

NEW HAMPSHIRE BASS FEDERATION

AN AFFILIATE OF TBF/FLW - PARTNERS IN FISHING

September 27th 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 7:00PM

Back Bay- Absent

Bass Hookers- Present

Breakaway Bass- Absent

Castaway Bass- Present

Contoocook Valley- Absent

First Cast- Present

Grass Roots- Absent

Monadnock Bass- Present

NH Bass Casters- Present

NH Bass Hunters- Present

NH Bass Assassin's- Present

SNH Bass- Present

Treasurers Report:

- Review of General Operating Account & State Team Account activity for the month of June.

Vice Presidents Report:

- Nothing new to report.

Conservations Report:

- No new legislation to report

Youth Directors Report:

- Nothing reported

Presidents Report:

Old Business

- Nothing to report

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New Business

Introduction to New Format for 2017

1. NHTBF Fishing Events:

- Conduct three NHTBF Open Trail Events
 - o 4/30/2017 Last Sunday in April 2017 (Mike McNamara Memorial Spring Open) – Location – Winnie – Launch TBD
 - o 8/5/2017 - 8/6/2017 – 2 Day NHTBF Summer Open – Ticonderoga, NY - \$300 Entry Fee Split Lunker included for both days. (\$260 Entry Fee, \$20 Lunker, \$20 Team of Year Program)
 - o 10/22/2017 4th Sunday in October 2017 (NHTBF Fall Open)(Location / Launch TBD)
 - o \$170 Total Open Fees (Single Day Events) - \$130 Entry Fee, \$10 Lunker Fee “Split”, \$10 Facility Fee, \$20 Team of Year Fee
 - o Team of Year – Based on 100 Teams over 3 opens (Spring 50, Summer 25, Fall 25) = 100 Teams * \$20 = \$2,000 – 50/30/20 Payout Split to Top 3 Teams = \$1000, \$600, \$400 – More Teams – Larger Purse for top 3 Teams of the Year.
 - o Dropping Angler of year promotion

- State Team Qualifying Tournament - STQT 2 Day Event is being replaced by the Semi Final Qualifying Tournament – SFQT 1 Day Event
 - o 7/16/2017 – Location Winnie – Launch TBD
 - o NO ENTRY FEE(Fee included as part of annual membership dues)
 - o Lunker Fee Collected at registration / check in
 - o 1 Day Event versus 2 Day Event removes the additional travel and overnight costs

- Eastern Divisional Tournament is being replaced by the National Semi Final Championship (District 17 ME / NH) Tournament (2 Day Event)
 - o 9/23/2017 – 9/24/2017 – Winnie – Launch TBD
 - o \$200 Boater, \$100 Co-Angler Entry Fee paid for by NHTBF for SFQT Qualifiers to the National Semi Final Championship Tournament – Looking to clubs to structure their club level qualifiers process such that they also receive their entry fee paid from the club for winning their spots at the club level in the National Semi Final Championship Tournament.

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2. **NHTBF Funding Changing:**

- Historical Membership Dues \$80 (\$30 NHTBF, \$35 FLW, \$15 TBF National)
- \$30 NHTBF Traditional Dues used to fund General Operating Account
- Propose \$10 NHTBF GOA, \$20 SFQT Entry Fee
- Fund Raise \$1,800 to fund 6 Boaters & 6 Non-Boaters National Semi Final Championship Entry Fee. (\$200 Boaters, \$100 Non-Boaters)(Example Super Bowl Squares, or some type of Fundraiser.)
- 50% of NHTBF Profits from the Mike McNamara Memorial Spring Open – Will be donated to a Charity in Mike's Memory. ($\$130 * 20\% = \$26 * 50 \text{ Boats} = \$1,300 * 50\% = \$650$)

3. **Promotional Changes:**

- Removing the STQT Fee, no Fee for SFQT Fee
- Funding National Semi Final Championship Fee for SFQT Qualifiers (Top 6 Boaters & Co-Anglers)
- Enhancing / Expanding Team of Year Program - Winnings of \$2,000 based on 100 boats participating in total over the 3 opens, payout 3 places 50/30/20 Split. Purse increases with more than 100 Teams who participate in the 3 opens.
- Dropping Angler of Year Program

4. **How to qualify for the National Semi Final Championship (District 17 ME / NH) Tournament:**

- NHTBF Member have two chances to qualify for the District 17 ME / NH Semi Final Tournament
- Chance 1 - NHTBF Affiliated Clubs can implement a club level qualifying process to qualify an Angler & Co-Angler directly for the District 17 ME / NH Semi-Final Tournament
- Deadline for submitting the club level qualifiers to TBF National is no later than 4 weeks prior to the National Semi-Final Championship Tournament Date.
- Chance 2 - Only Federation members can participate in the Semi Final Qualifying Tournament SFQT, too qualify the top 6 boaters and top co-anglers.

