**REGION 8 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes for Current Year:**

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH- January/February/March 2025 Minutes**

**ROLL CALL – RGN 8 Director, NASA-Langley, Peninsula, Nottoway, 5 Rivers, RVA, Bass Bandits, Feel The Payne Fishing**

 **AGENDA:** TREASURERS REPORT - MINUTES - YOUTH REPORT – TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR REPORT– OLD/NEW BUSINESS- STATE BUSINESS

**MEETING MINUTES –**

**DATE: 9 January 2025** Meeting called to order 6:00 pm at Andrea’s Italian Restaurant. February & March meetings were not held (see New Business).

* Roll call conducted - Nasa Langley, Nottoway, 5 Rivers, and Peninsula were represented
* Prior meeting minutes were approved

**YOUTH REPORT-** Region 8 will support state youth anglers at Region tournaments.

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**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR REPORT – Lee Johnson**

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**OLD BUSINESS-**

* **Boating Safety Education and Insurance Requirements:**  Chapter Presidents will maintain copies of proof of Boating Safety Course completion in addition to the insurance documentation for all Region 8 boat operators. ALL Boaters must have a copy of their insurance declaration showing the required liability insurance in possession during Club, Region, State and TBF Tournaments. **OPEN**
* **Region 8 Board/Staff Changes:** We are looking for volunteers to serve as Secretary for the Region and some members to serve as assistant Treasurer and Tournament Director. This will be an opportunity to expose more members to the management aspects of running Region 8 and grooming potential future Board Members. **OPEN**
* **TBF / Virginia Bass Federation Liability Waivers:** Chapter Presidents must have each member sign the waiver to participate in any Club, Region, State, or TBF event. Waivers can be signed at each event or one waiver for the calendar year may be signed and maintained each season. The Director will have extra copies on hand at each event. **November Update**: The Director handed out 2025 Liability Release form to Club Presidents in attendance. **OPEN**
* **Region 8 Trailer:** We will need to update the decals on the trailer to reflect sponsor changes for 2025. The area on the front of the trailer is showing some staining from runoff that is difficult to clean. The Director will look into having the nose wrapped so runoff stains are not visible. Also would like to install 110V lighting and outlets in the trailer. **January Update**: Logo’s emailed to Brody’s Signs & Designs. Waiting to schedule install. **March Update:** Contacted Brody to schedule install in April 2025. **OPEN**
* **Jerseys:** A new Region 8 jersey order was placed on April 1, 2025. Anglers wanting jerseys can contact the director. The Director has several jerseys that members have not picked up. The Director will work on arrangements to arrange delivery. **OPEN**
* **Funds for 2025 TBF National Championship Competitors:** The Board approved a motion to provide $200 for travel expenses to each of our Region 8 Anglers that are advancing to the TBF National Championship on Lake Dardanelle Arkansas. The Director will issue checks to Larry Whitt and James Whitehead once they have completed their registration for the tournament. **January Update:** Larry will not be able to attend the National Championship. The State has arranged for a replacement Co-Angler. **February Update:** Check sent to James Whitehead. **March Update:** James Whitehead had to withdraw from the tournament and will return the travel expense check to Region 8. Check received on March 8th. **OPEN**
* **Richmond Fishing Expo:** We will be sending an email to the membership to request volunteers to help at the expo Federation Booth in January. **February Update:** The event was a success again this year. Thanks to the volunteers that supported the booth and Reel Kids events. **CLOSED**

**NEW BUSINESS-**

* **Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic Support:** The dates for this years event will be 6-26 March. The Reel Kids Casting Skills events will be on 15-16 March. The Director will email the Presidents the volunteer spreadsheet for this year’s events. Presidents are asked to work on scheduling members to work a shift. Priority needs to be for the Reel Kids events. **March Update:** Successful events again this year. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out. Special thanks to Terry Minnick and Bob Pearce who worked many hours at the Region 8 table filling in as needed. They along with Bob’s wife Virginia manned the event all day while we fished our March 22nd tournament. **OPEN**
* **State Raffle Tickets:** The Director has a limited number of raffle tickets for distribution.Tickets are selling fast**. OPEN**
* **East Regional Registration:** The State has opened the registration for the East Regional on the Chickahominy River on May 3rd.  **OPEN**
* **February / March Board Meetings:** The February meeting was cancelled due to weather ad the March Board meeting was not held due to conflict with the Bass Pro Shop Spring Fishing Classic Events. Chickahominy River #1 tournament registrations were managed by the Region Director and launch position drawing was conducted during the Bass Pro Shop event on March 20th.Meeting minutes with current financial status were prepared by the Director and distributed to the Board members at the Chickahominy River tournament on March 22nd. **CLOSED**
* **Appomattox/James River Tournament:** The Director will not be available on May 10 so the Board members will need to run the tournament. The DWR Special Use Permit Application has been submitted to DWR for Osborne Landing. **OPEN**

