



Minutes of the Board Meeting
November 14, 2010

Call to order – 9:00AM by president, Joan Blankenship.

- ✓ Vice-Pres Mike Bryant
- ✓ Youth Ralph Millsaps
- ✓ Conservation Will Seymour
- ✓ Casting Kids Bert Seymour
- ✓ Region 2 Steve Woodroof
- ✓ Region 3 Bo Copley
- ✓ Region 4 Stephen Davis
- ✓ Region 5 JoAnn Holland for Chip Holland
- Region 6 Chris Merritt
- ✓ Region 7 Sid Ryan
- ✓ Region 8 Ralph Milsapps
- Region 9 Scott Taylor
- ✓ Region 10 Ed Clayton

- Minutes – motion to approve by Bo Copley and second by Steve Woodroof, all approved.
- Treasurer’s report - Motion to approve by Bo Copley and second by Bert Seymour. All approved.
- Scholarship fund – It was suggested that we let potential donors know about the fund.
- Presentation: Joseph Thomson Youth Scholarship plaque to Jesse Lineberry by Joan Blankenship.

Old Business:

- BFN National Championship: Report from President’s meeting – Jon Stewart preceded and noted that B.A.S.S. did not have information available about new owner’s plans.. Sponsors are still has Skeeter, Yamaha, Triton, Mercury, Lowrance, Motorguide and Berkley to date with more anticipated. They are changing the structure for the classic. The collegiate participants will have a spot at the classic.. There will be a president’s meeting in January to meet with the new owners.
- Some clubs are still paying state dues and not national dues. Palm Coast Data now handles membership and that could change to another company since the sale of B.A.S.S. Italy is the fastest growing membership.
- Fundraiser Region 6 Golf Event - Cancelled
- 2009 State Team Boat sold and team paid in September
- State Team Mid-Atlantic in Delaware, Expense Report attached
- State Team Contract A motion was made to Amend the contract to add: “If the state were to lose any winnings due to breach of the Alliance contract the winner would be forced to relinquish all winnings to the state. Jeff Franklin made a motion to approve the amendment and Sid Ryan second. All approved except Bo Copley, region 3, opposes.

- VA Board Members Matching shirts for tournament staff. – Gemini lowered their price to \$23 short sleeve and \$39 for hoodies. We will take orders after the first of the year for matching shirts.
- 2011 Calendar Attached – All ramps approved except youth. – We may look at adding another open for the youth scholarship fund in July. Region 2 and 5 will put on an open night tournament at Smith Mountain Lake.
- Magazine – “Hook Set” None this year (Director needed)
- Alliance Program Triton; Mercury; Lowrance; Motorguide. contract 2011. Same as 2010 – Alliance will pay us \$5,000. Without our sponsors we could not run this organization. They are the ones giving us product for the state.
- Conservation – Sportsman Caucus – What is the cost? Get more details and we will address at the next meeting. DGIF is pushing to raise licenses and build a new building. The raise in license fees will probably go up this coming year.
- Sponsors 2010 - State Sponsors: Rick Morris Custom Rods, DobyNS TS, Captain Gary’s Marine Products, Marinco, Glass Baron, Poor Boy Baits, Conrad, South Hill Hotels, Parkway Marina, LP Community Boosters, Anglers Choice, Central VA Basscast, Settle Tire. To be listed on our website each sponsor has to donate cash or equivalent product in order to be listed on the website. See the sponsor section.

New Business:

Reports from Region Directors, Youth, Casting Kids, Conservation & Tournament:

