



NH Bass Nation
Monthly Meeting Minutes
(4/18/2017)

- Meeting Called to Order:** 7:05pm
- Attendance:** Upper Valley Weekend Warriors – Absent
- Secretary’s Report:** To be posted
- Treasurers Report:** Reviewed and accepted
- Conservation Report:** “Pitch-it” soft plastics recycling project. Easy to make. Decals available from BASS.
- Youth Report:** Ray Meyer gave an overview of the week-long fishing program for kids at Barry Camp in Berlin, NH. NHBN will be sponsoring one kid each year to attend the camp. Funds will be raised for this from entry fees to the Annual Smallie Open. Brian Emerson added that other programs are also available for kids at Barry Camp: shooting sports, hiking, nature, canoeing, survival, etc.
- Old Business:** Members are urged to contact John Foster for available discounts on Mercury props, Motorguide trolling motors, Hu clothing, & Fulton winches and jacks.
- Upper Valley WW still need to sign the new Constitution & Tourney Rules
- National dues and roster is still outstanding from NEBA (Alan Cushing took care of this at the meeting)
- The banquet was once again a success. 186 people attended. NHBN garnered \$3,300 from bucket ticket sales! Frank C. questioned the need for the DJ as no one ever gets up to dance. John F said it helps him out to some degree but he will weigh the cost/benefit of having one.
- New Business:** The next BOD meeting will be held on Tuesday May 16th at 7:00pm at BPS in Hooksett.
- The 1st Annual Smallmouth Open will be held on April 23rd on Winni out of W Alton Marina. The proceeds from this event will fund the scholarship to Barry

Camp for one youth each year. NHBN has reserved a space for one camper/year at the camp. This event will be scheduled for the 4th Sunday in April every year. In the event of cancellation due to ice, it will be rescheduled for the same year but in the fall.

Humminbird is the new sponsor of the Team of the Year competition. Cash awards will be sponsored by Irwin Marine (Triton Boats dealer).

John Foster provided flyers for the Team Trail and the Smallmouth Open.

New sponsors for this season include Ninja Grass Blade, Tackle Supply Depot and TH Marine.

David Tsao clarified the criteria for how a tie is determined at weigh-in. Here is the current priority breakdown:

1. Total number of fish
2. Total number of live fish
3. Biggest Bag (multi-day tourneys only)
4. Second Biggest Bag (multi-day tourney only)
5. Coin Flip

It was suggested that “Big Fish” should be inserted into the number 4 position prior to a coin toss. A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Comments:

John Foster suggested adding the Folds of Honor and the Smallmouth Open to the team trail competition. Reactions were mixed. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

8:10pm