



## **REGION 7 MEETING MINUTES**

### **November 19, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: Craig Owens called the meeting to order at 6:55pm

ROLL CALL: Mike Cumberledge, Back Bay  
Chris Napier, Great Bridge  
Ivan Morris, Lake Gaston Bass Holes  
Brian Guckert, Little Creek  
Craig Owens, Virginia

Guest attendees: Jim Sampson, Sid and Abby Ryan, and Jack and Karla Babcock. Also in attendance Red Bruun.

#### Presentation of End of the Year Awards – CONGRATULATIONS!!

Chris Napier and Mike Hildenbrandt Anglers of the Year  
Erling Brunn Lunker of the Year and Bass Lotto Check

Last Meeting Minutes (November 20, 2024) Susan highlighted summary of the last in-person meeting minutes. A motion by Brian Guckert and second by Ivan Morris was made. All approved.

Treasurer's Report 2025: A full activity report of 2025 transactions and budget vs. actual report was presented. A motion by Brian Guckert and second by Ivan Morris was made. All approved.

#### REGION BUSINESS:

Jim Sampson was elected as the new Region 7 Director for 2026 and 2027 two-year term.  
Jim Sampson has appointed Rich Hartman as Sec/Treas.

#### NEW REGION TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

Jack Babcock went over the current tournament format and schedule for Regions 3 and 6 for any questions we have. There are 6 tournaments for 2026. Registration is at the ramp the morning of the tournament. Cash or check. Registration closes 20 minutes prior to blast off. \$100 entry fee per boat with \$10 going to lunker and 20% returned to each region based on each region's number of entries. The state's tournament rules apply. Use your own weigh bag to bring fish to the bump table. They will go in a mesh bag for weighin. The tournament pays 1 in 5 boats for each tournament. Each region can present awards/paybacks for their own region members participating if they choose. Each region tracks their own angler stats. Each region is asked to assist in weigh-in process and packing the trailer at end of the tournament. All ramp permits and cost of hauling the trailer is shared by the regions with tally at the end of the year.

Region 7 discussed with excitement and new motivation and accepted the invitation to join Regions 3 and 6 in their tournament schedule. Region 7 will count the top 4 tournament standings in determining our top anglers of the year who will receive free entry into 4 of the 6 tournaments. Region 7 will present trophies for End of the Year awards as usual. Region 7 will continue the big fish lotto. All Region 7 tournament equipment will be maintained/stored by Jim Sampson. A new account will be opened by Rich Hartman and remaining \$3500+ Region 7 funds will be transferred to new account by check; closing our current Bank of America account. Communication will be done by Facebook page and email.

The 2026 Region 3-6-7 tournament schedule is:

March 21, 2026 – James River, Osborne Landing

April 25, 2026 – Lake Gaston, Holly Grove

June 14, 2026 – Kerr Lake, Occoneechee

July 11, 2026 – Pamunkey River, Williams Landing

August 29, 2026 – Chickahominy, Riverfront

September 27, 2026 – Chickahominy, Riverfront

YOUTH: Victor Spence, Youth Director has indicated he is stepping down. Therefore, at present without this position filled, we will let VB P&R know as soon as possible of this. We will donate the equipment (rods/reels, tackle boxes, etc.) to them and let them know that we will assist if available, but no commitment.

STATE BUSINESS:

Sid went over the highlights from the state's board meeting last weekend and BNC Conference.

The 2026 national and regional teams are in place under old format.

New state tournament format. 4 one-day tournaments and a 2-day championship. Fixed teams. No drops. To be eligible to fish the state championship a fixed team must fish 3 of 4 qualifiers with one qualifier being a top 50% finish, or fish all 4 qualifiers. You can fish a lone boater registered as a team no more than 2 of the 4 qualifiers. A team can fish the state championship as a lone boater both days. Team Trail contract includes point standings from our 4 qualifying tournaments. No drops. Top 3 teams go to 2026 Bass Nationals.

For the 2027 Nationals, our top team from 2026 state championship goes to Nationals. The next 10 boaters and non-boaters make up the 2027 SE Regional "State Team". Top boater and non-boater finishing at regionals from Virginia State Team also go to Nationals.

2026 State Schedule of Events Calendar will be updated and posted on the state's website. Club rosters and dues are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> to Susan Owens, State Sec/Treas.

ROUND THE ROOM COMMENTS:

Back Bay	Good
Bassholes	Good
Great Bridge	Good
Little Creek	Good
Virginia	Good

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 8:28 pm

HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!

Don't forget – 2026 Fishing Expo at the Meadow Event Park in Richmond is January 16-18. 😊