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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday October 3, 2024 at 7:30PM.

Where: Foundry United Methodist Church 2801 Virginia Beach Boulevard Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Speaker: Paula Miller with VDOT

Subject: The HRBT expansion program.

Upcoming Events;

10/10 - 10/12 - Nags Head Surf Tournament.

10/17 - Board Meeting.

10/19 – Fall Oyster Roast at Sandbridge.

11/7 - November General Meeting.

11/7 - 11/9 - Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Tournament.

11/21 - November Board Meeting.

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2024

<u>Species</u> <u>Angler</u> <u>Weight</u>

Black Drum Shannon Ferguson 22 lb.

Puppy Drum Dave Smith 7 lb. 1 oz.

Bowfin Preston Mangum 6 lb.

Gar ?

Tog ?

Roulette Submissions
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Catch-A-Ride

Please use new Facebook connection space.

- 1) Sign into your Facebook page.
- 2) On your Home Page, go to "Groups".
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- 4) Type in "VBAC Fishing Crews".
- 5) When the site comes up, click the "Join" button.
- 6) Site Administration will approve your request within 24 hours.
- 7) Thereafter, the site will be listed in your "Groups" section so you can easily reach it afterwards. You can answer an existing post for anglers or post your availability as an angler or boat captain and date of availability.

Officer & Board Member Ballot



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Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2025

Officer		Write in Candidate				
President	Bob Burstein					
1st Vice President	Richard Califf					
2 nd Vice President	Tom Morgan					
Treasurer	Mike Anderson					
Recording Sec.	Russell Willoughby					
Corresponding Sec.	Lou Corigliano					
Board Members - Please vote for three only. The three individuals with the most votes will be elected for a three-year term.						
Jennie Braithwait	e	Jerry Mariano				
Page Cockrell		Aarshall Weathers				
Shannon Ferguson						
Write in Candidate						

The President's Corner

I really enjoy this time of year, besides it being cooler, it just seems like a more relaxed atmosphere before we start ramping up for the holidays. The puppy drum are still around and as the water cools the trout get bigger and more active. It is a good time to look at your gear and see what needs to be replaced. Congratulations to the winners of our Stan Sutliff tournament. Don't forget our Oyster Roast in Sandbridge is October 19th. Hope to see you all there. Wishing you fair winds, following sea and tight lines.

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Chris

2024 Stan Sutliff Memorial Tournament

Submitted by Kelly Hoggard

4th Annual Stan Sutliff Memorial Surf Tournament

Saturday was another spectacular day for our tournament! We had a great turnout with 47 Participants. 35 anglers and 12 volunteers/guests were at the event. 15 fish were scored amongst all four participating anglers clubs.

Tournament Winners

Adult Division

1st Place: Ron Ramos

2nd Place: Caroline Robinson 3rd Place: Stacey Pittman

Youth Division

1st Place: Alex Ramos

Big Fish Divisions

Bluefish: Ron Ramos - 17.5" Bluefish

Roundhead: Caroline Robinson - 9.5" Roundhead

Red Drum: No Winner

GBFA Award

Stacey Pittman

Congratulations to all the winners!

The day started with registration at 8. Fishing started at 9 with an exceptionally high tide but conditions were very fishy. We had light NE winds and mostly sunny skies. After scoring our fish, we headed back to the pavilion at 1 pm to enjoy a feast of fried chicken, beans, chips, cookies, soda and water.

This year it was a Ramos Father/Son sweep! Congrats to Ron and Alex Ramos for topping both the adult and youth leaderboards. The rest of our youth anglers all received a gift card to Oceans East Bait & Tackle to supply themselves for a future fishing adventure!

See you all again in September 2025!

