

**Board of Directors Meeting  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Minutes**

President Chris Wilson brought the meeting to order at 8:06am and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Roll Call: 21 out of 38 clubs present.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
Chris Wilson**

**National Championship Semi-Final.**

The Town of Cape Vincent did an outstanding job hosting this event. They had a boat yard setup, brought in lighting for the ramp and brought in additional restroom facilities at the launch. They also provided shuttle service to the boat ramp and back along with directing all traffic to make for a very smooth traffic flow.

In reference to the next NCSF event that will be hosted by PA in 2020, several areas in PA/NY (Raystown, Wallenpaupack, Erie, Cayuga, Oneida, Delaware River) are being looked into. We are still waiting on contact information for a number of locations that were submitted by BOD members. For more information on how to get to the NCSF go to <http://pabass.com/join-pa-bass/road-to-the-tbf-national-championship/>

NCSF housing for championship qualifiers will not be provided by the state anymore. People going to the NCSF from the state championship will receive:

Entry fee - \$200/\$100

Hotel stipend up to \$200 with receipts for Wednesday through Saturday nights. \*\*

Gas stipend - \$100 to boaters, \$50 for co-angler. \*\*

Food money stipend – up to \$100. \*\*

\*\* If available from tournament funds

What is new for 2018 is the increased participation in the event based on club membership numbers and increased participation in the TBF National Championship based on the number of boats each state sends to the NCSF. For each club that has between 20-29 members, 2 boats can be sent. For each club that has between 30-39 members, 3 boats can be sent; this continues to increase 1 additional boat for each 10 members. Another addition to the NCSF is an additional practice day; official practice will now be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The 2018 District 14 NCSF will be hosted by the Ontario TBF is September 26 through 30 at Bay of Quinte & Lake Ontario. The host location is the town of Trenton, Ontario. Registration takes place August 13 through September 13 by invitation through email from TBF. Fact sheet and all information will be available at the following web address: <http://bassfederation.com/2018-tbf-national-semi-final-schedules/>

Canada is a foreign country and there are restrictions as to who can and cannot enter. You will also need a passport so this is a good time to get started on that. You will also need an Ontario Outdoors Card and an Ontario non-resident license. These can be purchased on-line. You can print your license and a temporary outdoors card and the outdoors card will be mailed to you. The outdoors card is currently good for 2 years so if you purchased one for the 2017 tournament it will be good for 2018. You should carry both of these with you when you fish along with your identification.

For the TBF National Championship, 1 boat will advance for every 40 boats that compete in the NCSF; 1-39, 40-79 etc.

## 2018 Tournament Dates Announced – Locations TBD

Mr Bass May 18, 19  
Championship June 22, 23  
Region 1 July 20,21 (Bay or Cayuga)  
Region 2 July 13, 14 (Raystown)  
Fall Classic September 8, 9  
NCSF September 26-30 (Bay of Quinte West)

### Youth Program

The success of the High School program cannot be denied as a result, the youth program will now be a TEAM FORMAT. This announcement was made at the Junior Championship to the cheers of everyone.

Here are the details:

1. teams must provide their own boat captain
2. no minimum age, 15 and under
3. junior clubs do not have to be tied to an adult club
4. junior dues remain \$25 and are separate from the High School program
5. **one additional competition day** has been added to the junior world championship
6. two competition days out of their own boat with their own boat captain, top teams qualify for day 3
7. after 2018 hotel rooms will be phased out allowing participants to stay where they would like and allowing the extra day of competition as well as larger scholarships

PA will try to put together a junior tournament trail for 2018 so there is more than just a single event called a Championship.

### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Sabbi

#### Quad State High School Championship

This is a State Event and will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2018. This is a MAJOR youth event; YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

Solar Bat - Membership discount is 40% off; use code-PATBFM We can also provide this benefit as a Friends and Family discount 20% off; use code-PATBF

Susquehanna Fishing Tackle Bass Fest 2018 coming up. We need help for Friday and Saturday January 12 and 13. Parking and in store help. Help keep a good sponsor happy.

