

NEW MEXICO BASS NATION MINUTES



The Board of Directors' Meeting of the New Mexico BASS Nation was held on June 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting.

Call to Order and Roll Call. Vice President Dave Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. President Earl Conway assumed the Chair.

Roll Call:

Present: Directors:

Albuquerque Hawg Hunters (ABHH) – Keith Johnston
Canadian River Bass Club (Canadian River) – John Clayman, Proxy, for Randy Campbell
Cedar Cove Bass Anglers (Cedar Cove) – Randell Bell
Elephant Butte Bass Anglers (Elephant Butte) – Justin Armenta, Proxy for Joe Ramirez
High Country Bass Anglers (High Country) – Brian Stangel
Rocky Mountain Bass Anglers (RMBA) – Dave Garrett
Socorro Valley Bass Club (Socorro Valley) – Ron Gilworth

Officers:

- Earl Conway – NMBN President
- Dave Garrett – NMBN Vice President
- Audra Garrett – Secretary/Treasurer
- Tyler Wilson - Tournament Director
- Earl Conway - Conservation Director
- Justin Allen - Youth Director

Absent: Pecos Valley Bassmasters (PVB) – Mike Hill

Cortez is not in good standing – no state dues were remitted

Reading of Minutes from the April 12, 2022 Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dave Garrett, RMBA, and seconded by Brian Stangel, High Country. Upon poll the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda. A motion to approve the Agenda, Treasurer's Report, and President's Report was made by Dave Garrett, RMBA, and the motion was seconded by Ron Gilworth, Socorro Valley. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. The NMBN financials were presented in writing as follows:

Beginning Balance	Checking	\$ 6,901.02
	Savings	<u>\$ 850.38</u>
Income	Dues	\$ 2,979.80

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Sponsors	\$ 3,500.00
Tournaments	\$28,925.58
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$-
Other (Pres Cup, Alliance Product, Int.)	<u>\$ 2,728.29</u>
Total Income	\$38,133.67
Expenses	
Permits/Supplies/Equip	\$ 1,215.48
Tournament Payouts	\$23,134.00
State Team Travel	\$10,253.80
Classic & Natl Travel	\$ 1,995.02
Tournament Help	\$ 100.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$36,698.30</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 9,186.77</u>
Pending Deposits & A/P:	
Pay Pal	\$ 254.68
Jersey Upgrades	\$ 100.00
(Permits/Supplies/Equip)	<u>\$ 354.68</u>
Total w/Pending & A/P	\$ 9,541.45

President's Report. President Earl Conway submitted the report in writing to the Directors. He said that the President's report was bad because he is not happy with how tournaments went, Jon Stewart belittling New Mexico, the State Team's performance, Christian Gladfelter's alleged damage to someone's boat, members not meeting as required, and lack of effort by the State Team in seeking financial support.

Conservation Director's Report. Conservation Director Earl Conway submitted this report in writing to the Directors. Brian Stangel, High Country, moved to accept the Conservation Director's Report and Keith Johnson, ABHH, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously upon poll.

Youth Director's Report. Youth Director Justin Allen provided a written report. Justin Allen said that the next event is the Junior Open. He said he will try to go out and support the Cast for Kids coming up as well. He is trying to nail down a date for the Clovis team. Brian Stangel, High Country, asked the status of Hooked on Fishing and Cast for Kids. Justin Allen advised he isn't aware of those programs happening. He usually helps them and was able to get donations the last couple of years. As of now after talking to them they need boats and tackle. Ron Gilworth, Socorro Valley, added that the Junior Open is on Fathers' Day weekend and the Casting for Kids is in July. They've gotten donations from Cabela's and Socorro Valley Bass Club and Randall and Tawny Bell are helping at the weigh in. They've asked for a donation from Sportsmans' Warehouse.

Justin Armenta, Proxy for Joe Ramirez, Elephant Butte, entered the meeting at 6:21 p.m.



Justin Allen added that it looks like there will be a great turn out. President Earl Conway thanked Elephant Butte for doing this for the past 44 years. Keith Johnston, ABHH, said he sent an email to NMBN Administration regarding an aquatics program in the Albuquerque public schools asking for help. He questioned if NMBN would be able to support the program. Keith Johnston, ABHH, moved to approve the Youth Director report and Ron Gilworth, Socorro Valley, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Old Business. Review of previous tournaments/debriefing. Secretary/Treasurer Audra Garrett stated that she appreciated the tournament help at the last qualifiers where they were unbiased, professional, measured fish, etc. She said the state team could have done better with meetings to share information. Brian Stangel, High Country, added that we need to come up with one method of communication, one that is consistent. President Earl Conway recommended a survey of the members. Brian Stangel, High Country, agreed that should be a topic of a survey, as should some other topics. President Earl Conway added that communication to the President should go through the directors. Audra Garrett, Secretary/Treasurer, opined that there needs to be some team-building.

