

Region Seven Officers
Director: Craig Owens
Interim Tourn. Dir: Kevin Massie
Secretary/Treasurer: Susan Owens
Youth Directors: ~~Richard Woods~~
Victor Spence



Minutes of the June 17, 2023, President's meeting
7:00pm at The Glass Baron

Call meeting to Order – Craig called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
Roll Call – All clubs represented. (Great Bridge by proxy)
Last Meeting Minutes – Motioned by Little Creek, seconded by Back Bay. Approved as written.
Treasurer's Report – Motioned by Little Creek, seconded by Back Bay. Approved as written.

SAD NEWS:

A member of Virginia Bassmasters, Amanda Webb, passed away June 16th.

BASS Nation of Virginia Business:

Chapter Team tournament had 102 boats. The tournament ran very well. Anglers are settling in to the new format and the state is hoping to keep up this pace for the remaining 2 tournament.

Congratulations! Virginia State Team Wins First Place at the 2023 B.A.S.S. Southeastern Regional on Douglas Lake in Tennessee. Kevin Walton of Virginia Bassmasters led the team and taking first place for the tournament. He and Larry Witt will be competing at the B.A.S.S. National Championship in October on Lake Hartwell. Craig encouraged any input you can offer Kevin so Region 7 can have a National champion!!

Sid Ryan has starting thoughts for the 2024 state tournament schedule. There will be 4 different tournaments next year. He is suggesting, to get thoughts going, the following schedule:

Tournament #1 on Kerr or Smith Mountain – March 2/3, 9/10, or 16/17
Tournament #2 on Kerr or Smith Mountain – April 13/14, 20/21, 27/28 or May 4/5
Tournament #3 on Chick/James or Gaston – Sept 14/15 or 21/22
Tournament #4 on Chick/James or Gaston – Oct 26/27 or Nov 2/3

Please discuss with your club members and bring back your input at the next meeting. Craig will be presenting Region 7's choices at the August Board meeting. Remember, if you have a body of water you would like to propose be added into the state schedule, you must research available hotels and eateries preferably within 20-30 minute drive of the ramp, and the ramp must be able to handle 100+ boats.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Craig reported major congestion experienced at the Waterlily Ramp in Coinjock, NC last weekend. Both Little Creek and Virginia Bassmasters showed up for club tournaments among many, many other

boat owners using the ramp just boat riding or attending the boat fest going on in Currituck Sound on Saturday. Needless to say, trailers filled the parking lot and lined the road going to the ramp. Currently, NCWRC requires any club with 15 or less boats to obtain an L15 permit which permit is a blanket permit and does not require naming the ramp or the date. The Game Warden showed up during Virginia Bassmasters' weighin and was not aware of any such blanket permit so Craig was given a ticket. Monday, Craig contacted the NCWRC and proved there is a blanket permit and that his was obtained in January this year. His ticket has been nullified. Nonetheless, the Game Warden is initiating changes in the way NCWRC provides permits and has requested Virginia clubs to join in the NC website that calendars tournament schedules. The goal is to have permits stating the body of water and the date to avoid more than one club tournament at a ramp. Of course, NC clubs will get first choice. Please utilize this website to add your tournament – www.elizabethcitybassmasters.com/area-schedules

There will be some vacancies in our Board. The Region Director term ends this year. Susan is resigning as Secretary/Treasurer, and Woodie is resigning as a youth director. Victor Spence has not yet determined if he will assume all youth director duties. Kevin Massie agreed to assist at tournaments until a permanent Tournament Director is determined. Please pass the word among your members and encourage them to consider taking on any of these roles. As you are aware, our Region is running is very smoothly with the processes that have been fine tuned over the years. Assuming any of these roles will be an easy transition.

Tournament Report:

As with our first tournament, Kevin Walton on bump table, Kevin Massie on the scales, Craig selling raffle tickets, and Susan recording weights. Any issues or protests will be resolved by consensus of club Presidents present together with Craig and Kevin Massie.

We have 23 boats fishing Saturday on the Pasquotank. First place guarantee will be \$1500. We will be launching from the old gravel ramp at Elizabeth City Waterfront. Keep in mind, there is a Juneteenth festival going on in Elizabeth City.

Next meeting:

Next meeting June 14th for preregistration for the Pasquotank Saturday, June 17th out of Elizabeth City Waterfront.

Round the Room Comments:

Back Bay – Good

Bassholes – Good

Great Bridge – Good

Little Creek – Good

SEVA – Good. Added 2 members

Virginia – Good

Craig thanked Janet and Ivan Morris for allowing us to use the Glass Baron building for our meetings.

Motion to adjourn by Little Creek, seconded by Back Bay. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Owens, Secretary/Treasurer