

PENNSYLVANIA BASS NATION
STATE MEETING
February 17, 2019
N. Irwin Fire Hall

CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Josh Giran at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Dave Kreutzer called Roll-11 Chapters were represented

MINUTES:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Giran reported on the new exclusive deal with Towne Marine.

Towne will pay PA Bass Nation \$ 1,000 for the year 2019

Towne will pay the Top Skeeter Angler \$1,500 for the highest Skeeter/ Yamaha angler in each of the 3 State Tournaments

Towne Marine will pay \$750 for the top highest finishing angler with a boat purchased from Towne in each of the 3 State Tournaments.

Towne Marine will pay \$500 for the second highest finishing angler purchased from Towne in each of the 3 State Tournaments.

Towne Marine will pay \$250 for third highest finishing angler purchased from Towne in each of the 3 State Tournaments.

2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND MEETINGS

President Giran described the 2018 National Championship and Presidents meeting held in Muscle Shoals, Alabama in November. The biggest changes announced at the meeting were that BASS is going to change the number of Regions that haven't been totally decided yet to make it easier to attend for our anglers. The change will take place in 2020 as the 2019 Super Regional Tournament will be held in Maine. The Regions will be smaller but we will continue to send the same amount of competitors to the event. Giran introduced Kane Stein as our 2018 BASS National competitor in Muscle Shoals to describe his experiences fishing the event.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President Giran announced a vacancy in the ranks of the officers. Due to the early retirement of Wayne Proctor our Treasurer, David Robinson agreed to accept the nomination of Treasurer for the coming year. Hearing no other nominations for Treasurer or any of the other offices and directorships, the Secretary cast an affirmative vote for the current slate of officers and directors.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

SPONSORSHIPS: VP Derek Severn reported that we will again be part of the Alliance Program and the benefits will enhance our membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT: State Treasurer David Robinson reported that the treasury remains healthy at this particular time. Robinson also reported that the information for taxes has been sent to our CPA and the 1099's have been mailed to our Lucky Anglers. He and Wayne will be making the transfer with the bank information in the next week. Robinson also reported that the estimated cost of sending our Regional Team to this year's event will be around \$28,000 and suggested that we find new ways to cover the expenses.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Tournament Director Craig Matz reported that the Last Chance Tournament will be held at Conneaut Lake during the first weekend of October. Matz also reported that he has permits for the rest of the tournaments on this year's schedule.

YOUTH DIRECTOR: President Giran for Ernie Watkins who was unable to be present at the meeting reported that all is well in Youth/High School. Giran announced the West Qualifier will be held at Conneaut on August 3 and the Youth/High School Championship will be September 28 & 29 on Shenango. Phil Coffin will be handling the Youth/High School affairs for the Western side of the State. In order to help the success of West Side Phil will need help in the first year. We will be collecting prizes at our tournaments for the Youth/HS, so be generous with your contributions like last season. His biggest challenge will be providing boats for the competitors. Please call Phil and volunteer you and your boat for his 2 tournaments.

MEMBERSHIP: Dan Laur reported on the latest membership numbers. Mr. Laur also said the "state club" has been helpful to members who are not near a current PABN club. Laur urges all members to attract new and returning members back to PA Bass Nation. Every member counts.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

REMARKS:

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM

SECRETARY: Dave Kreutzer

Chapters Present: BassBones, Fort Pitt, Mingo Creek, Road Warriors, Maiden Creek, PA Southwest, Mariners, Standing Stone, LRB, Capital City