



Region Seven Officers

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

Minutes of the January 8, 2020 President's meeting 7:00 PM at The Glass Baron

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

All Chapters were represented except Southeastern.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the last meeting were motioned to approve and seconded. None opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There had been no changes in the report since last meeting. Susan will be contacting a few recipients that have not yet cashed/deposited their check.

REGION NEWS:

- Region 7 no longer has any TBF clubs and therefore it is confirmed that Region 7 is now totally B.A.S.S. Nation. This means Region 7 does not need to obtain insurance for events and frees up funds that were historically paid for TBF Fall Classic teams. This will dictate a change in our bylaws respectively. In light of Region 7 now under B.A.S.S. insurance, the question arose about 12-year old's can still able to fish under B.A.S.S. Sid confirmed yes, they can, they just cannot be on the roster.
 - Sid reviewed the topics discussed at the Region 7 board meeting held December 22nd.
 - The region disposed of several weigh-in bags contaminated by a dead fish left in the trailer. We have approximately 10 bags remaining. Instead of purchasing new bags, this year we will allow competitors to bring their catch to weigh-in in their own bags. If necessary, the TD will limit competitors to the scale at a time.
 - Sid has donated his sump pump to the Region to use at the Chick for the fish chute. We will obtain a hose and clamp to ensure water is running through the chute at weigh-ins.
 - Kevin will be inventorying supplies in the trailer prior to the first tournament in March. It was agreed at the last President's meeting that the volunteer hauling the trailer to the tournaments will receive free entry. Buddy Bryant and Lou Hughes have agreed to haul the trailer.
- Regarding sponsors, as announced previously, Region 7 has lost Max King and Price's Transmission as sponsors. We have confirmed however that Motor Tech and Murphy's Prop Shop is coming on board as well as H & M Boats with sponsorship levels still to be determined (product, service discounts, monetary, etc.). The Glass Baron will continue to provide product for our raffles.
- Sid and Susan will be stepping down as Director and Secretary/Treasurer at the end of this season. Wayne Hayes recommended that anyone interested in the positions to be assistants this year in order to make transitions smooth.

YOUTH:

- Virginia Beach Parks & Rec will only be hosting a youth event the last Saturday in September 2020 at Lake Smith. Our typical August event at Northwest River campground is yet to be decided.

STATE NEWS:

- The next BFN state board meeting will be held Sunday 1/12/20. The items to be voted on were discussed and decisions determined for Sid to vote as follows:
 - Changing the name of the Mr. Bass, Chapter Team/6 Man, and Fall Classic tournaments to State

Qualifier 1, State Qualifier 2 and State Qualifier 3. The President's voted for Sid to vote NO on this for two reasons: Everyone knows what Mr. Bass, Chapter Team/6 Man and Fall Classic mean and who wants a trophy that just says Qualifier 1, 2 or 3 on it?

- Changing the creel limit for the non-boater/co-angler at the State Championship tournament to 3 fish. The President's voted that being this tournament is a Pro/Am style tournament, that Sid should vote YES.
 - A motion was made at seconded at the last State Board Meeting to vote on requiring a 60-day notice of the State Championship tournament site. The President's voted to have Sid vote YES on this.
- Sid has Lucky Lotto (Pick 3) tickets available for sale. \$10/ticket due back by March 1st.

NEW REGION BUSINESS:

- Sid passed out names of people that have contacted him with interest in joining a club in Region 7.
- Wayne presented a written bylaw proposal to change the number of teams that Region 7 pays for to enter the Fall Classic from 10 teams to 15 teams. Reason: Due to dropping TBF, Region 7 now does not have to pay for insurance nor TBF Fall Classic team entry. The motion was seconded by Ivan Morris and will be voted on at the March pre-registration meeting for our first tournament.
- Susan will amend the current bylaws to reflect updates relative to dropping TBF only and will then revise the bylaws for publication if this vote passes at the March meeting.
- Susan asked if the Region will be paying for trophies this year. The Presidents voted yes.
- A discussion was initiated by Chris Napier over payouts, entry fees, etc. All will remain the same.

NEXT REGION MEETING:

- Wednesday, March 18th, 2020. 7:00pm. Glass Baron. Pre-registration for Kerr / Flemington ramp.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Owens, Secretary/Treasurer