



Meeting Minutes

AZ B.A.S.S. NATION – February 6, 2017

Start Meeting: 6:30 at Shoppers Supply

Members in Attendance: 27

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:

- High School report was read by Brian Bolander. The 2nd qualifier will be at Apache Lake Main Marina Sunday Dec. 4th. 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. 12th 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.

New Business:

- Meeting started at 6:30
- Due to many new members joining AZ BASS Nation, introductions of the board members were made.
- The Meeting minutes from November was read by the secretary.
- The High School report was read by Brian Bolander. The High School program will be having their 3rd qualifier Sunday Feb 12th at Bartlett. They can use some non boater help with launching boats in the morning and helping with weigh-in. The next qualifier will be held Sunday March 12th at Roosevelt. Both Boaters and Non-Boaters will be needed. Please contact Mike Hoffarth (623-229-4650) if you are interested in helping.
- Vice President Lance Cathcart talked about community service points for the year. Community service does not have to be fishing related as long as there are 4 members doing a project for 3 hours. To be eligible for the state team you must have 2 service projects completed. 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.
 - Service points are a requirement given to us by B.A.S.S.
- For guys new to AZ BASS Nation discussion was held on our tournament format and how an angler can progress from our local qualifiers and potentially make it all the way to the Bass Master Classic.



- The Tournament Director discussed rules for the Bartlett qualifier
 - Anything inside the no wake buoys' will be off limits for this tournament including behind the marina.
 - No A Rigs, 2 Rig Jigs, or multi lure setups are allowed.
 - If there are any questions during the tournament call Dave Nichols.
 - Live Well checks will start at 5 am.
 - Weigh-in will be held by the launch ramp.
 - Draw was held. 55 boats registered.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:20

Tournament Information: 1st Qualifier Bartlett Lake

Flight Times: 1st Flight ____am, 2nd Flight ____am, 3rd Flight ____am,
4th Flight ____am

Check in Times: 1st Flight: 3:00pm, 2nd Flight: 3:15pm, 3rd Flight: 3:30pm,
4th Flight: 3:45pm

Restricted Areas (if any): Anything inside the no wake bouys and any other posted areas

Live Well Checks (time/location): Check in starting at 5 am

Weigh-in Area: Near the boat ramp.

12" Fish Minimum

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