



December 10, 2016  
New Mexico B.A.S.S. Nation  
Director's Meeting  
Location/Time:  
Hanseatic Management Services  
[5600 Wyoming Blvd. NE, Suite 220](#)  
[Albuquerque, NM 87109](#)  
10:00 AM

### Minutes

- I. Call to order, introduction of guests, and roll call
  - a. Joe Ramirez - Elephant Butte Bass Anglers, Billy Dunson – Four Corners Bassmasters, Ricky-Ray Martinez – member, Brian Stangel – High Country Bass Anglers, Earl Conway – NMBN President, Tawny Bell – member, Randy Campbell – Socorro (proxy for Ron Gilworth), Randell Bell – Cedar Cove, Bobby Carver – Southwest Bass Anglers/High School Director
- II. Reading of previous minutes
  - a. Motion to approve previous minutes. HCBA
  - b. Second: EBBA
  - c. Motion passed.
- III. Treasurers Report – Denise Hansel
  - a. HCBA asked about Alliance and Mercury rebate.
    - i. Alliance product was placed in the raffle. Reflected in ticket and raffle sales. One 36 volt motorguide X5 45" with transducer still available.
    - ii. \$3,000 from Mercury motor sale to be deposited.
    - iii. Will be a profitable year for NMBN by ~2,000 before any outstanding expenses.
    - iv. Earl still needs to be reimbursed for airfare from National Championship.
  - b. Motion from EBBA to approve financials
  - c. Second from CC
  - d. Motion passed.
- IV. Conservation Director's Report – Earl Conway
  - a. HCBA asked about the stocking of Navajo and for further explanation on the federal protection of some of the native species to the body of water.
  - b. Earl explained in greater detail what the issues are with Navajo and how he is making progress.
  - c. Everything going well in general with conservation. Trees lined up for EB.

- d. Discussed the Escondida project and wanted to thank the following supporters:
  - i. Ron and Betty Gilworth \$1,000 for shade awning
  - ii. Socorro County for concrete and dirt work \$12,000 (estimate)
  - iii. TREX \$3,000
  - iv. Shimano \$5,000
  - v. ABQ Hawg Hunters \$500
  - vi. Earl Conway, Ron Gilworth, Wyatt Armstrong, Julian Sosa-Carver, and another community volunteer
- V. High School (Youth) Director's Report – Bobby Carver
  - a. Numbers are low, only have 4 teams, we need more people which means more boats. No help from local anglers but President stepped up. Only the kids that have parents with boats are getting access.
  - b. FCBM had a previously scheduled event and could not help out. They would have helped with more communication. Bobby asked for more information on tournament information. Randell mentioned the ABQ Sportfishing calendar has all events listed that are submitted.
  - c. Need more kids and more help.
  - d. Earl talked about the HS programs taking off in other states. There is a lack of support in the major metropolitan areas. Earl would like to focus on growing more support from Albuquerque, but also noted that we will need more infrastructure support. Also, putting back to the clubs to host local tournaments on their home lakes. How do we solve the issue?
  - e. Mesilla Valley Bass accepts anyone to join their club. You do not have to have your own High School program. MVB is happy to accept anyone from around New Mexico.
  - f. HCBA suggested reaching out to Chris Jarvis.
  - g. SVB asked about timing of the tournaments. Bobby said they should occur by end of May 2017. Early July is the National Championship.
  - h. Join as you are coming into HS and exit the program the summer after you graduate.
- VI. 2017 State Team Report – Kenny Hansel (via phone)
  - a. Mark Hettinga confirmed to Randell that he is filling the non-boater spot.
  - b. Alternate for Regional. Discussion on how to deal with mechanical issues, etc.
    - i. First alternate is the next boater from the boater qualification list. Sam Culver, Randy Campbell, Dave Smith.
    - ii. Earl is going as President alternate with boat.
  - c. Charlie's is in and Kenny is working on other sponsors.
  - d. Jon Stewart said that nobody can participate in the Regional unless they have competed during the previous year in B.A.S.S. Nation qualifiers.
  - e. Need to get letter to Tawny for State Team fund raising.
- VII. Update Club Rosters
  - a. Are there any updates to club rosters?
    - i. Four Corners
      - 1. President – Landon McKnight
      - 2. Director – Billy Dunson
    - ii. High Country Bass Anglers
      - 1. No changes
    - iii. EBBA (will be holding Feb 2017 election)
      - 1. No changes
    - iv. Cedar Cove

- 1. No changes
    - v. Southwest Bass Anglers
      - 1. No changes
    - vi. SVB
      - 1. No changes
    - vii. ABQ HH
      - 1. No changes
  - b. Earl would like to reach out to clubs that are listed but not currently active.
  - c. CO has opened the door to NMBN anglers that would like to compete at their State Championship at Havasu. Anglers have the ability to secure a Regional spot by competing at the one tournament. You need to be a member of a CO BN club. Contact Earl Conway for more info.
- VIII. Election of 2017 Officers
- a. Earl wants there to be a better transition. Timing is a challenging part of this equation. Earl would like to have a date set for new officers to take their post. Joe also suggested making the new club renewal dates for the same time frame.
  - b. Earl would like to table the discussion to select timing of new officers and club renewal dates.
  - c. Nominations
    - i. EBBA motions to keep officers for 2017.
      - 1. Randy Campbell seconds the motion and noted that we have some good momentum.
      - 2. Earl commented that we need to have people groomed as incoming officers.
      - 3. Motion passes to keep 2016 officers.
- IX. New business
- a. Bylaw Changes
    - i. Return to 3 out of 4 scoring for State Team Qualification
      - 1. EBBA motions that we move to 3 out of 4 for State Team qualification.
      - 2. CC second.
        - a. Motion passed.
    - ii. Discussion to determine reward for State Team (3 of 4) Captain vs. AOY
    - iii. Motion from Earl to reduce State Team Captain award to two entry fees in the following year and some token of appreciation i.e. jacket, vest with their recognition of their accomplishment.
      - 1. EBBA seconds
      - 2. Motion passed.
    - iv. Motion from Earl to reinstate the AOY (4 of 4) for all 4 events and to be compensated the same as the State Team Captain. The AOY will also receive the State Traveling Trophy.
      - 1. CC second
      - 2. Motion passes.
    - v. Kenny is requested to confirm software is updated to track new format for 2017.
    - vi. Review of tournament tie breakers
      - 1. OK pending review from Kenny after software update for 3 of 4 vs. 4 of 4.
    - vii. BASS President's meeting

