Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Board Meeting Minutes

Microtel, South Hill Va

November 3, 2024

**Board Members**

President…………. Scott Whitmore

Vice President……. Steve Hajdasz

Region 1 Director…. Bill Haire

Region 4 Director…. Chuck Hart

Region 6 Director…. Ronnie Brewer

Region 8 Director… John Flicek

Region 10 Director… Tim Keen

Tournament Director… Alton Vaughn

Assistant Tournament Director…Becky Conley

Youth Director………Tim Mick

Conservation Director…. John Flicek

Secretary……. Tammy Caldwell

Treasurer……... Stephanie Brewer

Guest………..James Vick & Rick Lemmocks

The board and State Corporate meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by the President.

**Presidents Opening Remarks**

Overall, 2024 has been a good year but we need to discuss some changes for 2025.

**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes from the Sept. 8 board meeting were distributed. Vice President made the motion to accept the minutes and Region 1 Director seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer presented the treasurer’s report. The Region 4 Director made the motion to accept the treasurer’s report as presented and the Region 1 Director seconded the motion.

**Conservation Report**

The Conservation Director provided handouts for the new process to obtain tournament permits at Rt. 5 as well as updated information on using the release pipe at Riverfront Park on the Chickahominy River.

**Youth Report**

The Youth Director asked everyone to resend information from youth tournaments and Casting for Kids events from 2024.

Contacted Brunswick Academy LC Byrd High School for their teams to join the high school federation.

Region directors were asked to email their 2025 tournament schedules of tournaments the youth can fish.

The SAF State Championship and the Junior Angler State Championship will be held on April 5th in conjunction with the South Regional on Kerr Lake.

**Budget Report**

The Vice President presented an update of the 2024 budget.

**Tightlines**

Articles and pictures are due to John December 15th , 2024.

**Old Business**

**2024 Raffle**

The Visa raffle was successful and the gun raffle was very successful.

**VIP Discounts**

At the time of the board meeting there were a couple of Hummingbird discounts available. Those interested in one of the discounts, contact Scott Whitmore.

**Product on Hand**

The President gave an update on product the state has for tournament raffles: Four Depth finders, Mustang inflatable life vest, Cabela tackle bags, MinnKota trolling motor, Yeti cups, Deep Creek boxes, Crankbaits, Spinner baits, large amount of MLF Product and Goodie Bag items.

**Sponsors**

The state needs more sponsors from regions 4 and 10.

**Membership Growth**

Continue to recruit new members, slightly down from last year. We need to ensure the Region Directors are communicating with their members so they are kept aware of what is going on in the State.

**How to Enhance Tournament Site**

TBF wind flags will be a terrific way to enhance the tournament site, with the TBF logo and colors.

Let Scott know if you have any other suggestions/ideas.

**Va & Tri State SAF Championships**

The Virginia State Championship and Junior State Championship will be held on April 5 on Kerr Lake.

The Tri-State Championship will be held May 31st on Lake Anna. Maryland will assist us this year. Starting in 2026 Maryland will start hosting the Tri-States Championship and Virginia will assist.

**New Business**

**Angler/Co-Angler Champions to TBF National Championship: Point System Requirements**

Anglers can only earn points from the Angler side and Co-anglers can only earn points from the Co-angler side. Points will be awarded based on what they are registered as for a particular tournament. No carrying over of points from one status to another. At the end of the year both the Angler and Co-Angler Champions have to commit to going to the TBF National Championship, if not substitutions are not allowed and no one will advance

**Detail Cost tracking for all events**

Costs for all VBCF events (tournaments, raffles, merchandise sales, fishing expo, etc.) will be tracked individually for a more in-depth expense record.

**Federation Expenses/Cost Cutting Ideas**

The board will be looking at ways to cut costs for the state. Becky and Tammy will cross train on the tournament software, this will help with cost for North and West Regional tournament expenses.

**2024 Gun Raffle**

Raffle ticket sales went well for 2024-gun raffle. The winning ticket was drawn at the Nov. 2 board meeting, Mark Elliott was the winner of both guns - Winchester SXP 12ga and a Smith and Wesson 9mm Shield Plus.

**Vice President election discussion**

Steve Hajdasz was nominated. Nominations for the Vice President position will be open until December 3, 2024. **By Electronic Vote of all Region Directors Steve Hajdasz was re-elected as the State VP on December 11th**

**Clothing Purchase**

New hats will be delivered to Scott. Shirts will be ordered later.

**Bylaw Update on NSF Qualifiers, Angler/Co-Angler Champions**

Bylaws were updated at the Nov. 3, 2024, board meeting, to include Angler/Co-Angler point system and requirements.

**Bylaw Review/Update**

The Bylaws were reviewed and updated at the Nov. 3, 2024 State Board meeting. Region 1 made the motion to accept the changes and Region 8 seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve. Bylaws will be posted on the state website.

**2025 Gun Raffle**

The motion was made by Region 8 Director for the Gun Raffle for the 2025 fundraiser, Region 4 Director seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously for the gun raffle fundraiser.

**2025 Tournament Schedule**

October 26: North Regional – Potomac River - Leesylvania State Park

March 1: West Regional – Washinton County Park

April 5: South Regional – Kerr Lake - North Bend

May 3: East Regional – Chickahominy River – Rte. 5 Riverfront Park

May 31 – June 1: State Championship – Lake Anna – Sturgeon Creek Marina

September 19-21: TBF District 12 National Semifinal -Ohio River

**Path to NSF Communication- New Map in Tightlines**

Share the latest NSF updates with your members. More detailed information in the upcoming Winter edition of Tightlines."

**Regional Payout/Posting/Side Pot**

Communicate about the side pot at state tournaments.

Due to onsite registration on the morning of the tournaments, we are unable to provide payout information in advance.

**Federation Status and Needed Changes**

Region Directors are expected to be at theState Regionals for their Region to help with that tournament and recruit members to help break down the tournament site.

If any clubs hold a joint TBF and another organization tournaments on the same day, please be aware that neither organization's insurance will cover the event in the event of any incidents. Make sure to consider this when scheduling your tournaments to avoid any uncovered risks.

**2025 NSF Registration Method, Deadline and Payment**

Further discussion will be held on January 5, 2025, a board meeting.

**Trailer Update**

Paint cabinets, replace carpet in the front of the trailer with vinyl floor planks, PA system upgrade, rebuild weigh in stand & install wrap on front and acquire new weigh in baskets.

**Scale Update and Back up scales**

Region 1 made the motion to purchase new scales, Region 4 seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously. Scott will purchase the new scales.

**Becky’s Computer**

The state purchased a new computer for Becky for state tournaments.

**Robert’s Email**

Scott discussed with the board information from Roberts email.

TBF job openings: National Tournament Director

**Next Board meeting January 5, 2025, Microtel South Hill, Va**

**Motion to close board and State Corporation meeting.**

Region 6 Director made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Region 1 Director seconded the motion.