BoatUS – 50% off membership. New members 800-395-2668. Current members 800-395-2628. Check site for code (GA00043F). Need to register so that state gets credit. It is not the tournament staff's responsibility to come get you if you break down.

### TREASURER REPORT

Fred Lewis

Everything is paid current. See Fred for details.

### SECRETARY REPORT

Chris Wilson

A new Secretary will be appointed.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
**Mike Galka**

There are currently 688 members in 38 clubs, 24 junior members and 3 junior clubs. This is a reminder that dues of \$40 is due by December 31<sup>st</sup>. After December 31<sup>st</sup>, dues are \$50. Any NEW member will be \$40 when they are signed up.

**YOUTH REPORT**  
**Greg Smith**

Andrew Fields, one of the winners of the PA Junior Championship going to Forrest Wood Cup in Arkansas in 2018.

Reel Kids championship held at Cabela's on Labor Day weekend. Travis Woodward donated trophies to the winners.

Let Greg know how many kits for Reel Kids contests in 2018 as soon as possible.

Question from Tim McNicholas: Will PA Bass help PA TBF members with expenses for championship? After discussion, a Motion from Lebanon County for each PA TBF member fishing in the High School state championship qualifying and going to the High School Championship each year receive \$200 for expenses to the boat captain for gas. Seconded by Delaware River. Motion passed with Clarion County being opposed.

**CONSERVATION REPORT**  
**John Henning**

New Zealand mud snail is in the Chesapeake Bay.

Potomac has had the 2nd lowest hypoxic level on record.

National Harbor area has spawning

**TOURNAMENT REPORT**  
**Fred Lewis**

2018 – PA State Championship Qualifiers should start getting their applications in.

The 2018 Tournament Committee: Fred Lewis, State Tournament Director, Steve Koch, Assistant State Tournament Director, Mike Smith, Mike Sabbi, Chris Wilson. One vacancy exists. If you are interested, contact Fred Lewis; remember it is required that STC members must attend the PA Championship plus 2 of the other 3 events.

New leaderboard was used at Mr Bass. It's pretty awesome, well worth the money! It will be made to work with the STC equipment in the future

**TBF UPDATE**  
**Chris Wilson**

The National President's Meeting will be in April

**OLD BUSINESS**  
**Chris Wilson**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**Chris Wilson**

The Election of officers for 2018-2019.

The offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are unchallenged. A single vote was cast for these positions. Harry Miles has stepped down as Secretary and Dave Ciarletta is appointed and accepts the position and will continue as Web Director.

**Co Angler Concerns**

When a boat is late, both angler and co-angler are considered late. If a co-angler can get a ride with another competitor and they can keep their fish separate, they may leave the angler to travel to the weigh in. This is valid in any tournament including the regional team tournament. The boater may also travel with a competitor in the same manner, however the boat must be anchored or tied up. Once a boater is left alone in a case like this their catch is immediately disqualified.

The boater and rider may receive a ride to the weigh-in on a noncompetition boat as long as the Tournament Director is notified AND they remain together the entire time. The boat may not be left adrift.

It is very unfortunate during the Team Regional event that a late penalty affects 5 other people but this is the nature of the event. Keeping track of time is the responsibility of both anglers and making sure equipment is proper operating condition is the responsibility of the angler.

Remember that nothing can happen at a tournament to modify the results unless a protest is submitted during the weigh-in. The tournament staff will not make any modifications on hearsay or rumor. If you have a complaint it must be in writing, signed and submitted at the weigh-in.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**  
**Chris Wilson**

ALL open tournaments must be listed on the web site so that your club is covered by insurance.

There will be NO events on the same day as a BOD Meetings, MR Bass (spring and fall), Team Regional (for those Districts), State Championship and the Quad State Championship.

There will be NO events by a club on the same day as a district tournament or meeting for the district they belong to.

Lottery tickets were handed out, one ticket minimum to be sold per member. District Chairman will collect all of the tickets and money. They will forward the stubs and a check from the district for the amount.

Meeting Dates for 2018 – March 4<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Lunger landers; seconded by Hawghunters Allentown - unanimous**