make sure to get written permission to use them, you can also purchase pictures.

Clothing line:
No new clothing needs to be ordered currently. Need to look at ordering different types of shirts. Clothing needs will be evaluated during the October 6th Trailer cleaning and inventory.

Nominations for President:
Scott Whitmore was nominated by the board for President starting in January 2020. In the event the current Vice President is voted in as President, the board will need to elect a new Vice President. Elections will be held at the November Board Meeting.

Around the Horn:

Region 1: Will send out hotel information for Northern Regional Tournament.

Region 4: Nothing to add

Region 6: Be safe going home

Region 8: Will email logo for the new tournament trail.

Tournament Director: Good meeting

Assistant Tournament Director: Good meeting

Secretary: Nothing to add

Vice President: Thanked everyone for all their great efforts in 2019 to make it a very successful year for our Federation.

Summary & Action Items:

Adjourned-
Next meeting November 3, 2019 Comfort Inn, South Hill Va.