Leadership meeting minutes

**Tennessee B.A.S.S. Nation**

15 Feb 2024, 7pm Central, Called to Order.

* Club presidents roll call by Jake Davis
* TBN Status Update – Jake Davis
* Facebook update – we are growing our audience (Under 3500 in November 2023 to 6224 today.
* Website update Visitors are averaging 257 per week.
* 2024 Financial Status (Doug Castro) currently our balance stands at $8,646. This total will be affected as we clear items owed from 2023 that failed to charge on the old account prior to the new account being set up.
* 2024 Financial Projects as of 15 Feb 2024 (Jake Davis/Doug Castro)
* 501(c)(3), update, we had to obtain a new EIN number for the organization, and we are updating all 501c documents.
* TBN Growth (Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation). TBN appears to be growing with the club involvement. We have added (4) and reactivated (3) seven clubs who were not with us in 2023 or longer.

• 2024 TBN dues – currently we stand at 332 members in good standing (All Dues Paid).

We have Nine clubs who will be submitting rosters and dues over the next two weeks.

* **Old Business –** Tournament rules/By-Laws update
* From 4 January 2024 Leadership meeting – Rules/by-law changes were submitted by Chattanooga Bass Club and South-Central Tennessee Bass Masters. All Presidents present on the zoom call discussed and made a wording change to present to the clubs. A follow-on meeting was set for 15 Feb 2024 to vote on finalization.
* 15 Feb 2024, TBN President present the changes as submitted on 4 January 2024, Motion was made by Danny Sutton, Franklin Fishing League, Seconded by Brad Puckett, Chaos Outdoors Bass Trail, vote was called, motion to adopt carried by unanimous vote of all Club Presidents present on the Zoom Meeting.
* **New Business**
* Bassmaster Roster Management and Statewide “At-large Club” has 3 people on the roster who are transferring to “Local Clubs.”
* Jake Davis, TBN President explain/requested that we place all College and High School age qualified/who are joining clubs on this roster. He explained that these members are already BASS Nation members, and he has to coordinate with Bassmaster to have them added to the TBN Adult League and by doing this ALL additions can be do at one time, thus making the workload on both the TBN President and Bass Staff much easier and we reduce the workload. \*\*Note: if these members fish local club events and your club has “dues” it is up to the club to collect the club dues.
* Eligibility for state events…ANY B.A.S.S. member who has paid Bass Nation and TBN Dues 30 prior to the “State Event” … Team qualifier events angler can join at the event.
* Make sure all B.A.S.S. membership numbers are active.
* We can add members all year, however anyone wishing to compete in the “State Tournaments” MUST be paid in good standing no later than 30 days prior to the event.
* **TBN state championship, Watts Bar, Piney Creek,** Host is Fish Spring City, Entries and Entry Fees/Registration cutoff 5 April 2024, tournament Days are 20/21 April 2024
* Entry fees remain $75 per angler, payout will be based upon numbers entered in each division, (Boater/Co-angler) See rules revision dated 15 Feb 2024.
* TBN will advance Four (4) boaters and Four (4) Co-anglers straight to the NO Entry Fee, 2025 BNC
* TBN will advance Ten (10) Boaters and Ten (10) Co-Anglers to the 2025 BN National (Southern Region) Qualifier and will reimburse the Entry Fee for those anglers listed above attending the 2025 Southern Bass Nation National Qualifier event.

• **TBN team qualifiers**

$50 per boat, cash at the ramp, 100% payback, unless otherwise listed

East Douglas, Dam Ramp, 23 March 2024

Middle Percy Priest, Long Hunter, 6 April 2024

West Pickwick, Stateline Ramp, 17 Aug 2024

Southern Nickajack, Marion County Park, 8 June 2024

CASA Tournament, Normandy, Barton Springs, 13 Apr 2024 (Entry Fee $100 per boat)

TBN Team Championship, Chickamauga, Fish Dayton is the host, Sept 21/22, 2024.

* Club Presidents agreed to inviting the Top 5 High School Teams in points from the 2024 TBN HS State Open Trail to the 2024 State Team Championship as long as they meet all age and insurance requirements.
* TBN Will advance a select number of teams to the 2024 Bassmaster Team Championship based upon how many teams fish the qualifying events.
* **TBN State Team:** in this Transition year 2024/2025 the State Team is defined as the following. First will be the Five Boaters and Five Co-Anglers who made the 2024 BNC. Second will be the Four Boaters and 4 Co-Anglers who make the 2025 BNC at the State Tournament on Watts Bar, plus the Ten Boaters and Ten Co-Anglers who make the 2025 Bass Nation Southern National Qualifier. Any Bassmaster/Bass Nation Alliance program offers will be made in the above order when number of opportunities are limited by the program.
* **Bass Nation Alliance Program:** The requirement for “Alliance Jerseys” has been REMOVED by Bass and the program sponsors. These programs are for TBN/Bass Nation Members only and are for TBN Member use only. If you order product through the Bass Nation Alliance Programs and are caught reselling or ordering for a non-TBN members or TBN member who is not qualified for limited categories, the offending member(s) (regardless of position) will be removed from TBN for a minimum of two years and any advancement out of the TBN State will be requested to be removed by Bassmaster. Any limited Alliance Program items not used by the final day of the State Team Tournament will be offered to the top finishing Team (s) advancing to the 2024 Bass Nation Team Championship. After that it will go back to the standings of the TBN State (Individual) tournament held in the spring. Note: All Alliance programs end 30 Dec 2024 and are up for renewal at that point.
* **Bass Nation Alliance Programs,** as of 15 Feb 2024 available/known are Garmin (20 for 2024) and Lowrance (18 for 2024) with limitations for each. Contact TBN President for details if you are qualified as listed in the State Team above. As we receive updates, they will be pasted on to the Club Presidents and posted on the TBN Website.
* **TBN State Team Jerseys:** Even though these are NOT Required. I’m working a couple jersey companies to offer our members a discounted TBN State Jersey if you want one. You will be able to have your personal sponsors on them along with TBN State and Alliance Program sponsors. More details to come as I work this out.
* **B.A.S.S. Nation Regional Tournament**, Lake Eufaula, AL, Congratulations to Brian Gilber (Co-Angler Winner) Montgomery County Bass Club, Jess Biehoffer (Boater - 4th Place) Chattanooga Bass Club, and Bill Scharton (Co-Angler 10th Place) Luke 5-11 who all qualified for the 2024 BNC
* All Bass Nation Qualifiers still have slots available… If you want to compete, you must register by the deadline for the event, each event advances the Top 20 Boaters and Top 20 Co-Anglers to the 2024 BNC at Grand Lake in November 2024.
* B.A.S.S. Nation Championship, Grand Lake 6-8 Nov 2024

Representing Tennessee so far will be:

**Boaters:**

Jordan Card

Charlie Scott

Jeremy Homeyer

Randall “Jar” Hillyer

Jess Biehoffer

**Co-Anglers:**

Jeremy Baker

John Paulk

Kevin Jones

Matt Speights

Ty Middleton

Brian Gibler

Bill Scharton