

Reps Meeting

Wisconsin Bass Federation

October, 2015

Process

- Please hold your questions until the end
- We can stay as long as we need to today
- We will vote on the proposal as a whole
- We can vote on any amendments to the proposal separately
- The proposal is a concept- there will be more details to come later- will use a “Parking Lot”
- Reason we do not have this out publically

National TBF Meeting

- Presidents meeting
- Changes were voted on
- Not unanimous
- In effect for next year

National Concerns/Complaints

- Membership declining
- Hard to encourage new people, especially non-boaters
- Costs too much to travel
- Hard to get enough vacation time
- Not enough prize money to make it worth it
- Same people on the team every year
- Only competing against your own team
- 4 year process from club to national

Goals in new national TBF strategy

- Increase membership
- More opportunity to go on
- More opportunities for co-anglers
- Less travel
- More Weekend Schedules
- Reduce Cost
- Better Prize money
- All in one year

TBF Has Changed

- Business model has not changed in 20 years, no corporation would stay in business if they didn't ever change with the industry
- Last few years TBF was focused on improving youth which was highly successful, now focused on adult programs

Make the Most of It

- Majority vote of State Presidents
- Some good, some downsides
- Still happening regardless
- Make the most out of it
- Does no good to complain, will only hurt our organization
- Focus on positive opportunity for change

Changes to Divisionals

- States will no longer compete as teams- no combined weights, no combined payouts
- Smaller divisionals- 2-3 states per divisional= less travel costs
- Less time frame- weekend tournament
- Boater- Co-Angler Format, not competing against each other
- \$200 boater, \$100 co angler entry fee= more prize money

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- Held in the Fall (same qualifying year as state)
- States are not limited to 12 competitors
- States with more members send more people to divisionals
- Two methods to qualify for divisionals
 - 10% of participants in state qualifier(s)
 - 2 people from each club (if club meets our criteria)

Changes to Nationals

- For every 50 participants at divisionals send another pair to nationals
- If more than 1 pair from our state, they have fish off before final days
- Higher payout- goal to get to \$1 million payout
- Double qualifier year in 2017

Tournament Committee Proposal

- All clubs were invited to the meeting
- Thank you to all those who participated- they spent a lot of time discussing different options and put a lot of thought into what would be best for our future
- Extremely respectful group
- Starting point for a complicated topic- need to decide today if we want permits for next year
- Can always change things next year if it doesn't work
- Parking Lot- Tournament Committee will meet again between Oct & Jan to work on more details and wordsmith bylaws

Tournament Committee

- Kris Haines
- Roger Modrzewski
- Jim Schulenburg
- Brian Saari
- Larry Hildebrandt
- Adam Eisele
- Jake Willems
- Andrew Poisell
- Rick Bosshard
- Brady Farrell
- Kevin Fassbind
- Brad Lemke
- Nick & Becky Smyers
- Jim & Barb Jones

Goals of the Tournament Committee Proposal

- Leverage TBF changes to increase membership, more non-boaters, More members= more sponsors
- Leverage TBF high school success- Get high schoolers (& dads)/ college coming to WBF
- Maximize the number of members we can send to divisionals
- Add Flexibility- try to make everyone happy
- Reduce costs to Federation and Anglers

Proposed Changes

- Eliminate current zone and state process as is
- Change to 3 One-Day Divisional Qualifiers spread around the state
- Anyone can fish **any or as many** Divisional Qualifiers as they want
- Divisional Qualifiers will be a Boater- Co-Angler format
- Must sign up as a boater co-angler pair- can be members from any club, but fish separately
- Entry Fees- \$200 - \$100 - 75% payout at ramp

3 Divisional Qualifiers

- 2 Ways to go on- Flexibility
 - Each Individual Div Qualifier will take top 7% of Boaters and top 7% of CoAnglers to Divisionals (for those who like our current process)
 - Remainder of slots (3%) come from cumulative points from all 3 Div Qualifiers, best 2 of 3. (for those who want to have a trail format)
- State Angler of the Year- top cumulative points winner
- Round % down, always equal Boater- CoAngler
- If person qualifies both ways- individual takes priority, alternate goes down to next cumulative

Mr. Bass a Divisional Qualifier too

- Mr Bass becomes a 4th Divisional Qualifier
- Change Mr Bass and Observer to Boater-CoAngler format
- Top Mr Bass Boater and Mr Bass CoAngler from each club eligible to fish- each club decides how to select them
- \$200 - \$100 entry fee, 75% payout at ramp
- Top 10% of Boaters and top 10% of co-anglers go on to Divisionals

Additional Changes

- Have at least 1 Div Qualifier in conjunction w/ youth/ HS tournament (One Sat- One Sun)
- Criteria for club to send 2 man per club- Reps meetings, Youth or Conservation project, in good standing meeting with all Federation requirements
- Eliminate Zone Director Positions- replace with appointed tournament committee members specific to each tournament location
- Rescind rule requiring to be member the prior year and also rescind 1st year free

Samples Numbers

- 30 clubs- 30 boaters & 30 co anglers
- Mr Bass- 3 boaters & 3 co anglers
- 3 Divisional Qualifiers- 100 boats each
 - 7 boaters & 7 co anglers each
- Cumulative Points- 9 boaters & 9 co anglers
- Total= 63 Boaters & 63 CoAnglers to Divisional
2 Boaters and 2 CoAnglers to Nationals

END OF CURRENT PROPOSAL

2016 Recommendations Requires Board Approval

- Mr. Bass- early May on Lake Wisconsin
- Div Qual 1- early June on Big Green
- Div Qual 2- early July on Tomahawk
- Div Qual 3- late Aug on Pool 8

- 4 Man- late Sept, Min 10 teams, Madison

Parking Lot- Topics for next Tournament Committee Meeting

- Continue incentive for top 10 or 12 of cumulative points? Sponsor discounts, shirts, pay entry fees? Raffle Money
- VP/ tournament director to last spot to Divisionals? Cannot fish in tournaments.
- Define points system
- Requirement to fish 6 club tournaments? Let clubs decide.

Parking Lot Continued

- What if someone qualifies as both a boater in one and a coangler in another? Points would stay separated.
- Method to hook up boaters who need a non-boater?
- Changes in pre-fishing limits?