

Mass Bass Federation, April Minutes, 2005

Roll Call: Missing was Assabet Valley

Secretary's Report: Waived, American Eagle and Avid

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as read. Wildside and Cabin Fever

Charitable Donations were handed out to the clubs whose charities were approved for Payment.

Tournament Report: First tournament is May 15th, 2005 @ Long Pond, Lakeville, Ma. State Launch. Make a note that the Snake River feeding into Long Pond from the North, is OFF LIMITS. There will be no parking at the launch ramp for tournament participants. Alternate parking will be at Cathedral Camp. The Tournament Committee will be directing the launch of boats and the parking of the trailers. Please follow their directions in the morning as we will all be entering the ramp area from one direction to ease traffic flow.

The list of tournament participants is on-line. For those who have not pre-registered for the Trail, or are wanting to fish individual tournaments. Starting on Friday, May 6th, at 9:00am you may contact John Sampson @ 978-423-1044 to register on a first come first serve basis, for the tournament purse only. No points, Anglers of the Year, or T.O.C. We are still taking teams participating in the entire Trail up until May 5th, if you wish to pre-register.

The Federation is securing lodging at two Hotels @ Champlain to house the Teams who qualify for the T.O.C. out of Dunhams Bay Marine in Vermont.

Youth Report: Youth Tournament is August 7th, 2005 @ Billington Sea in Plymouth Ma. Casting Kids State Finals need to be completed before Oct. 15th, 2005. We are looking at having a Toyota dealer sponsor the event. Contact Soupy.
All clubs with Youth Chapters need to turn in a roster for the Youth Club to the Federation Secretary.

Conservation Report: The Commonwealth has Funds available right now for Public Access to build ramps. Contact your Towns. The Commonwealth needs access to water bodies in order to build. This requires Town help. Questions? RonWashburn@Hotmail.com
Lake Cochituate is currently open to fishing.

Guest Speaker: Mark Burgess, Touring Bass Professional, Shimano Pro. Spoke to us for the Rep Group who handles our area. Along with the product demonstrated, we were notified that, Shimano, through the Area Rep, is offering the Federation's anglers opportunities to get involved with the Shimano Pro Staff program. Details are...

First, During the 2005 Federation Trail Tournaments. Shimano will be awarding the Team that catches the largest stringer by weight, for the Season. A prize package consisting of Shimano rods, Shimano tackle bag, worm binder, Maui Jim sunglasses or other promotional items TBD. Retail value aprox. \$1000.00.

Second, Shimano through their dealers will be offering VIP / Pro Staff opportunities to Federation Members. Two per Dealer. To be decided on by the Dealer. List is attached. Designed to help drive sales to the local Dealers of Shimano products. Hope everyone is on good terms with their local tackle stores.

Scholarship: A committee was formed to oversee the Scholarship process . Metro-West won the 50-50

State Team: First open was held @ Webster Lake, on April 17th. 1 Limit was weighed. 19.36lbs Won.

Details on-line. Next OPEN is May 14th, 2005 @ South Wattupa. See everyone there!

Old Business: Skeeter Raffle is due at the next Federation Meeting on May 17th, 2005. Contact Secretary with any questions.

New Business: NONE

Adjourned @ 9:15pm

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NH

Freshwater Boats,	Guilford, NH
Northern Bass Supply	Kingston NH
HotSpots Outfitter	New Durham NH
Extreme Bass	Windham NH
Granite State Rod	Nashua NH
Irwin Marine	Hudson NH

VT

Vermont Field Sports	Middlebury VT
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MA

Blue Northern Trading Co.	Ayer MA
Daves Pioneer Sports	Pittsfield/Northhampton MA
Natick Outdoor Store	Natick MA
Bob's Bait and Tackle	Taunton MA
Barry's Bait and Tackle	Westboro MA
Bill's Bait and Tackle	Seekonk MA

CT

Lebanon Sports Center	Lebanon CT
Candlewood Bait and Tackle	Danbury CT
Connecticut Outfitters	Hartford CT
Fish Connection	Preston CT