



# Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation

*Dedicated to Youth, Conservation and Bass Anglers of Michigan*

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10 Board members 29-clubs

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Presidents Meeting minutes

April 30, 2017

Called to order at 1:14 PM

Mike Kujawski (Secretary) Jay Berwick (Treasurer) Aaron Litwin Larry Gargus  
Gary Emerson Paul Wagner Dave Demott Jason Hurst Bob Kowal Paul Sacks

President Paul Rambo will not be present today due to some health issues. Please keep him in everyones prayers. Aaron Litwin will be filling in for his absence.

Reviewed February's Presidents Meeting minutes.

Motion to accept February's minutes by Gregg Glasser and seconded by Jesse Weener. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Conservation:** Dan Kimmel

The DNR is currently looking at peoples fish photos online and issuing tickets for possession that is not immediate catch and release. Most notably, people who are photographed with more than one fish in their hands. May 15 is the date for the MLSC bass fishing outing on Lake St. Clair. Currently there are 70 participants (20-Senators and Rep's and 8 DNR officers and volunteers). Volunteers are still needed to take out our legislators for the day. The Canadian Boater Bill S-233, for no call in, has not made any more progress. It is still expected to pass before summer is in full swing. The DNR is currently monitoring the issue of dead bass at Lake St. Clair boat launches, especially at the Crocker launch because of the water quality there. It is looking like 2018 B.A.S.S. Nation will be required to start using non penetrating cull tags. Bob Kowal will draft a letter to our Senators, Representatives, POTUS on behalf of the Board to voice our opinion on cutting Federal funding for Conservation. More importantly, the threat of Asian Carp entering the great lakes. This will also be sent to the BASS National Conservation Director. Dan would like to see a sign put up at the Crocker launch on Lake St. Clair to not release fish at the site but rather take the fish out to the lake where there is better water quality. You can call the DNR to tell them you will have more than the allowed 5-fish limit to take the fish back out to the lake. We are currently working on drafting legislation for delayed catch and release tournaments. Do not throw used plastic baits into the water. We need to support the "pledge to pitch it" program.

## **Treasurers' Report:** Jay Berwick

Jay presented the current monies in our accounts to the Presidents. Jay told the Presidents' that we need to watch or expenses for the future of the Michigan Bass Nation. The Board will be seriously addressing this issue at our October meeting. A motion to accept the Treasurers' report was made by Gregg Glasser and seconded by Dave Demott. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Scholarship Report:** Aaron Litwin

The deadline for applicants is October 15. Jay Berwick will be our new Scholarship Director.

## **Team Championship Series Report:** Larry Gargus

The dates and lakes for the 2107 series are set. The new flyers are also printed up. The dates and lakes for this year's Team Championship Series are: June 4 Houghton Lake, July 8 Lake St. Clair, July 9 Lake St. Clair, and August 19, Burt Lake. This year's Team Championship Series Championship will be August 20 on Mullet Lake. We will be receiving a sponsorship from TFO rods. We currently have 20 teams preregistered to this years series. Lungerhunt has agreed to sponsor the BTC Championship on Mullet Lake. They will provide us with product. We are near to reaching a deal with Eviloution and Mizmo/Cruncher baits to sponsor us to provide vinyl boat numbers for takeoff on the tournament days.

## **State Championship:** Gary Emerson

This year's adult State Championship will be on Muskegon Lake on September 14-17 out of Fisherman's Landing. The actual tournament days will be September 15 and 16, weather pending. The boat launch and insurance is all set for the tournament. Ramp fees will be \$10.00 during practice and \$5.00 during the tournament fishing days. No other boats will be allowed to use the ramp that are not tournament anglers during the morning launch and again in the afternoon when returning. We still need to get volunteers and marshals for the tournament. Veterans in Muskegon will be Marshall and also help out with the tournament. We will need a lot of Marshalls for this tournament. We are looking at the Don Rea VFW hall #8846 in Muskegon for our banquet. Tournament packets should be mailed out by the end of May.