Stan Sutliff Tournament Pics

Photos submitted by John Stout & Patty Searby

























Stan Sutliff Tourney Continued



Stan Sutliff Tourney Continued













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Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Bowfin	Preston Magnum	5/16/24	6 lb.	Blackwater
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Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Black Crappie (9)	Ike Eisenhower	3/12/24	15.5 in.	Lake Smith
Chain Pickerel	Ike Eisenhower	2/15/24	22.75 in.	Lake Smith
White Perch	Russell Willoughby	5/17/24	10 in	North Landing River
Largemouth Bass	Russell Willoughby	5/22/24	18.25 in	Blackwater Creek
Long Nosed Gar	Melanie Bayford	7/29/24	43 in	Piankatank River
		Saltwater Cat	ch	
Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Black Seabass (4)	David Smith	2/22/24	4 lb. 2 oz.	Offshore VB
Puppy Drum (2)	David Smith	4/2/24	7 lb. 1 oz.	Rudee Inlet
Spiny Dogfish	Alex Ramos	4/7/24	8 lb. 7 oz.	Ramp 72 Ocracoke, NC
Bluefish	Shannon Ferguson	4/26/24	10 lb. 1 oz.	Rodanthe, NC
Speckled Trout (8)	David Smith	4/23/24	5 lb. 4 oz.	Rudee Inlet
Black Drum	Shannon Ferguson	5/5/24	20 lbs.	Chincoteague Beach
Spadefish	Lou Corigliano	6/7/24	8 lbs.	Chesapeake Light Tower
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Spot	Randy Whitman	8/26/24	12 oz.	Broad Bay, Lynnhaven River
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Flounder	Robert Oliver	7/21/24	5 lbs. 10 oz	CBBT High Rise
Cobia	David J. Smith	8/28/24	32 lbs. 4 oz.	СВВТ
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Roundhead	Micki Walsh	4/29/24	2 lbs. 5 oz.	Ocracoke Island, NC
Pompano	Kelly Hoggard	6/2/24	3 lbs. 6 oz.	Frisco Beach, NC
		Saltwater Rele	250	
Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Species	David J. Smith	7/23/24	50 in.	Virginia Beach Ocean Front
Red Drum		4/7/24	104 in.	Cape Hatteras Point, NC

Bluefish	Shannon Ferguson	5/20/24	35 in.	Back Bay WLR
Striped Bass	Shannon Ferguson	5/6/24	34 in	Chincoteague Beach
Cobia	Michael Anderson	5/28/24	47 in.	Chesapeake Bay
Flounder	Alex Ramos	6/2/24	16.25 in	Frisco Beach, NC
Spot	Leslie Anderson	6/12/24	9 in.	Lynnhaven
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	5/17/24	18 in.	Sandbridge
Pompano	Kelly Hoggard	6/2/24	17 in.	Frisco Beach, NC
Croaker	Mike Anderson	8/28/24	10.75 in.	Lynnhaven River
Speckled Trout	Roger Bonnifield	4/24/24	24 in.	Elizabeth River
Grey Triggerfish	Kelly Hoggard	7/21/24	15 in.	Anglo-African Wreck

Roulette Leaders

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Puppy Drum	David Smith	4/2/24	7 lbs. 1oz.	Rudee Inlet
Bowfin	Preston Magnum	5/16/24	6 lbs.	Blackwater Creek
Black Drum	Shannon Ferguson	5/5/24	22 lbs.	Chincoteague Beach

Submitted 9/29/24

VBAC 2024 Club Calendar

OCTOBER	3 10-11-12 17 19	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT BOARD MEETING FALL OYSTER ROAST
NOVEMBER	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	7-8-9	CAPE HATERAS ANGLERS CLUB INVITATIONAL -
		SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	21	BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, HOLIDAY PARTY &
		GENERAL ELECTIONS
	19	BOARD MEETING

From the History Vault

This was brought up and thought it really interesting. One of our members was written up in the paper for having made a significant contribution to the local sport fishing community.

Thanks Russell! So many of us have used that ramp over the years and never realized that the idea had to have started somewhere and someone had to help!



If you have something you'd like to submit with regard to club or local affairs, please do!

Cub Scout Event Pictures





August 24, 2024

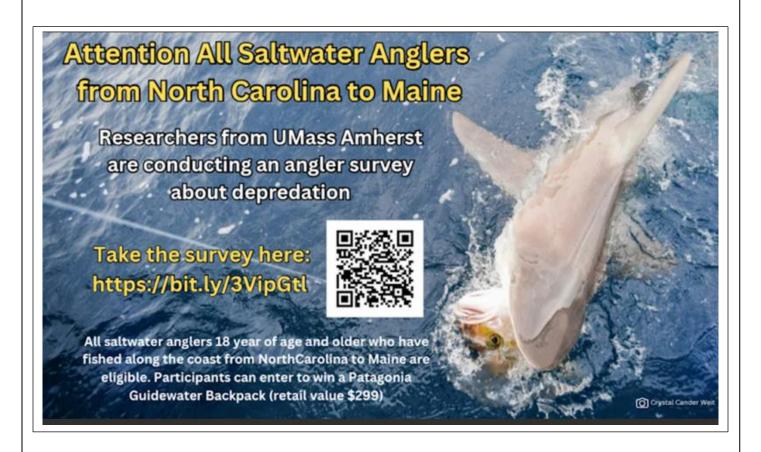
Patty Searby, Micki Walsh, Russell Willoughby, Mike Anderson, and Bob Burstein met at the Strawbridge area park and held a fishing clinic for Cub Scout Pack #375 to help them with their merit badges. With their parents looking on, the group was treated to a "casting clinic" with Patty and Micki while Russell and Mike taught a class on knots. Afterward, the group went over to the lake and practiced what they had learned while catching a variety of fish which included catfish and white perch. The event was considered a smashing success by all the attendees and we hope to do more with the group in the future!







