**Bass Anglers of Michigan**

**January 15, 2023 / 1st Meeting Minutes**

* Meeting called to order by Bobby at 12:10 pm
* 5 participants joined via Zoom option (Joe / Terry / Jimmy / Steve / Johnny)
* Trophies we’re passed out for winners of 2022 season; congrats again to the recipients
* Joe Staggs stepped down as President, Terry Bone has stepped  down from Vice President.  Bobby has moved to President, Wade to VP, Joe has volunteered to be Tourney Dir., Gary O remains as Treasurer, Scott remains as Secretary.  No volunteers to run for a position, Board accepted as stated.
* Treasurer Gary O says there is $266.56 in BAM account.  It was discussed and decided that once schedule/locations were voted in, we will have further discussion to decide what to do with any surplus.
* By-Laws for ‘23 were discussed.  There were no motions for any By-Law changes; hence, existing By-Laws remain in effect and unchanged.
* As part of By-Laws discussion, The issue of distance between anglers was debated/discussed.  It was noted that BAM already has language in our Tournament rules that specifies the minimum  allowable distance between anglers.  Communication amongst anglers is key.  We are all fishing same waters, and it is inevitable that anglers will end up close to each other.
* Charlie said he likes it better when we draw for launch order, rather than a computer randomized drawing.  It was noted that we have typically done the “chip-draw”  for the 2-day tourneys, as there is ample opportunity to do this as a group, and that will continue.  For the one-day tournaments, this may not be practical.  All of this will be the Tournament Directors decision as to what he sees as most efficient method for determining launch order.
* Charlie raised the issue of pre-fishing tournament waters for discussion.  Debate/discussion was had.  Vote was taken and motion to change the existing “72-hour no pre fishing rule”  was voted on.  Motion failed, 11 votes to 1.  72-hour no pre fishing rule stays in effect.
* Discussion and voting  regarding ‘23 season format resulted in the following format being adopted:

-(2) two-day tournaments (with both 2-day tourneys scored as “combined”)

-(3) single day tournaments

-(1) Team tournament

* Motion was introduced to move season-opening Central Lake 2 day to a Fri-Sat instead of Sat-Sun.  This helps avoid a conflict date that was submitted for Sunday June 4, and also minimizes impact from a couple other tournaments being fished on Charlevoix/Intermediate for same dates.  Discussion revealed this creates issues with angler(s) that have limited or no vacation time.  Vote was taken and motion passed.  The Central Lake 2-day will be held on Friday-Saturday.
* Motion was introduced to change tournament scoring so that each day of 2-day tournaments would be scored individually, and additionally that each angler would “drop” lowest score from one tournament for season.  Debate/discussion was had, vote to change failed.  Scoring will remain same as it was in ‘22.
* Lakes were proposed and voted on, and schedule/dates were chosen. 2023 schedule as approved and voted in:

- June 3-4. Charlevoix / Intermediate

- June 17 Ponemah (TEAM)  (backup: White)

- July 14 (Friday) St. Clair

- July 29 Saginaw Bay

- August 12 St. Clair River

- Sept 16-17 Grand / Long

* Meeting adjourned.  Bobby will coordinate a date for the traditional 2nd Meeting once he checks schedule availability with White Lake Inn.