1. Jon Stewart said that you must fill the full team. If you don't you will only be able to fish your top boater and nonboater the last day. Mechanicals will not have a negative impact.
  2. Membership drive
    - a. 50 new members by Aug 31, 2017, NMBN would be allowed an extra team at National Championship. 4 anglers vs. 2.
  3. Nonboater won the tournament. There should be no perception that being a nonboater is a disadvantage to compete at the tournament overall.
- viii. Youth leader meeting
1. No changes in the program.
  2. Want to incorporate water weigh ins.
  3. Bobby Carver wanted to recognize David Herrera for his contributions to continued fund raising on behalf of the youth program. High School program is also doing a great job in fund raising from the youth member. They had money left over from the HS National Championship.
- ix. Quarterly meetings
1. Earl would like to change the meetings at the lake and switch to meetings electronically before the tournaments for the two that coincide with tournaments.
  2. Earl would like to have two in person meetings per year.
    - a. Joe and Randell both requested that we have 1 in person meeting per year and 3 electronic meetings. The in person meeting to be held in December.
- x. Incentives
1. Kenny and Earl are trying to make sure the information gets out on State Team incentives. 22 people are recognized by most sponsors outside of Minn Kota, they will only recognize 15.
  2. Carhartt incentive needs to be used before 12/31/2016.
- xi. Stipend for National Non-boater contestants
1. Confirmed that they Bylaws are accurate.
- b. Fundraising
- i. Fundraising markup for product sold by NMBN
    1. Earl is going to create a product sheet for handing out to people to show the difference between member and nonmember pricing.
  - ii. Boat and motor incentives
    1. All clubs need to be aware of new boat purchases for possible Mercury rebate under Alliance program.
- X. President's Report from B.A.S.S. National Championship
- a. B.A.S.S. Growth Incentive
  - b. Alliance Package Exclusive vs. Non-exclusive
    - i. Earl approved to sign Alliance exclusive program.
  - c. Sponsors
- XI. Directors Update
- a. Director responsibilities
    - i. Earl is going to be looking to Directors to meet minimum standards for the role.
    - ii. Fundraising is going to be a large topic.

- iii. Never criticize a volunteer.
      - iv. Cultivate relationships.
      - v. Grow membership. Ask for guidance from Earl if you need help.
      - vi. Read your emails, respond, and show up to meetings.
    - b. Sportsmanship clause in bylaws.
      - i. Sportsmanship needs to be enforced.
      - ii. No illegal drugs or alcohol are to be allowed in tournaments.
      - iii. Alliance guidelines will be followed.
      - iv. Earl requests that all Directors assist to enforce the sportsmanship guidelines.
- XII. Communications
- a. Email addresses updated by ALL members – responsibility of club President/Director
    - i. All current emails should be sent to [info@nmbfn.com](mailto:info@nmbfn.com)
  - b. Website contact and content
    - i. [info@nmbfn.com](mailto:info@nmbfn.com) Be specific about where and what to post
    - ii. Ricky would like BN sponsors forwarded for content
    - iii. Alliance banner information needs to be placed on home page
  - c. Facebook and other social media
    - i. Ricky-Ray commented that he is not going to be able to manage any social media
    - ii. Earl is taking care of FB and other social media outlets
- XIII. [Outdoor Adventures Hunting & Fishing Show 2017](#)
- a. February 17-19, 2017 Albuquerque, NM
    - i. Good opportunity for fund raising and raising awareness in general
    - ii. HCBA motions for Earl to pay \$150 for OA Hunting & Fishing show booth.
      - 1. FCBM second
      - 2. Motion passed.
- XIV. Soaring Eagle Lodge Sage Fly Rod Donation
- a. Ebay or Raffle for NMBN fund raising
    - i. Earl would like to see the donation sold on Ebay.
    - ii. SVB motions to sell the donation on Ebay.
    - iii. EBBA second.
    - iv. Motion passes.
- XV. 8 ft rod restriction in tournament rules
- a. Earl motioned to follow BASS rules on rod length.
  - b. FCBM second.
  - c. Motion passed to amend tournament rules to follow BASS on tackle and equipment.
- XVI. Randell is concerned with the handling of fish at tournaments, especially the use of punch through cull tags. Randell would like to see us go away from penetration cull tags.
- a. Earl to put together some information on better alternatives for culling systems.
  - b. Discussion tabled for next meeting.
- XVII. Billy wanted to mention that Cortez did pay dues and should be a club in good standing for 2016.
- XVIII. Adjourned at 1:20