

Mass Bass Federation
Minutes May 2008

Roll Call – Absent were, American Eagle, Boston Bass, Cape Cod Bass, Celtic Bass, Hall of Fame Bass, North East Bass Anglers, Tri-County and Worcester Bass.

Secretaries Report – Waived.

Treasurers Report – Motion to pay bills, approved. April balance sheet accepted (we do not post financial information on-line, so check with your clubs director for any budget related items. Directors are given a copy of the monthly balance sheet at each directors meeting).

Tournament Report – First tournament was at Mashpee/Wakeby. Results are on-line. The TOC has been changed to a one day tournament. October 4th, 25 boats, same venue. Everyone makes the TOC.

Youth Report – First youth event went well, had 35 participants. Results are posted on-line. Next event is June 1. Contact Marc, if you can supply a boat. 7:00am arrival.

Conservation News –The TBF is *giving* us an oxygen meter for our fish holding tanks to be used during tournaments to measure the amount of oxygen, so we can keep our fish healthier.

Banquet Report – In an attempt to increase attendance, we are considering moving the timing of the banquet to March. This will bring it closer to the fishing season, so we can tie it in with our promotional goodies. Also takes it out of the holiday season.

Scholarship Report – Received four so far. All applications were due in by June 1st.

Divisional Report – Congratulations to Jim Gildea, who had the highest recorded finish by a Mass Bass representative. 10th place overall. Congrats to Steve Tepper, who also finished very high at the divisional. 3rd overall on the co-angler side.

Old Business – Fish offs @ Winnepesaukee. Each club is being asked to bring back a number of participants that they will be sending to the fish off in September. In order to make deals with the caterer, banquet facility and embroiderer, each club must provide a solid number of participants at the June directors meeting. In order for the directors to ask this of their clubs, the price of the fish offs has been set at a maximum of \$150.00. It may be less! The non-boater fee will remain the same, \$40.00 per day paid to the first day boater. Each director will bring back the number of people who are going to the fish off from his club. A hard number will be required. If you have a potential problem, you may contact Peter MacLellan, and he will work with you to figure a solution.

What this will enable the people who are responsible for the fish offs to do is this:

Make a deal in NH based on how many we are actually going to have. If a deal can not be made, for the amount of money we want to spend, then we will not make the deal. In keeping the cost @ \$150.00 or below for a hat, parking, ramp fees, permits a meal and any other expenses, we feel we will be able to come up with a good tournament.

However, if costs have risen so much when we try to make these arrangements, then alternate arrangements will be made. This could mean, there will be no banquet and/or no hat. If we can't provide you with a meal or a hat then the cost of the event entry fee will go down accordingly.

Once the number from the clubs is in at the June directors meeting, it will go to NH and arrangements will be made. At the July directors meeting, we will hear back from our

negotiators and find out how much the fish off is actually going to cost each member and what they can expect to receive for the entry fee.

Note: Last year we budgeted for the event from historic numbers, and not enough members committed to the event to pay for it. So we had to cancel the caterer, it was too expensive. We did not find out that enough people would show up until a week before the event. We can not let this happen again. This is the reason we are asking for earlier notice of a commitment to fish from each club be given to us at the June director meeting.

Motion to keep non-boater fee the same as last year @ \$40.00 per day. Passed. (Voted on by your club directors.)

New Business – Membership sign ups. For every member that joins TBF and FLW by the deadline sign up date of December directors meeting (at least by the 31st), the FLW organization gives back to TBF Inc. \$23.00 of the \$25.00 FLW dues collected to join the FLW. This money helps pay for the TBF operational costs. We at Mass Bass receive \$1.00 per member from the TBF. Last year we received \$823.00 for our membership.

Notes fro National Meeting – A measure was vetoed, to qualify for the Nationals as boater and co-angler just like they do on the FLW tour. Our presidents decided it was best to keep the 12 man team format from our fish offs that is currently in place. The reason for the veto is that if you are only a co-angler, you would never have the opportunity to win the Living the Dream package which is available to the winner of the Divisional.

Fantasy Fishing: \$100,000.00 is given away for free through this program to members. If we get people interested, it could help us increase our membership.

TBF insurance is the only insurance which will still allow night fishing tournaments.

Make sure your club is following the guidelines to keep this insurance active or we may loose this valuable deal.

Collegiate Fishing: there is a way to join available on the National website.

Berkley Promo: Peter will be getting info from them and the other National sponsors letting us know how we can get promotional pricing discounts from Berkley. Discounts are available for Lowrance, Plano, Minn Kota etc. Contact Peter MacLellan for information.

Media: the Editor for the FLW magazine is looking for newsworthy articles (not tournament results). He can be contacted @ 434-392-2299 or hartfish@kinex.net his name is David Hart.

50/50 raised \$75.00 for scholarship

Adjourned @8:45pm