

NEW MEXICO BASS NATION MINUTES



The Board of Directors' Meeting of the New Mexico BASS Nation was held on October 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting.

Call to Order and Roll Call. President Brian Stangel called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:

Directors- Canadian River Bass Club (Canadian River) – (Earl Conway & Justin Allen proxied until 6:23 p.m when Randy Campbell entered the meeting) - Randy Campbell

Cedar Cove Bass Anglers (Cedar Cove) – Randell Bell

Elephant Butte Bass Anglers (Elephant Butte) – Joe Ramirez

High Country Bass Anglers (High Country) – Joe Weber

Rocky Mountain Bass Anglers (RMBA) – Dave Garrett

Socorro Valley Bass Club (Socorro Valley) – Ron Gilworth

Officers-

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

Absent: Albuquerque Hawg Hunters (ABHH) – Keith Johnston
Pecos Valley Bassmasters (PVB) – Mike Hill

Reading of Minutes from the August 3, 2022 Meeting. A motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes as presented was made by Dave Garrett, RMBA, and seconded by Joe Ramirez, Elephant Butte. Upon poll the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda. A motion to approve the agenda, was made by Dave Garrett, RMBA, and the motion was seconded by Joe Weber, High Country. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

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

Beginning Balance	Checking	\$ 6,901.02
2022	Savings	\$ 850.38

Income	Dues	\$ 2,999.80
	Sponsors	\$ 3,500.00
	Tournaments	\$35,079.49
	Raffle & Ticket Sales	\$ -

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	Other Income (Pres Cup, Alliance Product, Interest)	\$ 3,156.96
Total Income		\$44,736.25
 Expenses		
	Permits/Supplies/Products	\$ 3,077.83
	Tournament Payouts	\$27,055.00
	State Team Travel	\$10,253.80
	Classic & Natl Travel Expenses	\$ 1,995.02
	Tournament Help	\$ 200.00
Total Expenses		\$42,581.65
 Ending Balance	8/31/2022	\$9,906.00
 Pending Deposits & A/P		
PayPal	\$ -	
Jersey Upgrades (Permits/Supplies/Equip)	<u>\$ 70.00</u>	
	<u>\$ 70.00</u>	
Total w/Pending & A/P		\$9,976.00

Treasurer Audra Garrett advised that this report is submitted in compliance with the bylaws as the fiscal year report of 9/1/2021 through 8/31/2022, the accounting of which is representative of this calendar year, however, when she assumed the responsibility. The Wells Fargo accounts were officially closed on September 13, 2022 and all of the organization's funds have been moved to the new operating account at New Mexico Bank & Trust. Net gain is \$2,154.60. The team tournament had a net gain of \$1,921.23.

President's Report. Youth and Conservation Bank Accounts. President Brian Stangel advised that there was an Executive Committee meeting the prior evening whereby it was decided that the conservation and youth bank accounts will be accounted for by the Treasurer. He clarified that the responsibility for deployment of the assets will remain solely with the Conservation Director and Youth Director. The Treasurer will only be responsible for helping with the accounting.

NMBN Tax ID. President Stangel asked that the Directors ensure that if their club has their bank accounts tied to NMBN's tax identification, that they obtain their own tax identification number. He offered to assist the directors in getting their own tax identification number if needed.

Conservation efforts. Conservation Director Earl Conway was extended appreciation on behalf of the membership by President Brian Stangel for his conservation efforts. He has seven different projects underway using federal, BLM, local with New Mexico Game and Fish funds. He reminded that Earl will be resigning in



June, 2023. He reiterated his appreciation for what he has done for the state of New Mexico as well as other states where he has traveled and done work.

Alliance program. President Brian Stangel reported that someone bought a Bass Cat with a Mercury package sold through San Juan Marine through the Alliance Program. That purchase will result in a bump to the organization's finances of \$4,000 less \$310 for the MPP Gold extended warranty. The Alliance program boat purchase gave NMBN the maximum benefit level from the Alliance. Mercury wants some recognition so we will be working on getting their banner on our webpage. He commended Dave Garrett for their recognition on the Facebook page.

State Team and Lowrance Sponsorship. President Stangel advised that each of the 22 members competing on the state team have completed their on-line commitment forms by the October 1st deadline. Lowrance has been supplied the information and they are processing it. Lowrance has a commitment form that needs to be completed and it is the President's responsibility to save the forms and make sure the anglers who are participating in the Lowrance discount program are only running Lowrance products on their boats, excluding the trolling motor but including the electronics. The contractual obligations and program details have been shared with the state team if they wish to participate in the Lowrance program.

Update State Corporation Commission with current officers and notify IRS, etc. President Brian Stangel said he and past President Earl Conway discussed getting the officers' information updated as necessary and will be working on it. This is important so that notices are received by the appropriate people in the organization.

Nationals. President Stangel advised that he and Justin Allen, Youth Director, will be attending Nationals and the President/Youth meetings held in conjunction with the Nationals. They will fly out on November 8th and the meetings are November 9th through November 11th. He said he hopes to have a lot of information at the November in-person meeting to share.

