



Region Seven Officers
Director: Sid Ryan
Tournament Dir: ~~Brian Briesemeister~~
Asst. Tournament Dir: Kevin Massie
Secretary/Treasurer: Susan Owens
Youth Directors: Richard Woods
~~Victor Spence~~

Minutes of the November 17, 2021, President's meeting
7:00pm at The Glass Baron

Call meeting to Order – Sid called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Roll Call – All clubs represented except Great Bridge.

Minutes from the August meeting were motioned, seconded, and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was read, motioned, seconded, and approved as written.

Virginia B.A.S.S. Nation Business:

- The last BFN State meeting was riddled with issues and heated exchanges. Sid reported several problems with the bylaws to the State Board specifically related to tournament rules including landing nets, creel for the non-boater, anglers from the same region or club, and dead fish penalty as written in the rules handed out at the State Championship but changed at will; pre-election communication regarding the VP position election, no check-in boat at State Championship at Smith Mountain Lake, lack of a State tournament director, youth banking, tournament schedule changes around Angler's Choice tournaments, rosters, etc.
- Steve Woodruff was re-elected as Vice President.
- State still needs a tournament director. Sid will not take that position.
- Hotels in Clarksville – please support them. They will lower the rate discount if VA Bass is mentioned.
- Club rosters are technically due Dec 1 – Dec 31. It is recommended that you submit National rosters and fees online. State rosters with fees need to be mailed to Pam Bryant. Remember, youths under 16 cannot be listed on state or national rosters. You can have youths on your club roster only. They may fish regions. As we do not have a youth club nor are there any community youth fishing clubs available, B.A.S.S. promotes clubs taking on youths to fish with them. It is up to individual clubs.
- 2022 State calendar:
 - Spring Classic ~~Mar 19/20~~ on Gaston/Holly Grove **CHANGED TO MAR 12/13**
 - Summer Classic ~~April 30/May 1~~ on Kerr/Occoneechee **CHANGED TO JUNE 25/26**
 - Fall Classic Oct 1/2 on Kerr/Occoneechee
 - Championship Nov 12/13 TBD

Region 7 Business:

- Sid thanked Susan and Kevin for all they have done for the Region.
- Awards for 2021 Top Anglers will be presented at the January meeting.
- Election of Region 7 Director: By balloted majority vote, Craig Owens was elected as Region 7's Director for the 2022-2023 two-year term. Craig announced that his board will consist of Wayne Hayes as Tournament Director, Mark Ingram as Assistant Tournament Director, Susan Owens will continue as Secretary/Treasurer, and Woodie and Victor will continue as Youth Coordinators.
- The tournament schedule that Brian Briesemeister presented to the Board earlier was discussed among the Presidents and Board. Feb 26 on Gaston/Holly Grove, Apr 23 on Kerr/Flemingtown, May 14 on Pasquotank/City Ramp and June 5 (Sun) on Chick out of Rte. 5. All waters and dates will stay in place except the April date on Kerr. Craig and Wayne will work on getting the Kerr tournament in April out of North Bend and moved to a different weekend since Region 7 has 5 members fishing the Divisional starting

April 24. Congratulations again to Tim Byers (boater), Adam Richardson (boater) and Ivan C. Morris (non-boater) from Lake Gaston Bass Holes and Amy Schwartz (non-boater) and Jacob Novak (non-boater) from Little Creek!!! **UPDATE:** Craig and Wayne obtained a verbal commit from the Army Corps for April 16th. The Kerr tournament application and fee for N. Bend was faxed and mailed Nov 19th..

- Craig brought up for discussion to increase region dues and tournament entries in an effort to compete more with the Cattrail and BFL tournament trails, and to offer larger payouts. Craig has solicited sponsors ready to donate \$2000 per tournament to the 1st place boat and then entries would begin the matrix payout down starting with 2nd place. Susan provided a quick example of what a payout would be if entries were raised to \$100/boat if we had 40 boats - 2nd place would start at over \$1100. After much discussion, Susan was asked to write up a motion to amend the bylaws keeping the region dues at \$10 but increasing tournament entry to \$100 per boat which includes \$10 lunger.
- Virginia Bassmasters (Susan Owens) brought up for discussion to change the creel limit from 6 fish to 5 fish and also to allow lone boaters as a “team” entry. The reasoning is not to penalize any lone boaters with the creel change, and many clubs are used to lone boaters which could increase the number of boats; thus increasing payouts.
- Ivan brought up for discussion to cut out some of the “fluff” meaning trophies expense keeping those funds in the region as well as reducing the number of Fall Classic entries that the Region pays for. Susan was asked to write up motions for trophies only at the end of the year and only 5 boats paid entry for Fall Classic.
- Susan was asked to have all motions requested written and distributed to the club Presidents as soon as possible so that they can be voted on at the January meeting.
- Region/State calendar will be distributed as soon as possible.
- Thanks to Sid for all his work with and on behalf of Region 7! You are AWESOME!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!

Next meeting:

Next meeting is January 12, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Owens
Secretary/Treasurer

