

## **Meeting Minutes**

## AZ B.A.S.S. NATION – November 28, 2016

Start Meeting: 6:30 at Cabela's

Members in Attendance: 9

Clubs in Attendance: 4

Secretary Report: Brian Bolander Treasury Report: Chris Hoffarth

Youth Report: Mike Hoffarth

Conservation report: Don McDowell Presidents Report: Dwayne Gregory

## **Old Business:**

- Discussion was held on if we should allow community service points earned the day after the 6<sup>th</sup> qualifier helping the High School team to count for the current year service requirements or if they would count for the following year.
- Shirt orders were discussed.
- Talked about boaters not being allowed to cast at targets on the water.
- Draw for the 5<sup>th</sup> qualifier was held.

## **New Business:**

- High School report was read by Brian Bolander. The 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifier will be at Apache Lake Main Marina Sunday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. If any members would like to participate as boat captains or helpers please contact Mike Hoffarth. Members of the AZ High School Bass program will also be available to help with the Adult weigh in on Saturday. The next High School tournament will be held Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at Bartlett.
- Treasury report was given by Chris Hoffarth.
- Dave Nichols will be stepping down as Vice President of the AZ Bass Nation in order to take over the tournament directors position. Lance Cathcart will be stepping into the Vice President position. A big thanks to both of these members.
- Reminder that with the B.A.S.S. Nation new format for Divisionals and Nationals, Non Boaters Do have a chance to make it all the way to the Bassmaster Classic as proven by this years National Championship winner who was a non boater.



- Steve Lund gave a report on meeting with B.A.S.S. officials at the National Championship.
  - There will be no changes to the current format for next year but they are looking for input from members on if there should be an off limits time for Divisional tournaments to even the playing field with local anglers.
  - There is a new national sponsor that will be coming on for next year.
     T.H. Marine will be giving 40% off their products.
  - Shimano has also stepped up to sponsor High School teams.
- Community service points will only be counted for the calendar year. Members
  will have from January to June to complete their first community service and
  then from June to the final qualifier of the year to complete their second
  community service.
- Reminder to not be taking advantage of sponsors by hooking your friends up with product. It is also important to keep pricing confidential as we receive significant discount from our sponsors.
- Members of the High School program will be helping set up for our weigh-ins at tournaments where their tournaments will be held the next day.
- We have a potential new sponsor for AZ Bass Nation. Shoppers Supply is
  offering for us to hold our draw meetings at their facility and will also offer a
  10% discount on fishing gear during the meeting.
- There will be more soliciting of help from State Team Members during our qualifier tournaments.
- If there are any suggestions for tournament rule changes, they need to be submitted before the end of the year to be considered for the following year qualifiers.

| Flight Times: 1 <sup>st</sup> Flightam, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Flightam  |
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| Check in Times: 1 <sup>st</sup> Flight: 3:00pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Flight: 3:15pm                          |
| Restricted Areas (if any):  |
| Live Well Checks (time/location): Check in starting at 4 am and Drive by live well checks on the water. |
| Weigh-in Area: Near the boat ramp.  |
| 12" Fish Minimum  |

Tournament Information: 6<sup>th</sup> Qualifier Apache Lake Main Marina