Depredation Info Request



Hello!

I hope this email finds you well!
My colleagues at the University of
Massachusetts Amherst are doing a survey
to learn more about depredation from
sharks, dolphins, birds, etc. and would love
to hear from your club members!
I've included an image with
information about the survey and a QR
code; if you could please include it in your
newsletter, I'd be really grateful!
If you have questions about the survey
please contact: eprasky@umass.edu.
(Evan is also cc'd above).

I really appreciate your consideration! Thanks so much!

Surf Angler Needed!

SURF ANGLER NEEDED!

VBAC is in need for a surf angler for our Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament team on October 10th/11th. Ownership of a 4x4 vehicle is not required but is preferred. Those with limited experience surf fishing can be provided some instruction and support if necessary.

The cost of participation includes a weeks lodging in Nags Head and your tournament registration fee.

Please contact our Surf Committee Chairman Kelly Hoggard directly with any inquiries about this opening or club related surf fishing opportunities.

Kelly Hoggard 757-416-8817 Surf Committee Chairman Virginia Beach Anglers Club

CBF'S Rod & Reel Slam Report

MORE THAN 60 ANGLERS REEL IN NINE DIFFERENT SPECIES DURING CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION'S ROD AND REEF SLAM IN HAMPTON

Event Celebrated Oyster Restoration Benefits and Broke Down Barriers to Fishing

More than 60 anglers caught nine different species of fish from the Hampton River during the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's (CBF) Rod and Reef Slam in Hampton Saturday.

Anglers as young as six years old reeled in flounder, croaker, sea bass, among other species of fish for four hours Saturday. From the water, a group of kayakers explored the biodiversity of nearby coves. The event celebrated oyster restoration as well as broadened access to fishing on the Hampton River through education.

"CBF's Rod and Reef Slam is not your typical fishing event. Size doesn't matter. The goal is to connect the community with the joys of fishing, how oyster reefs and the biodiversity they cultivate contribute to great angling, and the importance of clean, local waterways," CBF Virginia Executive Director Chris Moore said.

Oyster reefs are essential to the health of the Chesapeake Bay, filtering water and, in great news for anglers, providing habitat for a variety of fish like striped bass, sea trout, as well as the Bay's iconic blue crab. On Saturday, anglers of all ages and skill levels learned the basics of angling or refined their techniques with experts from CBF as well as the Virginia Beach Angler's Club.

Club members educated the crowd on the different types of fish they'd catch before helping anglers cast lines, release fish from hooks, and celebrate their catches.

Cameron Harris, a freshman at Hampton University studying marine science, caught two fish by 10:30 am Saturday morning. It was his first time at the Rod and Reef Slam, but he was no stranger to fishing off the pier near Hampton University's campus. The more oysters, he said, the more the river benefits.

The oysters in the Bay could once filter a volume of water equal to that of the entire Bay - about 19 trillion gallons - in a week. Today, it would take the remaining Bay oysters more than a year. Decades of overharvesting, habitat destruction, and disease have decimated the Bay's oyster population.

CBF and its partners are working to restore oyster reefs in local Virginia rivers. Just last week, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation <u>awarded CBF</u> a grant to bring one million baby oysters to two new sanctuary reefs in the Hampton River. This community-oriented project in the densely populated city will engage Hampton University students and other civic organizations.

This work will complement CBF's <u>existing restored reefs</u>, whose success includes increased populations of popular reef fish.

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Salt Water News







Report 9/6/24 Fishing Lynnhaven with Russell Willoughby on his Mako:

Went fishing with Russell on one of the first calm days of the week. I had not been fishing since May with the heat and wind being so bad. Beautiful day, low NE winds. The plan was to try our routine spots with incoming tide then when it's turned slack current fish for flounder under the Lesner Bridge. I caught a 12-inch red throw back and 22-inch red within the first hour and Russell caught a 21-inch red and a big one that straightened his hook. Crabs were bad so we used bobbers with live minnows. When slack came, we fished the bridge. We only found shorts until I suddenly got hit by something big which I hoped was a flounder. He fought hard and at one point I knew he had pulled my tackle into the structure. But a big yank got me out and I was fighting and gaining on it. Turned out to be a 25-inch red that had taken my minnow. I was using the double rig with 1½ oz. Jig with a 5-inch white paddle tail, and a foot above that a naked hook with minnows like I showed at the meeting we presented on flounder fishing. The jig was gone, obviously what got hooked and released in the structure. Great fight. All slot reds were kept for the frying pan.