Conservation Director's Report. Conservation Director Earl Conway reported that there have been a lot of good fish caught in the state – great smallmouth and an 8.5 largemouth at Bill Evans. Joe Ramirez also said there was some awesome drone footage from the shocking event. New Mexico Game and Fish is killing it with Carlsbad project for him. He is just having to supply the materials and they are putting it in the lake per the grant. Additionally, he said he just helped with installing three kayak access points and kiosks installations by Carlsbad. They need to officially quit putting habitat into Elephant Butte until Bureau of Reclamation can catch up with permitting. At Carlsbad, the grant is closed with US Wildlife Service but he has until March to finish putting habitat and floating islands in. He said he is helping BLM with three sites at Conoco Lake and has closed out that grant, excepting the financial and final report. He has had no problem getting volunteers. He continues to close out everything except a new project at Cochiti. Cochiti has had a \$47,000 grant awarded for spawning and to deal with the milfoil. He has the NEPA, SHPO and Section 7 and Fill Permit paperwork in progress. He said Cochiti will be the last grant that he will be doing and added that he'd like to get someone on board that he could train. It has been a pleasure doing the work and it has been very rewarding. Ron Gilworth,



Socorro Valley, reminded the Directors that he, Socorro Valley and Earl Conway had previously worked to get legislation for license plates in New Mexico through Game and Fish. The resulting sales to-date are \$134,000. He added that he enjoyed working with Earl Conway on that project. President Stangel said an email will go out reminding members about the license plates.

Youth Director's Report. Youth Director Justin Allen reported that the club registration dues are paid and they are in good standing with BASS Nation after three years of running the program. He reported that even with the issue he had with the roster system, the tournament at Elephant Butte went great. He got the certificate of insurance and permit required. There were kids who signed up that didn't come. A total of seven kids participated with four boat captains. Justin Armenta, Ray Forbes, and Brian Stangel in addition to him were the boat captains and he extended his appreciation to them. President Stangel added that Hanseatic donated fishing tackle for prizes for the kids. Justin Allen extended appreciation to Hanseatic and continued that the fishing was really tough. He said he has a meeting scheduled with a high school next week about starting another high school team. He has two kids who want to fish in the MLF youth open in Arizona and a bass camp in Texas. He said he will be doing fundraising to help make that happen. Ron Gilworth, Socorro Valley, noted that Justin Allen has been to Socorro. The County did a fishing derby that had 300 kids participate. Discussion was held on ways to increase participation.

Tournament Director Report. Dave Garrett, Tournament Director, proposed the following dates to be brought back to the clubs for their consideration so that when the Directors meet in person he can move forward with applying for the necessary permits:

1st & 2nd Qualifiers - Possum Kingdom – 3/25 & 3/26 – two 1-day tournaments – no off-limits

3rd & 4th Qualifiers – TBD (Elephant Butte or Ute) – 4/22 & 4/23 – off limits Monday through Thursday
prior to the tournaments and Friday as the one non-official practice day

5th Qualifier - President's Cup – Ute – 5/20 & 5/21 – two-day tournament - off limits Monday through Thursday
prior to the tournaments and Friday as the one non-official practice day

Team tournaments – Ute – 6/10 – one-day tournament

TBD – 7/8 – one-day tournament

Ute – 8/26 & 8/27 – two-day tournament

Team tournaments will be fundraisers for NMBN with 50% payback and are Opens. He said if he could fit in more tournaments he will, but acknowledged that fuel costs are still very high. Possible Regional dates are 5/3 through 5/5. President Brian Stangel reported that Tournament Director Dave Garrett took the feedback from the surveys to the membership and he has developed a tournament schedule that would not require members to travel out of state to qualify for the state team. There would be five tournaments for the qualifiers. Anglers would qualify from the best three of five tournaments. It affords members a lot more combinations to make the state team. A good part of the membership didn't want to leave New Mexico. Tournament Director Dave Garrett added that most of the members wanted to go back to Texas. Those that don't want to go, don't have to for state team qualification. Justin Allen noted that the age to participate is 13 in the bylaws. He questioned the plan on paying winnings to someone who is 13. Research will be done.



Old Business. Status of plaques. President Stangel advised that the balance of the plaques is in his truck as he continues to finish distributing them to the recipients.

New Business. Discussion of Youth and Conservation Bank Accounts; Update of Lowrance State Team 2023 Deal; President's Meeting & Nationals; 2023 State Team Commitment Forms - These items were covered during the President's Report. Youth Club, Tournament Update, Moving Forward – this item was covered under the Youth Director's Report. Possible Regional Dates and 2023 qualifier and opens schedule were covered under the Tournament Director's Report. Make the opens part of the Bass Nation Team Series and 2023 Sponsorship inquiries discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

2023 Dues. President Brian Stangel reminded the Directors that due are due now. He urged Directors to work with their club members to get them paid.

Next meeting date. In-person meeting. After consideration the Directors decided to hold their in-person meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 3, 2022 in Albuquerque. (Following this meeting the date was changed to November 19, 2022.)

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by acclamation.

Approved: _____

Brian Stangel, President

Audra Garrett, Secretary