



February 26, 2016 Motion on NMBN Boat Draws 2016

Albuquerque Hawg Hunters:

Motion is made to eliminate the draw from the fourth and final 2016 qualifying tournament to be held on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at Navajo Lake. Draws will still be used to pair boaters that did not sign up with a non-boater. [End Motion]

Second: Cedar Cove

From Earl Conway, NMBN President: Please poll your club as soon as possible and vote by March 20, 2016. I realize that several clubs just had their meetings, so it may take a special effort to give me a response. But it is urgent that we get this change (or no change communicated to members so they can make plans for Conchas.

Please consider who is planning already to fish the qualifiers and who might join your club and fish the qualifier if we make this change. I am not looking for your vote to reflect members' desires that have not and likely will not fish the qualifiers. Represent your future participating club members, not just the opinions of those that are not actively participating in the qualifiers. We need to grow.

For: Albuquerque Hawg Hunters, Cedar Cove, High Country Bass Anglers, Four Corners Bassmasters, Elephant Butte Bass Anglers

Against: (N/A Motion was closed early by President)

Abstain: (N/A Motion was closed early by President)

Discussion:

2/26 High Country Bass votes in favor of a 4 tournament qualifying circuit with no draw. Brian Stangel

2/26 Four corners is in favor of 4 tournaments no draw. Clayton Herrera

2/28 EBBA is in favor of no draw! Maybe next year will be easier. Joe Ramirez

3/2 Directors, so far I have five yes votes on the motion and no other responses so the motion will pass. There will be no draws at our qualifiers this year. The only exception is if a boater

registers without a non-boater. Then a non-boater or observer will be "assigned" on an as-available basis or they will be paired with another single boater if there are no non-boaters. If we end up left with a single boater, they will fish with an assigned observer (if we have a volunteer). I say assigned rather than a draw because we will be maintaining a list of boaters and non-boaters that need to be paired up. Hopefully that pairing will happen before registration and all non-boaters will be paired up for the weekend.

In the interest of time, I am going to announce the decision to have no draw this year so that the teams that were on the bubble can make plans to attend the Conchas tournament. Lodging is still tight at Conchas but I have heard the Adobe Bell will be open for the tournament. There are also several new trailers and homes on the south side that will be available to rent. State Parks also has quite a few electrical hookups that shouldn't be as booked since we are going before Memorial Day.

Since this may increase family membership in our clubs, I seem to remember something about family membership discounts from B.A.S.S. If anyone knows about that, please chime in.

Also, if you come across any non-boaters that want to try it out but don't want to pay the extra cost of club membership, we do have at-large membership options and Socorro doesn't charge any more than the state and national dues. We may want to consider first-year discounts in the clubs for new non-boaters. Just a thought.

Hope to see a good showing from all the clubs this year. Earl