**Tournament Committee:** Paul Wagner

Paul is working on a step by step process for running our tournaments for future Directors. We need more fish care items such as needles, tank care items, etc. We are going to be receiving the version 8 update for Tournament Keeper in near future. This will allow us to text partners with their flight info and simplify tournament recording. Paul is working on getting MBN a texting feature via Twilio.

**Membership:** Jason Hurst

We currently have 436 paid adult members over 29 clubs. We also have 19 High School clubs totaling 144 members and 6 Junior clubs totaling 46 members. May 1st is the cutoff date for final rosters to be turned in.

**Youth:** Brett Straffon

July 8 & 9 will be the official start of the High School All State Team. High School members will be required to fish all tournaments in order to qualify. June 22-24 will be our High School and Junior National Championship. We are looking into the possibility of having TFO Rods donating rods for prize packs. Lungerhunt has agreed to sponsor the championship with product. We currently have three clubs that have completed Youth projects for this year. They are Ultimate Bass, Lake Neppesing, and Cherry Captial. June 3-4 will be the High School State Championship on Hubbard Lake.

**Communications:** Aaron Litwin

We need updated email addresses from the members. Our state Facebook page is a great communication tool to get information out to our members. We have now created a You-Tube page and a private Michigan Bass Nation Facebook page for our members. We now have a new Michigan Bass Nation Team app. We currently have 37 adult members using our new Team app. We are still working on updating our website to allow members to update their information digitally. We will be using Webex for Presidents to call-in at today's Presidents meeting. A motion was made at our Board meeting this morning by Bob Kowal and seconded by Paul Wagner to count today's Webex call in as an attendance. No clubs have sent anything in to be posted on our new You Tube page. Please send anything you may have to Aaron Litwin for posting in either You Tube or Facebook.

**Sponsorship:** Aaron Litwin

An offer has been made to purchase the kayak by Paul Rambo. We still have no interest in the camper. We will reduce the price of the camper. The deadline dates for ordering TFO Rods are as follows: April 14, June 23, August 15, and October 13. There is still a \$15.00 shipping/processing charge for each rod ordered. Three or more rods ordered will only have a \$45.00 charge. A list of all of our sponsor and discounts can be found on our new MBN Team app. Some of our new sponsors that have come aboard are: Uncoiled Firearms out of Westland, Michigan and Eviloution Lures. Our first order of TFO Rods are here and ready for pick up at this meeting. See Aaron after the meeting.

**Poker:** Paul Sacks

The April poker event was cancelled due to Paul Sacks having surgery. The next event will be held on October 8-11. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Mr. B's may be closed and we may have to find another location. The State of Michigan is revamping all of the poker regulations that are now in place. We will have to wait and see how this will affect us.

**Bass Nation:** Aaron Litwin

The National Championship will be held October 19-21 on Lake Hartwell in Anderson, South Carolina. The next National Presidents and Youth Directors meeting will be on October 22 and 23. Luke Gritter (boater) and Jon Ryan (coangler) will be representing Michigan at the National Championship.

\*\*Bassmaster Elites will be on Lake St. Clair August 24-27 out of St. Clair Metropark.

\*\*Presidents can send anything they want posted to our Facebook page to Jason Hurst.

\*\*The Veterans Tournament on Kent Lake will be held on June 10, 2017. Last years event we had more boaters than Veterans.

\*\* A date and a location need to be determined for our October meeting.

We have tabled the volunteer program until another meeting.

\$150.00 was taken in at the 50/50 raffle with \$75.00 going to the winner Chad Timmer.

A motion was made by Dave Demott and seconded by Gregg Glasser to adjourn.

Motion Passed. Meeting Adjourned at 3:28PM.

Minutes recorded and written by Mike Kujawski

Michigan Bass Nation Board Secretary

