

NEW MEXICO BASS NATION MINUTES



The Board of Directors' Meeting of the New Mexico BASS Nation was held on June 29, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting.

Call to Order and Roll Call. President Earl Conway called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Directors:

Albuquerque Hawg Hunters (ABHH) – Moe Gutierrez, Proxy, for 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) Joe Ramirez
High Country Bass Anglers (High Country) – Brian Stangel
Pecos Valley Bassmasters (PVB) – Mike Hill (6:39 pm)
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: None

Reading of Minutes from the June 8, 2022 Meeting. A motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes as presented was made by Joe Ramirez, Elephant Butte, and seconded by Moe Gutierrez, ABHH. Upon poll the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda. A motion to approve the Agenda, amended to add an update regarding probation status of a member under 5b, as requested by President Earl Conway was made by Brian Stangel, High Country, and Dave Garrett, RMBA, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously upon poll.

Youth Director's Report. Youth Director Justin Allen deferred to Justin Armenta to provide an update on the Elephant Butte Junior Open. Justin Armenta reported that they had 49 kids at weigh-in with 29 boats. There was lots of good help from the club. Awards were issued to first through third place winners. He said that Youth Director Justin Allen does good getting sponsorships and donations which keeps the cost down to about \$20 per kid and it still gives the kids a good experience. He added that a news article will come out in the T or C newspaper thanking all of the sponsors. Brian Stangel, High Country, thanked Justin Allen and Justin Armenta



for their hard work. He confirmed that the youth tournament is on Father's Day weekend every year and said it is something that NMBN should promote. Justin Armenta said they have the official promotional information that he will share to ensure people have the right information, such as fishing can only be done from a boat they bring that is insured; no bank or kayak fishing. Youth Director Justin Allen said their next Bass Nation/ Junior Open tournament will be on October 15th at Elephant Butte. They will be holding the Cast for Kids at Elephant Butte on July 9th. There are 43 kids registered as of now. Brian Stangel, High Country, pointed out that it overlaps with a Bass Bums tournament.

Old Business. Status of plaques. President Earl Conway reported that he will be ordering the plaques from Crown Plaques and he will then get them to Brian Stangel, himself and Keith Johnston to distribute. It will keep the cost down to something reasonable. He said he hopes to get it done next week.

Probation status of member. President Earl Conway advised that a notice was issued to a member advising of a two-year probation status with NMBN with three required conditions: 1) pay for gas for the last day of regionals, which has been done; 2) pay for boat repairs with a July 31st deadline; and 3) apologize for not following the wishes of the boat owner by operating it so as to not damage it. The member had an opportunity to respond, which he did.

Mike Hill, PVB, entered the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Brian Stangel, High Country, emphasized the need to deal with rule violations committed by anglers at tournaments on the spot in a professional manner. President Earl Conway said that he and John Clayman talked about the lack of a base-line for violations and an associated sanction. Brian Stangel, High Country, said that Jon Stewart has potential sanctions. He said NMBN needs to work on tournament rules to explain penalties. There will still be discretion left up to the Tournament Director for certain mistakes. Other sanctions for violations we will put in writing.

No-net rule and draw tournaments will be topics on a future agenda.

New Business. Election of officers. It was noted that nominations were requested by President Earl Conway on June 14th by email communication to the Directors and that only one response was received. The response was from Dave Garrett, RMBA, nominating as follows:

Youth Director:	Justin Allen
Conservation Director:	Earl Conway
Tournament Director:	Dave Garrett
Secretary/Treasurer:	Audra Garrett
Vice President:	Dave Garrett
President:	Brian Stangel

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Upon confirmation that no additional nominations were on the floor, Joe Ramirez, Elephant Butte, moved by acclamation for the election of all those nominated as next year's officers. Ron Gilworth, Socorro Valley, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

Earl Conway expressed his appreciation to the Directors and Officers that he served with.

Brian Stangel assumed the chair. He stated that his job as President is not to set policy, but to be the secretary for NMBN. High Country will need a new Director. He said that members will be polled to get feedback and the members will use the officers to guide the organization to improve the organization. He concluded that he has identified some of his goals and will share them by email to the Directors.

Next meeting date. By consensus, the next meeting date was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on August 3, 2022.

Discussion was held regarding a future in-person meeting, and holding one in-person at least once per year. It was suggested that it be early enough to select lakes and set rules as well as get the required permits for those lakes. Discussion was also held about seeking sponsorships beginning in August.

Adjournment. Moe Gutierrez, ABHH, moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ron Gilworth, Socorro Valley. Upon poll the motion carried unanimously.

Approved: _____

Brian Stangel, President

Audra Garrett, Secretary