5. **With the Traditional 12 person State Team ending in 2016, what's happening to the 2017 sponsor programs, and who will be eligible for those program benefits?**

- Response – Open Item, working to get clarification from TBF National, have started the dialogue, but don't have all the answers yet, some of the sponsor programs are still being developed for 2017.

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6. **Other NHTBF Enhancement Considerations:**

- Modernize / Refresh Tournament Equipment (Tubs, Aeration System with Weigh Bags, New Sink, Etc.)
- Modernize / Refresh Tournament Trailer (New Wrap)
- Improve Operations of Events (More Efficient, More Fluid, fewer bottlenecks)
- Trophies for First Place Winners of Opens, and Top three team of year winners, Open Lunkers LM & SM
- Sponsor Product Giveaways (Opens, Banquet)
- Bring back the Year End Banquet (Recognition, Awards, Giveaways)

7. **SEMI-FINAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT “SFQT”:**

- One Day Event, No Entry Fee, reduced travel overnight costs
- Option - Lunker Fee may be collected and paid out to Lunker LM & Lunker SM.
- Option – Nominal Entry Fee could be establish - 100% pay back if desired by majority of membership, payout guidelines would need to be established (Get best of Both – Qualifying and Payout)
- Maximum of Top 6 Boaters and Top 6 Co-Anglers will qualify for National Semi Final Championship Tournament with entry fee paid by NHTBF.
- Boaters are competing against Boaters for Top 6 Boaters who will qualify for the National Semi Final Championship Tournament – Entry Fees Paid by NHTBF \$200 each
- Co-Anglers are competing against Co-Anglers for Top 6 Co-Anglers who will qualify for the National Semi Final Championship Tournament – Entry Fees Paid by NHTBF \$100 each.
- Boaters have complete discretion, control over the boat operations.
- Co-Anglers have no discretion, no control over the boat operations, and may not fish from the front deck of the boat.
- Co-Anglers are not required to compensate their boater for expenses; they have no control over the boat. If a non-boater is inclined to cover some of the boater expenses it’s at the non-boaters sole discretion.
- No Contestant shall allow another contestant to weigh in a fish they didn’t catch.
- Required to qualify a matching # of Boaters and Co-Anglers for the National Semi Final Championship

8. **NATIONAL SEMI-FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT:**

- 2016 Maine is the Host of this 2 day Event
- 2017 New Hampshire is the Host of this 2 day Event
- TBF National holding Host Federations accountable in 2017 that SFQT and Club Level Qualifiers will need to be completed at least 4 weeks prior to this National Semi Final Championship Tournament.

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- 2017 Host requirements to lock down / communicate event date to TBF National by no later than the end of Nov 2016 (Challenge is we won't get final permit validation until Feb / Mar 2017)(Tentative Date / Locations)
- 75% of Entry Fee is awarded as payouts to 20% of the field of Boaters and Co-Anglers.
- All Boaters competing against All Boaters for their 75% of the Boater Entry Fee
- Co-Anglers are competing against Co-Anglers for their 75% of the Co-Angler Entry Fee
- NH Boaters are competing against NH Boaters for the top spot to qualify for the Federation National Championship.
- NH Co-Anglers are competing against NH Co-Anglers for the top spot to qualify for the Federation National Championship.

9. OVERALL ORGANIZATION FUNDAMENTAL CHALLENGES:

- Resources to Organize and Run Opens, SFQT, National Semi Final Championship Tournament in odd # years for NHTBF.
- Organization Leadership – Open Positions / New Blood, New Ideas, Excitement, Enthusiasm
- Funding / Funding Raising for Enhancements Considerations – without raising membership dues.
- Expanding the membership of NHTBF – Promote the Value / Benefit you get from NHTBF Membership
- How to ensure communications are getting to all of the existing membership – eliminate any gaps.
- How to expand communications of our new programs, promote value and benefit you get from NHTBF Membership.
- Engaging the representatives, and membership to embrace the new programs available thru TBF. Need them engaged to support the transition in maximizing what NHTBF can offer in filling their fishing needs / desires. Ensure that we are focusing on providing our membership the fishing fulfillment that our membership wants to get out of their participation in the NHTBF, to the greatest extent possible.

10. CLUB LEVEL CHALLENGES:

- Clubs need to provide their SFQT process to NHTBF BOD, just so it's clear to everyone each club's plan / process.
- Recommend that clubs develop / incorporate into their current dues / fee structure such that the Boater and Co-Angler qualifiers earn with the qualification from their club events the National Semi-Final Championship Tournament dues of \$200 for Angler and \$100 for Co-Angler.
- Ensure information / communications is being disseminated in both directions.

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- Caution Presidents, BOD, Club Representatives that negativity is infectious. Not all programs are going to fit everyone's needs / desires. Just because things may not work for you doesn't mean it won't fit the needs / desires of others. If you are in a position of influence I caution that you restrain your opinions, and let the facts of the program stand on their own.
- Our current membership is our greatest ambassadors to promoting our programs and expanding our membership. Need to utilize this resource.

General Comments:

- None

Next Meeting: October 25th, 2016 Conference Call

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 PM