

Region Seven Officers
Director: Craig Owens
Interim Tourn. Dir: ~~Kevin Massie~~
Secretary/Treasurer: Susan Owens
Youth Director: ~~Victor Spence~~



Minutes of the November 20, 2024, President's meeting
7:00pm at The Glass Baron

Call meeting to Order – Craig called the meeting to order at 7:10pm
Roll Call – All clubs except SEVA represented.

Craig thanked Janet (and Ivan) Morris for allowing us to use the Glass Baron building for our meetings.

Last Meeting Minutes – Motioned, seconded and approved.
Treasurer's Report – Motioned, seconded and approved.

BASS Nation of Virginia Business:

The last state board meeting was held November 17, 2024. The state's 2025 schedule was changed slightly and voted on.

The 2025 State tournament schedule:

March 8-9, 2025	Gaston/Holly Grove
April 5-6, 2025	James/Osborne Landing
Sept 20/21, 2025	Kerr/Occoneechee
Nov 1/2, 2025	SML/Parkway or State Park TBD

Sid Ryan, JT Williams and Melanie Barrow will serve another 2-yr term as President, Tournament Director and Conservation Director.

Sid attended the Bass Nation Leadership Conference in Oklahoma. The board has accepted the 2025 Alliance Package. Tier 1 anglers (formerly referred to as our State Team) are the top 15 teams of the State Championship. These anglers are eligible to take advantage of BASS Alliance Package discounts. See the state's website www.vabassnation.com for more details.

There are some tournament format modifications for 2025 at the BASS level:

All BASS tournaments will require a boater/non-boater link to register. This does not mean that particular boater will fish with that particular non-boater. It is designed to provide equal number of boaters and non-boaters. When a boater signs up, they provide a non-boater name and email; BASS then sends an email to that non-boater to register; once both anglers have registered the link is created and their registrations are accepted. Max boat field is 225 boats. Off limits has been changed to 10 days prior to the first day of official practice. Payouts will be 10% of boat field. No bartering. No cutting trees or planting brush piles or having someone else cut trees or plant brush piles your behalf. All fish must be hooked inside the mouth. Only allowed one trolling motor operational on the boat and must be mounted on the bow. No decks to raise

anglers above the gunnel height of their boat. Life jackets must be the outer most thing on angler's body. Do not put raingear. All anglers (boaters and non-boaters) must complete a Boater's Safety Course.

2025 Nationals tournament will be October 23-26 on the Upper Mississippi River out of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Tournament will be 4 days with cut to day 3 and cut to day 4.

Old Business:

The high bid for the Region trailer was \$1001 to Ivan Morris. Funds received at this meeting.

Going forward, there will no longer be pre-registration meetings before tournaments unless board feels an in-person meeting needs to occur. Registration and boat number draw will be held at the ramp the morning of the tournament. Tournament info will be posted on the R7 website.

New Business:

Club rosters and dues (national \$30/state dues \$50) are due no later than December 31st. Important! This will allow time for club members to be renewed in roster management. The NE Regional anglers must be in BASS roster management prior to registration January 7th. Club secretary to mail roster and dues to Susan payable to BNVA.

Region rosters and dues \$10 and/or optional lotto \$10 should be mailed to Susan payable to Region 7. Please make rosters are complete with mailing address, cell phone, and email address as well as note who is President and who is Secretary please.

Tournament Report:

The 2025 Region Schedule for next year (pending ramp confirmation):

March 15th - Kerr Lake/ North Bend Main Ramp B confirmed

April 19th – Munden Point

May 10th - Pasquotank / Elizabeth City Waterfront

June 21st – Chickahominy River / Riverfront Campground

October 5th (Sun) – OPEN Tournament / Bob's Fishing Hole

Fishing Expo:

The 2025 Fishing Expo will be January 17-19 at Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA. There will be a raffle of Visa cards (\$500, \$250 and \$100) sold and awarded at the show. Anyone or company wishing to sponsor a Visa card, please let Craig know.

Award Presentation:

Craig presented Top Angler and Lunger awards. Congratulations to Chris Napier and Mike Hildenbrandt for their Top Angler of the Year and Dennis Cook with his 7.89 lb bass Lunger of the Year awards for 2024. Chris and Mike also receive free entry to all 2025 Region 7 tournaments. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Owens, Secretary/Treasurer