

PENNSYLVANIA BASS NATION
STATE MEETING
October 23, 2016 N. Irwin Fire Hall

CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Ben Bilott at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Dave Kreutzer called Roll-13 Chapters were represented

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and read by the Secretary. There being no corrections, it was moved by Mariners and seconded by Maiden Creek to approve minutes. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Bilott began his report with:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Bilott explained the Election of Officers procedure and he reported that he conducted the Nomination Process according to the By-Laws.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following Nominees for election.

FOR TWO YEAR TERM

Josh Giran	President
Derek Severns	Vice President

FOR ONE YEAR TERM

Wayne Proctor	Treasurer
Dave Kreutzer	Secretary
Dan Laur	Membership Director
Lora Roberts	Conservation Director

President Bilott appointed Craig Matz to the position of Tournament Director on an interim basis.

It was moved by Bass Bones and seconded by Fort Pitt that the above-mentioned Nominees be elected. The motion carried

SPONSORSHIPS

President Bilott expressed his gratitude for the many sponsors who have helped the PA Bass Nation in the past year. Sponsors like the Alliance Package, Towne Marine, Powell Rods and especially Erie Sports Commission, who works with us to provide quality tournaments in Erie. Sponsorship only works when the companies receive a benefit from the monies they spend to provide us with cash and product. For sponsorships to continue and to grow, we should patronize them and their products and let them know that you are a Member of PA Bass Nation.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

Bilott introduced the two qualifiers and the level of sponsorships we gave to each qualifier. Boater, Ryan Buttermore \$2,000 and Rider, John Bernard \$1,000.

After some discussion It was moved by Mariners and seconded by Road Warriors to increase our sponsorship support by adding another \$500 to each of the qualifiers. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SUPER REGIONAL TEAM

President Bilott introduced the Super Regional Team.

BOATERS: Mike Moran (Capt), Chad Shutty, Kane Stein, Matt Becker, Josh Giran, Ben Bilott, Scott Mislevy, Frank Totani, Mark Mounts, John Hanson

RIDERS: Chad Dorney, Zach Bellush, Brian Spencer, Keith Kleespies, Brendan O'Toole, Chris Washinger, Leno Corazzi, Matt Evans, John Winebrinner, Dave Shively. Bilott also reported that the 2017 Super Regional will be held at the Upper Chesapeake Bay out of Anchor Marine. The dates for the event will be June 12-16, 2017

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Josh Giran reported that he and Dave Kreutzer will be attending meetings at the BASS Nation National Championship at Lake Conroe. He suggested that you can follow along with the tournament and cheer for Buttermore and Bernard through Social Media and Bassmaster.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT: State Treasurer Wayne Proctor reported that the treasury remains healthy at this particular time.

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Ernie Watkins reported that all is well in Youth/High School. The Open Tournament was a success and he is currently courting 8 more clubs to join the movement.

MEMBERSHIP: Dan Laur reported on the latest membership numbers. Laur also made an appeal to all members and all Secretaries to be current and accurate with the membership information. When any of the officers need to contact the membership or part of the membership, at least half of the phone numbers or email addresses they try are inaccurate.

The President has been trying to communicate with the members with product offers from our sponsors at times and has only been able to reach a small portion of the membership.

WEBMASTER

Derek Severns reported that all is well on the Website. He invited all members to visit our website to remain informed on PABN issues. Derek can be reached by email at derekseverns@yahoo.com. Derek encouraged all members to get any information to him if you wish to display it on the website and to use the message board as a vehicle for communication for our organization.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Tournament Director

Dale Glessner dittoed the request from the Membership Director regarding accuracy of our member and tournament data. Inaccurate information causes plenty of headaches before each tournament. Please make sure that your information is current and correct on each Tournament App.

STATE ORGANIZATION: A suggestion was communicated to Pres. Bilott by Jim Delesandro to relook at last year's State Organization Proposal to change the structure of our Organization. After much discussion it was moved by Fort Pitt and seconded by the Sate Chapter to revisit the issue at the Fall 2016 Meeting. The motion was approved.

Following up on the Summer Meeting, it is time to relook at last year's Proposal to change the State's Tournament Organization.

The Following proposal was presented to the Membership

2017 PA B.A.S.S. Nation State Circuit Events

3 State Events

Permit Pending Dates/Locations:

Raystown April 2nd

Potomac River May 5th

Lake Erie June 25th

1 day events

Fees: 150.00 angler and 100.00 co-angler

Top 7 boaters and top 7 co-anglers move on to the super regional team

Last Chance Event

Any angler that fishes **2** of the state events qualifies to fish this event

The top boater and top co-angler from each club qualify to fish this event. It is the clubs decision to pick the two anglers to send; if a club chooses to send two anglers they will send one boater and one co-angler (each club must send two anglers to keep the field even)

At the end of this event the top 3 boaters and top 3 co-angler's move on to the super regional team, as well as the alternates for the team.

The top "club" (one angler and one co-angler) with the highest combined weight after the two days of fishing, will be awarded a top club prize.

Permit Pending Date/Location:

Cayuga Lake July 22nd and 23rd

Fees: 150.00 angler and 100.00 co-angler

After much discussion, a Roll Call Vote was taken and the aforementioned Proposal was approved in a 7 for and 6 against vote of all the 13 Chapters present.

NEW BUSINESS: The next meeting will be held at the will of the incoming President.

REMARKS: Outgoing President, Ben Bilott thanked the membership, the officers and the directors for their assistance during his two terms of office.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mingo Creek and seconded by Fort Pitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.

SECRETARY: Dave Kreutzer

Chapters Present: BassBones, Bassholes, Fort Pitt, Mingo Creek, Road Warriors, Mon River, PA State, Basscasters, Loyalhanna, Maiden Creek, Mariners, Patton, Steel Valley