

Calif Bass Federation Board Meeting Minutes 10/27/16

Attendees

Mac McCullough
Pat Golden
Scott Sweet
Archie Steele

George Fedor
Brian Carpenter
Mark Corrente
Russ Greenlee

Jeff Green
Bryan Kurata
Ben Willis

*** ** The Board Meeting was called to order at approximately 130pm on 10/27/16 *** **

1. Welcome and Thank You

- Scott gave an introduction and thanked the board members for their efforts which results in a great year for CBF. Membership is up and many regions saw increased participation

2. Elections

- Region 1
 - Archie Steele nominated Ben Willis for Tournament Director (TD) and Brian Carpenter for Regional Director (RD)
 - Mac seconded the motion
 - The Board voted and approved the motion
- Region 3
 - Brian Carpenter nominated Mac for Tournament Director (TD) and Russ for Regional Director (RD)
 - Mark seconded the motion
 - The Board voted and approved the motion
- Region 7
 - Brian Carpenter nominated Bryan Kurata for Tournament Director (TD) and Pat Golden nominated Georg for Regional Director (RD)
 - Mac seconded the motion
 - The Board voted and approved the motion
- Youth Director
 - Archie Steele nominated Barry Sterud for Youth Director
 - George seconded the motion
 - The Board voted and approved the motion
- President
 - Brian Carpenter nominated Scott Sweet for CBF President
 - Russ seconded the motion
 - The Board voted and approved the motion
- State Tournament Director
 - Current State Tournament Director Archie Steele discussed his desire to step away from the State TD role
 - Recommended a paid position and someone who is not fishing in the tournament
 - The State TD role demands a lot of time – lots of organizing, phone calls, permits, monitoring of memberships, calculating regional points, send out letters, etc
 - It was pointed out that per the current rules, the State TD must be a board member so if a TD from outside Organization is hired we would need to change the rules
 - Pat recommended that we break up the job into parts that can be delegated
 - Pat volunteered to take part
 - Mac made a recommendation that Archie should make a list of all the tasks and responsibilities that he takes care of as State TD so that others can help by taking on parts of the job
 - Point was made that we need to find ways to save time, eg, not send letters, instead require the anglers to download entry form from the site
 - Many bad addresses had to be tracked down and has been time consuming

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- Brian Carpenter volunteered to be Assistant State TD and take on about '65%' of the duties with intent to enable Archie to remain in the State TD role to ensure stability through the first National Semi Final
 - Discussion that the Assistant role would not be a new position on the Board, and technically the role does not have to be a Board member
- Brian Carpenter made a motion for Archie to be State TD with the thought that it can be considered as coverage for an interim period of approximately 1 yr
 - Russ seconded the motion
 - There was some discussion to confirm that Archie is not taking Region 4 TD role. Archie stated he will help Jeff (by taking phone calls) but Jeff will remain in TD role
 - Board voted and motion was approved
- Russ made a motion to create Assistant State TD role
 - Pat seconded the motion
 - Board voted in favor and motion was approved

3. Treasurer Report

- Currently have about \$7k in the bank which is lower than usual for this point in the year
 - Why? New website was around \$2200, Shirts were around \$20 each,
- We expect to offset some of the deficit through the revenue brought in with the State TOC
- Possible that we may need to decrease the stipend for the 'State Team' aka the Top 12 finishers from the State TOC

4. State TOC, Club Championship, National Semi Finals

- Scott framed the discussion by providing a history of the State TOC tournament
 - State TOC produced a State Team that competed vs several western states at a Divisional tournament
 - State TOC produced a State Champion and was crowned as 'best in state'
 - At last year's Presidents meeting changes were made at the TBF National level and we were given 3mos to implement the changes at the State level
 - The State Team concept is less relevant because there is no Divisional tournament, ie, there are not multiple teams to have a team competition with
 - Sponsor support has declined, many sponsors have pulled out
 - The Club Champion pathway was mandated by the TBF at that time. Qualifications, ie, 'good standing' was not defined
- Scott: The question we need to answer: Do we want to change or possibly even eliminate the State TOC?
 - Pat: Leave as is
 - Brian C: Leave as is. It's been a long road to get our organization built up and the participation has been good let not ruin a good thing
 - Russ: What are we fishing for? The goal of making State Team is gone. Now that 70+ anglers move on its like Youth Soccer where everyone wins. The prestige is gone.
 - What is better now? Some will view it as a benefit that more move on to Nat Semi Final, there is more \$ at National Semi Final, and potentially more slots to the National
 - Mark: My region is not happy with this, we have lost anglers and will lose more if we don't make a change
 - After more brainstorming and debate the group agreed to generate viable options. The group took a break to get proposals together which will be voted on. It was pointed out that any changes need to be updated in the 2017 rules and the 2017 rules need to be in place before 1st tournament which is in a few weeks
 - Proposals

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- Option 1: Top 2 anglers (Boater + Non-Boater) from each Region automatically qualify for National Semi Final (aka, Western Regional/Divisional) and the Top 12 from State TOC qualify for National Semi Final
 - This would equate to 2 anglers from each Region a total of 6 Boater and 6 Non-Boater spots plus 6 Boater and 6 Non-Boater top finishers from the State TOC
 - This would replace comping of AOY entries
- Option 2: Top 4 from each region qualify for National Semi-Final. There would be no State TOC. This would equate to 12 Boaters + 12 Non-Boaters going to the National Semi-Final
- Option 3: The Top 12 Boaters + Top 12 Non-Boaters finishers from State TOC go to National Semi-Finals
- Option 4: All points from State TOC are added to Regional Points. Points from Top3 regional events are added to State TOC points to determine Top finishers who qualify for the National Semi Final
 - Regional Events are scored 100pts + 5 show up points
 - State TOC is scored: 200pts + 5 show up points
 - Top 12 Boaters + Top 12 Non-Boaters qualify for the National Semi-Final
 - Top 6 Boaters + Top 6 Non-Boaters receive State Team benefits
 - The Bottom 6, ie, those finishing 7-12, will get their entry fees paid
 - These entry fees will be partially funded by discontinuing and repurposing the AOY comps
- The Board voted on each option and option #4 was unanimously favored
- Archie made a motion to adopt #4 into the rules
 - Brian seconded the motion
 - The Board voted and all were in favor of option #4

5. Misc Business

- Pat made a motion to raise the kids fee to \$30 from \$25
 - Expenses have increase and need to be offset
 - Motion was seconded by Brian
 - Board voted and accepted the motion

*** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 430pm on 10//27/16 ***