

PENNSYLVANIA BASS NATION
STATE MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2023
YOUNGWOOD FIRE HALL

President Giran led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by:

CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Josh Giran at 9:10 AM.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Dave Kreutzer called Roll. Eight Chapters were represented

MINUTES: No minutes of the previous meeting were presented by Secretary Dave Kreutzer. Due to Covid problems there were no relevant minutes to be distributed

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Pres. Giran described the overview of our organization during the Covid period. We reduced our meetings, but our fishing events moved forward well. Josh described our relationship with the Kayak Section of our Organization. We provide a flag for them to operate but they do all the day-to-day operations.

SPONSORSHIP: It is expected that our normal Sponsors will be with us again in 2023. They include The Allegiance Package, Skeeter/Yamaha package through Towne Marine, The Yamaha Package and the Lowrance Package.

2022 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP and accompanying National Meetings. Pres. Giran fished the National Championship and attended the National Meetings.

The results of the meetings have caused us to modify our tournament schedule and method of choosing our representatives to represent Pennsylvania in the 2024 National Championship.

NEW FORMAT:

The new format will consist of four (4) State Tournaments. Your three (3) best finishes will count for AOY points. This format will be used for both boater and non-boater divisions. At the conclusion of the fourth and final event AOY points will be tallied. The Top Four (4) boaters and Top Four (4) non-boaters will receive invitations to represent PABN at the 2024 BASS Nation National Championship. We will work down the AOY list to fill these eight (8) positions. These eight positions will receive financial compensation from PABN to attend the event.

The Last Chance Qualifier has been eliminated. The fourth and final event will now be held on the Allegheny River utilizing the Harmarville Ramp. This event will take place on Saturday July 29th, 2023 *pending permit.

In 2024 BASS Nation will have four (4) regional qualifiers throughout the country. These tournaments are OPEN events to Nation members and will be capped at a 250 boat field. From these events the Top twenty (20) boaters and non-boaters will receive entry into the 2024 BASS Nation National Championship.

PABN has been given ten (10) boater and ten (10) non-boater priority entries into our regional OPEN event. These priority entries will be given to anglers wishing to participate in the event based off of the previous years AOY point starting in 2023. For example if your final AOY standing for the 2023 State Circuit is between 5th and 14th place, in either division you will be offered one of these entries, should you wish to fish it. If you pass we will work down the AOY list until all ten entries have been accepted in each division. This essentially gives you a second chance to qualify for the national championship.

BASS Nation has advised that the entry fee for these events will be \$400.00 on the boater side and \$200.00 on the co-angler side. The payout % is TBD.

The 2024 BASS Nation National Championship will be a 250 boat field. The dates and location is TBD at this time.

The Pres. Informed the members of the Northeastern Regional Team that the lodging has been secured for the 2023 event.

TREASURER'S REPORT: State Treasurer Dave Robinson reported that the finances in Club were well and the financial documents are ready to be sent to the auditor. Dave reported that we had suffered 4 bad checks in 2022. Robinson is going to go after these members with the full extent of the law. For those of you who won money in 2022 in excess of 599.00, you will receive 1099's. Robinson reminds us that the payouts for our tournaments are the best in town. If you are looking for a tournament circuit, he wishes that you consider fishing our team trail. The Team Trail is a good thing for the participants and a better deal for PA Bass Nation.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: It was reported that most of the permits have been approved for the current tournament schedule.

YOUTH DIRECTOR: it was reported that all is well in Youth/High School Circuits. The circuits are growing and there might be a need for us to help provide boats for the youngsters. You are all reminded that those of you are members of the Regional Team must help the Junior Clubs if you are called upon.

MEMBERSHIP: It was reported that the latest membership numbers remain steady over the last couple of years.

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 encouraged all members to get any information to him if you wish to display it on the website.

ADJOURNMENT: Pres. Giran adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

SECRETARY: Dave Kreutzer

Chapters Present: BassBones, Loyalhanna, Mariners, Mingo Creek, Mon River, Road Warriors, Standing Stone, Extreme Anglers

Members Present: James Brown, Mark Mounts, Mark Melega, Leno Corazzi, Steven Griffith, Kevin Hagerman, Derek Severns, Josh Luko, Josh Giran, Dave Robinson, Dave Kreutzer