Status update of officer role documentation (checklists and position descriptions). Brian Stangel and Audra Garrett both said they still have intentions of getting this done but haven't had time. State Team Captain duties were discussed at length.

No Net rules. Dave Garrett, RMBA, moved to table this item to the next meeting. Brian Stangel, High Country, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business. Bylaw change to change election of officers from August 31 to "following the final qualifier of the current year" or "following the conclusion of the current year qualifier schedule". Discussion was held concerning the need to allow in-coming officers as much time as possible to get things lined out. John Clayman, Canadian River, suggested the election should be the month following the first qualifier and then the new officers could back up the out-going officers; the new officers would take over the following year. Brian Stangel, High Country, added that if we don't start getting donations in August or September we will not get anything. Additional discussion was held surrounding this and future elections. President Earl Conway urged the directors to have election as soon as possible. Keith Johnston, ABHH, moved to hold elections for this year on June 30th; Brian Stangel, High Country, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously upon poll.

Nominations for officers – election committee to search for key positions. This item was addressed through the previous item's motion.

Request for Director's decision (Bylaws 6.e) to discipline or ban a member for conduct unbecoming of a member and poor representation of New Mexico Bass Nation (pre-read request from president@nmbfn.com). The Directors held discussion concerning the formal complaints filed and the requirements as set forth in the bylaws of the organization. It was the consensus of the Directors, in accordance with the bylaws,



to send a written communication to the member to allow him an opportunity to be heard or respond to the communication.

Dues increase. Dave Garrett, RMBA, moved to increase the state dues to \$40 per year and the motion was seconded by Keith Johnston, ABHH. Keith Johnston, ABHH, asked what will be done with the extra money that results from the increase. President Earl Conway said that it will be for trophies as the cost has increased quite a bit as well as equipment. It will also be used to shore up the budget shortfalls. Secretary Audra Garrett added that the organization needs tournament bags, a ruler and the potential for increased state team travel expenses. Randell Bell, Cedar Cove, suggested we find someone to sponsor the trophies. Upon poll the motion carried unanimously. President Earl Conway said that the bylaws will be amended if this motion affects them.

Tournament entry fee increase. President Earl Conway suggested there be a special committee to look at the tournament structure, including the fees as well as whether there should be a draw for co-anglers or not. Brief discussion was held. No action was taken on this item.

Add the angler of the year qualifications and add state team captain qualifications to the bylaws. It was determined that the language in the bylaws needs to be reviewed and possibly amended for clarity. The item was tabled to a future meeting.

Add traveling trophy to the AOY to the bylaws. Dave Garrett, RMBA, said there is nothing in the bylaws concerning a traveling trophy for Angler of the Year. He noted that trophies are going to cost \$2k for the state team and qualifier leaders. He suggested they could give certificates to qualifier leaders and plaques to the state team members. Randall Bell, Cedar Cove, reiterated the need to find a sponsor for them. President Earl Conway asked for an increase to the budget to allow him to get plaques for the state team, qualifier leaders and big bass winners and Angler of the Year jackets, as has been done in the past. Keith Johnston, ABHH, moved to increase the budget to allow President Earl Conway to pay for the plaques. Ron Gilworth, Socorro Valley, seconded the motion which carried unanimously upon poll.

Plaques cost and supplier progress. This item was covered under the previous item.

Tournament format (whether to return to random pairings of anglers and co-anglers in 2023). This item was covered under a previous item.

Tournaments for remainder of 2022. Tyler Wilson, Tournament Director, suggested a tournament where they could get someone to sponsor belt buckles – something fun. Ron Gilworth, Socorro Valley, said we should hold some club-on-club tournaments for fund raisers for the state team.



Registration process for 2023. Randell Bell, Cedar Cove, suggested NMBN shouldn't be denying anyone the ability to fish a tournament. He suggested a penalty be imposed for late registration. No action was taken on this item; it is deferred for consideration by the new administration.

Fees charged for transaction processing. President Earl Conway said that the club's PayPal account does charge transaction fees and those fees were passed on to the anglers. Brian Stangel, High Country, said that it will be a discussion for next year for the directors.

Treasurer being added to bank account with same authority as President. President Earl Conway explained that the bank only allows one person to be in charge of the account. It was the consensus to explore our options with the current bank for a new bank and to make the Audra Garrett as Treasurer the owner of the Wells Fargo account going forward. Earl Conway will continue to be owner of the Conservation accounts and Justin Allen the owner of the Youth account with Audra Garrett as second account holder on those.

Consideration of adding two additional tournaments to the schedule, three weekends at three different lakes; Drops could be either one or two. No action was taken on this item.

Next meeting date. By consensus, the election date and next meeting date was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on June 29, 2022. President Earl Conway asked the directors to provide nominations for the officer seats as soon as possible.

Adjournment. Ron Gilworth, Socorro Valley, moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Randall Bell, Cedar Cove. Upon poll the motion carried unanimously.

Approved: _____

Earl Conway, President

Audra Garrett, Secretary