- Youth & Region 8: struggles and only has one club. They will push this winter to get more members. Ralph Millsaps, region 8 director, wants to have some opens this year. He will purchase a bull horn for the youth program. Ralph states that he will do more of the planning for all youth events. He wants to have the BASS camp in 2011. Lake Anna would be the best location because of guide support. Tentative date maybe early July. Possibly use the lodge at the state park for lodging. Ralph retires in May of 2011 and will have more time to donate to the youth program. He has about \$265 of product for the golf event and he will donate it to the state to raise money for the youth scholarship fund.
- Casting Kids – Bert Seymour stated that the State finals were held on 11/13/10. The youngest winner Braxton Dyson scored 140 out of 150. James Graves scored 110 out of 150. We thank Settle Tire for their contribution to fund the state awards. Each youth received a rod and reel and medal for the winners plus a savings bond held in trust by their parents for their education. Bert Seymour suggested that the state could support the Casting Kids program and give each winner in each age group a rod and reel in 2011. We hold 8-10 events per year. Each region will do their own prizes. Region 2, 5, 4, 10 will get enough donations for the prizes. The Zebco 33 is discounted. Region 5 is giving the Shakespeare reels and life jackets to each winner. The OCHS event at the first of the year will be the first event and they need 8 prizes.
- Conservation – Will Seymour discussed The Kerr Lake issue and the coalition. The VA conservation network will have their big legislation meeting in December. He will attend. The largemouth BASS virus is confirmed on the Potomac also. The virus is a three year cycle. There is not any treatment and anything you can do for it.
- Tournament Director – Jeff Franklin said things are better. We need more help on the tournaments. Maybe we could get the anglers to carry their own fish off instead of using the

- youth. Jeff made Mr. BASS this year in Max 10 Bassmasters. As we grow we need to give a more professional demeanor. Get other people to fill in when tournament staff cannot be there.
- Region 2 – All is fine. Setting the new 2011 calendar of tournaments.
 - Region 3 – Fall Classic, region 3 had two teams that could not attend the tournament due to illness and death. Can he get a refund? Motion by Bert Seymour to refund the entry and second by Will Seymour. All approved. The 1st northern open for BASS will be on the James River at Osborne Landing and the last day at Ashland Bass Pro Shop. July 9, 2011 the following Wed. will be the open for BASS. Bo's wife is now the region secretary and youth director.
 - Region 4 – Preliminary schedule w/8 tournaments and 2 opens. One open on Claytor Lake and maybe have the youth fish w/an adult; 3 at SML, Philpott and Douglas Lake in TN. They fish March to Sept.
 - Region 5 – JoAnn Holland, region 5 secretary, filling in for Chip Holland. Happy to report region 5 growing.. The 2011 calendar is set. The last Adam and Eve they have a covered dish luncheon and it is a lot of fun. You get the wives involved.
 - Region 7 – Thank you for accepting late entries into the Fall Classic. Their Elections is on 12/1/10 for director. Not anyone is running. Sid Ryan will probably still be the director.
 - We may possibly add \$1 donation to the youth scholarship fund on our dues and tournament entry fees? This would also help with the charitable events. Motion by Dutch Millsaps and second by Will Seymour. All approved. We will add the \$1 donation to the entry forms also.
 - Region 9 – Still trying to grow membership. They are supporting OCHS angler show. The angler show does not conflict with any other event this year.
 - Region 10 – Ed will not know what kind of shape they are in until after the dues renewal. Black Hollow is now in region 4. Foggy Bottom Jr. is now NRV Jr. Bassmasters.
 - Triton boat sales have to go through the DGIF first and that takes 30 days then it goes to Triton and the alliance to process. Abby mentioned mailing a list of benefits to each and every member. Would it be worth to pay \$500 to mail the brochure? Arizona had more anglers win more money than any other state. The sign-up has to be done at point of sale. The aluminum boat gets apparel and is covered for engine because of veteran. Every time you buy a Triton you can qualify for the benefits.
 - Reviewed the budget and made a couple of changes and added the expense of the tournament committee. May look at equipment expenses when needed. Bring your vote to the January meeting.
 - Nominees for president are Mike Bryant and Steve Woodroof

The vote was as follows:

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| Youth Director | Mike Bryant |
| Casting Kids | Mike Bryant |
| Conservation | Mike Bryant |
| Tournament Director | Mike Bryant |
| Region 2 | Steve Woodroof |
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| Region 7 | Steve Woodroof |
| Region 8 | Mike Bryant |
| Region 9 | Mike Bryant |
| Region 10 | Mike Bryant |

Mike Bryant is the new President for 2011-2012 term. Joan Blankenship was nominated for VP and Bert Seymour second. Bo Copley nominated Steve Woodroof and Sid Ryan second. Joan withdrew and Steve Woodroof accepted.

Motion to adjourn at 1:30pm.

Next board meeting Jan. 23, 2011 at 9:00AM, Lamplighter, Clarksville, VA

Minutes by Pam Bryant
Secretary/Treasurer