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Salt Water News

9/23

I went fishing with Ned Smith and Louis Glaser on his Carolina Skiff at the Little Creek Jetties looking for speckled trout. We had gotten a good report from the previous weekend, so we were hopeful. As we were motoring out got a call from a friend who was out there saying they had a couple of 20 inchers in the boat. We set up right next to them for a while and managed to boat a couple of 17 inchers even as our friend next to us kept catching bigger ones. We moved around a few times but didn't manage to fish anymore fish. I kept the 17-inch specks for dinner. We were using MirrOlures MR 27, 20& 28's, and Paul Browns. Pink was the best color.

Ned and I decided to leave earlier and try again at the same place our friend was catching the day before. We weren't there but a few minutes and we started to catch fish. One after another. Most were in the 18–19-inch range. My biggest was 23-inches which I released, and Ned's was a 22.5-inch release. He also got a 20-inch and 19-inch release as well. Overall, we caught around 20 specks, 8 that I kept for dinners, and we released all the rest. It was a grand day of fishing, made even better considering out lack the day before. MirrOlures MR-20 and Paul Browns were the best lures. 9/26

Louis decided he'd come with Ned and me to fish again at the jetties. This time was disappointing again with only short specks and too many ribbonfish being caught. My highlight of the trip was catching a 19-inch summer flounder on an MR-28 which sinks fast and stays near the bottom. Called a "Heavy Dine". This was the only flounder I've caught this year that was legal sized.

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Hatteras Village Results

Hatteras Village Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament Results September 6 & 7, 2024

Virginia Beach Anglers Club

21st Place out of 49 teams – 3 fish for 7 points

Competing Anglers: *Gaven Butler – 1 fish; 10 points

*John Stout – 1 fish; 1 point

*Tom Morgan – 1 fish; 1 point

C- Patty Searby – 0 fish; 0 points

Bill Searby – 0 fish; 0 points

David Roberson – 0 fish; 0 points

The Hatteras Village Invitational Tournament is run by the Hatteras Village Civic Association. It occurs during the peak of hurricane season and usually fishes ramp 55. There has been little accessible beach on Ramp 55 in the past few years, so the tournament has generally fished ramps 48 and 49. This tournament occurs early in the September. We have traditionally sent two teams for competition. With the recent lack of participation and high cost of the tournament, it was decided in 2024 that we would drop one team.

Usually, the fall run is just beginning on Labor Day. In 2024, our fist NE winds of the fall came on Labor Day and blew the entire week. Anglers faced tough conditions with some rip current and waves. It wasn't too rough to fish but what bites we could find were very small. Roundhead and Bluefish were nearly all the scoring options for teams. The format for tournament scoring was different this year but it didn't seem to make any difference. No scoring drum were recorded by 45 teams of 6 anglers.

Day 1 was pretty slow with just 1 fish for 1 point by the team. We managed to find a little roundhead in the first session. It was apparent that very few fish were going to be available for the tournament as this was to be the better of the two sessions for the day. Day 2 faced us with similar conditions. We kept plugging away and Gaven was finally about to find a 20" bluefish to help score a few points. In all, we finished with 3 fish for 12 points. We fished hard and had lots of fun together.

Submitted by Kelly Hoggard

^{*}Returning anglers for 2025

Hatteras Village Pics













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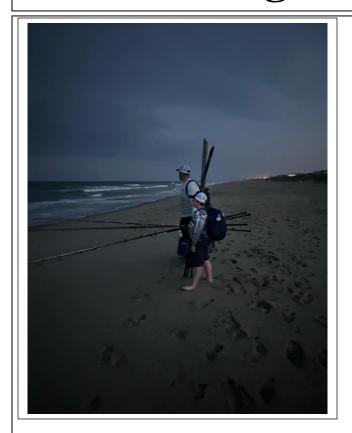




