

Region Seven Officers
Director: Craig Owens
Tournament Dir: Wayne Hayes
Asst. Tournament Dir: ~~Mark Ingram~~
Secretary/Treasurer: Susan Owens
Youth Directors: Richard Woods
~~Victor Spence~~



Minutes of the February 23, 2022, 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.

January 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Approved as written.

BASS Nation of Virginia Business:

- Several State bylaw changes were approved at the January board meeting. Some were administrative; some were not.
 - Absentee or proxy votes will be allowed to be for the election of the offices of President and Vice President to be submitted to the election committee other than a nominee for President and Vice President.
 - The term of office for President and Vice President shall not exceed two consecutive 2-year terms unless no one other than the incumbent seeks the office.
 - The term of President shall expire in even numbered years; Vice President expiring in odd numbered years.
 - Youth, tournament, and conservation director positions shall be elected positions with voting rights.
 - Special committee chairpersons are appointed by the President to serve the Board without voting rights.
 - The Employee (Secretary/treasurer) of the State must be voted on by the Board members.
 - Region members or clubs may join any region of their choosing.
 - Clubs must register rosters with the state no later than February 15th to be considered a club in good standing. Those members will be eligible to fish the BASS Nation of Virginia tournament that year.
 - No new members added to rosters after June 30th will be allowed to fish the Fall Classic tournament.
 - Spring and Summer Qualifiers will return to the names Mr. Bass and Chapter Team.
 - The top 25 teams from each qualifier will earn berths in the State Championship. Any team that fishes all three qualifiers, may enter one boater and one non-boater in the State Championship only if both members enter the State Championship.
 - Entry fees for state qualifiers and the State Championship have been increased to \$160 per boat which include \$10 per boat lunger.
 - State Championship date shall be in October or November with site to be determined by President and Tournament Director.
 - Rod length of 10 foot is permitted to keep in line with BASS rules.
 - Although BASS Nation rules do not permit landing nets, they will be allowed in State qualifying and championship tournaments.
 - Off limits within 100 yards of tournament headquarters has been removed.
 - In the event, a state qualifier registered team loses a partner, the remaining partner may only fish one day alone. In the event, a state championship paired team loses a partner, the tournament committee will attempt to pair the remaining partner. If no one is available, the

remaining partner may fish alone on Day Two only. Only as a last resort will the remaining partner be paired with someone from his/her own region.

- Dead fish penalty changed to 4 ounces in line with BASS Nation rules.
- State Championship creel limit changed non-boaters no more than 3 fish (example 2@12", 1@14").
- Upcoming state qualifier on Lake Gaston, March 12/13. Meeting 5:30pm at the Microtel in South Hill. Teams must register/call Susan Owens before 11am on Friday.
- Next BFN State meeting will be March 27, 2022.

Region 7 Business:

- Craig gave report on our sponsors. Minimum guarantee payouts are covered. Asked all to please thank sponsors
- There will be a side pot \$25 winner take all at Saturday's Gaston tournament.

Old Business:

- Susan had provided a tournament winnings matrix based on 80% of entries and 90% of entries. It was voted on that the 80% matrix will be used.

New Business:

- None.

Tournament Report:

- Gaston tournament February 26th – launching from Holly Grove Citgo Marina. Volunteer flight 7am/FSL, blast off 5 min later. Volunteers weigh-in at 3:00pm; Field weighs in at 3:30pm. NO trailering boats for weigh-in.

Next meeting:

- Next meeting April 13th. Pre-registration for Kerr tournament April 16th out of North Bend Special Events area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Owens, Secretary/Treasurer