**STATE BUSINESS- Scott Whitmore (VA Bass Chapter Federation President)**

* Chapter Presidents are asked to ensure that the correct email address for each of their members in loaded on the TBF Membership Roster so the State can access them for “Email Blasts” on special offers and news.
* The membership is to be reminded that bad language or alcohol consumption at Federation tournament/events will not be tolerated. Disqualification & possible expulsion will be imposed for infractions. This includes any public area at host hotel.
* Presidents are asked to check the TBF member database to insure that member phone numbers and email addresses are correct.
* 2025 NSF will be hosted by West Virginia and is scheduled for 19-21 September 2024 on the Ohio River.
* NEW for 2025: Virginia Angler & Co-Angler of the Year Recognition with winners having the opportunity to bypass the NSF and advance directly into the TBF National Championship.
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**GENERAL**

* The January meeting adjourned @ 7:40 PM.
* The next meeting is rescheduled for 17 April 2025, 6:00 PM. Location: Andrea’s Italian Restaurant

John Flicek

Director

**VA Bass Chapter Federation Schedule of Events**

17-19 January 2025Richmond Fishing Expo. Doswell, VA

**2025 Team Tournament Trail Schedule:**

 October 26, 2024 North Regional – Potomac River

 March 1, 2025 West Regional – South Holston Lake

 April 5, 2025 South Regional – Kerr Lake

 May 3, 2025 East Regional – Chickahominy River

 May 31 – June 1, 2025 State Championship – Lake Anna

 **2025 TBF National Semi Final**  September 20-21, 2025 West Virginia Hosting- Ohio River, Moundsville, WV.

**APRIL- April 2025 Minutes**

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* **Chickahominy River Tournament:** The Director will have the trailer open for tournament registrations and check-in around 4:00AM in front of the pavilion near the entrance to Chickahominy Riverfront Park. Anglers are asked to have their boats in the water by 5:45Am for a 6:00AM or Safe Light blast off. Boats will assemble near the Rte 5 Bridge and blast off as they pass the fishing pier. Weigh-in will start at 3:30PM. NASA-Langley is the Weigh-in Club.

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* **East Regional Raffle Table Item:** Region 8 is obligated to provide an item for the East Regional Tournament Raffle Prize with a value of about $100. The Director will pick up an item at Bass Pro Shops. **OPEN**
* **James River Tournament Permits:** Director is working through the process of obtaining the required permits for the use of Osborne Landing for our May 10th tournament. Both DWR and Henrico County require permits for events at Osborne Landing. DWR Permit Office will not release their permit until we have obtained the Henrico County Permit. DWR process for obtaining a Special Use Authorization (Permit) is such that the application window for submission opens 60 days before the event and closes 30 days prior to the event. That makes for a difficult timing for permit applications and scheduling. The Director plans to submit comments to DWR during the regulation review cycle with the request that the application process opens 12 months prior to the event. **OPEN**
* **James River Tournament:** The Director will not be available on May 10th to run the tournaments. Club Presidents will need to work the event on tournament day. The Director will prepare everything for the tournament. Scott Whitmore has volunteered to manage the tournament in the Directors absence. **OPEN**
* **Tournament Director Assistance:** Work commitments are making it difficult for our Tournament Director to be at all events. The Board is looking for a member that can serve as an Assistant to manage launch and weigh-in activities when the Tournament Director is unavailable. The designated weigh-in club will need to be prepared to take a more participative role in conducting weigh-in activities as needed. **OPEN**
* **Open Tournament Registration:** The 2 August Region 8 Open Tournament registration form has been posted on the Region 8 web site. This years tournament registration fee is the customary $80 per boat. **CLOSED**

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Director