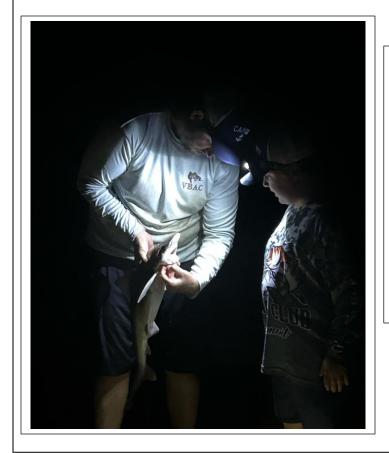
Surf Fishing

Fishing report for 9/21/24
Silas' First Sharks!
With a day off to finally do some fishing, I spent the morning at the Stan Sutliff Tournament trying for a blue or a puppy drum with no luck. Later that night, I took Silas out for his first time shark and drum fishing in the surf. We set up a little before dark and put in 3 solid hours of fishing. I was hoping to find some kind of deep hole or cut in the surf but it had shallow out in the recent storms. Even at high tide
After getting set up, it didn't take long for the first rod to bend over! We cranked in what felt like a small drum. It's always fun to stare in the dark of the waves waiting for a glimpse of what you're about to catch. As the fish came in shallow, you could see the dorsal fin rise out of the water It was a sandbar shark! That wouldn't be our only catch though Silas caught NOT 1, but 3 sharks! They were his first ever sharks he's caught.
We kept casting and cranking. Checking baits and casting them out. We caught 3 of the first 4, then missed the last 3 bites. The final bite came as we were reeling in lines. It acted much more like a drum but we pulled the hook in the wash before seeing what was on the other end. He did a great job reeling in these sharks on this big gear. The average person struggles with these 12 and 13 foot rods but he performed no different than your average angler on the beach at night.
He's young and has a lot of potential. Might be some competition for Alex soon!
Can't Catch Fish On The Couch!
Kelly Hoggard

Surf Fishing – Kelly's Continued









Committees

2024 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Boat Show:	Chair - Russell Willoughby
Calendar:	<u>Chair – Ronnie Nixon</u>
	Co-Chair – Shannon Ferguson
Crab Creek Clean-Up:	Chair – Ronnie Nixon
Great Bridge Flea Market:	Chair - Preston Mangum
Banquet/Oyster Roast:	Chair – Patty Searby
Seton Youth:	Chair – Shannon Ferguson
	Co-Chair – Bob Burstein
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Club Tournaments:	Chair – Bob Burstein
Prize Fish:	Chair – Ike Eisenhower
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	Co-Chair – Kelly Hoggard
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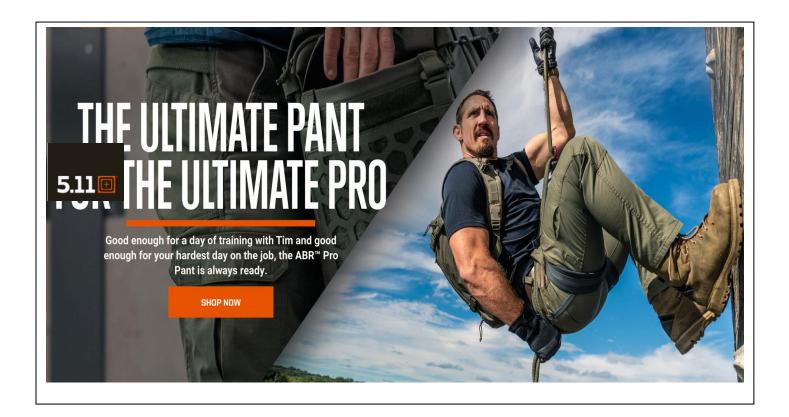
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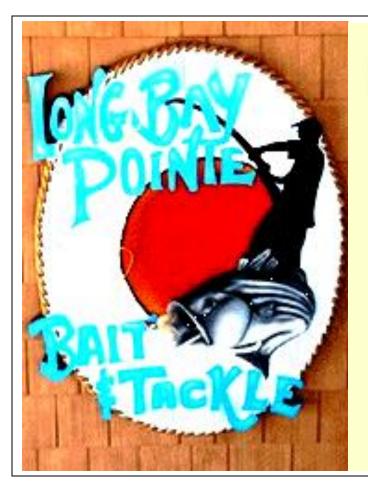


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VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

Our Objectives:

- Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to management of local and regional fisheries and participating actively, where appropriate, to assure the adoption of sound management policy and practices that best serve the interests of VBAC members.
- Promote interest and participation in recreational angling by conducting programs and activities that encourage sport fishing.
- Educate members and others in the techniques of sport fishing to enhance their enjoyment of the sport.
- Conduct social activities that create a wholesome climate for deriving the maximum pleasure from sport fishing by members, their families and guests.
- Plan and conduct fund raising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

2024 VBAC Elected Officials

Officers:

President: Chris Schneider

First Vice President: Gary Doerhoff

Treasurer: Mike Anderson

Recording Secretary: Russell Willoughby

<u>Corresponding Secretary</u>: Lou Corigliano

Chairman of the Board: Chris Schneider

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