

MASS BASS FEDERATION  
JANUARY MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Missing: Cape Cod, Central Mass, Competitive, MassMasters, North East  
Worcester County. Top Rods has dropped.

SECRETARIES  
REPORT

Reading was waived

TREASURERS  
REPORT

Motion by BassHunters, second by River Rats to accept report as read.  
Balance from last year to be put into a 6 mo. C.D.

TOURNAMENT  
REPORT

Tournament entry forms are available on-line, as well as tournament rules. They can be submitted to Peter MacLellan at any time now. Space is limited! Apply early! Make sure You fill out the form completely including insurance and emergency contact information. We will occur additional fees to have the Tournament out of Long Pond in Lakeville. The Fees will come out of the T.O.C. fund. Not the Tournament payout. No one contacted The Tournament Director about the payout structure, so for the record, there will be no Adverse talk about it for the rest of this season.

YOUTH  
REPORT

Soupy handed out a list to directors of places and times for clubs to qualify to fish the fish-offs by working casting-kids or various other youth events. Contact your clubs Director for information.

SCHOLARSHIP

Raffle went to Forge Pond. Two tickets to get in to Bass Master University. Applications For Scholarships should be available on-line.

CONSERVATION  
REPORT

The State is going to allow year round access to Long Pond Harwich as a result of the Town which controlled access, asking for State Funding to control algae growth. Look for it! There is a meeting @ the Statehouse in Concord, NH to vote on a new 45 MPH speed limit on Lake Winnepesaukee. Results next month.

NEWSLETTER

Karl Veazie and Jim Gildea will be putting together a few articles for the newsletter.

WEB

No Report. John is busy putting together the Travel Guide which ran into some Difficulty. Please note that if you go onto the Mass Bass Website that it is fully up to Date.

BANQUET

We had 210 people attend the Banquet @ Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Park. All the Raffle's went well. Over 80 winning tickets were drawn for various prizes from our fine Sponsors. (Yes I saw a running tally) Congrats! To Skip Bryant for winning the State Team 50/50 raffle. Thanks to everyone who attended. Lets make it bigger and better next Year. See Treasurer's report for proceeds.

STATE TEAM

50/50 Raffle was drawn at the Banquet. Thanks to all the clubs that participated. The next Raffle that they are conducting will be for a hand held GPS system and an X-15 Lowrance unit for your boat. Contact Peter MacLellan or Al Cappy.

OLD BUSINESS

The Directors motioned to send a letter of Support to the N.E. PVA for their Tournament On the CT. River Hartford, September 16-18<sup>th</sup>. We also talked about getting 12-15 Boats out there to help in the Tournament. Entry fee is \$40.00 per boat and Rooms are Available through American Eagle club @ \$45.00/night. Contact Tiny, of American Eagle Bassmasters for more info.

Skeeter Boat deal was voted on by directors to put the first \$xxxx.xx towards the Youth Programs and the rest towards off-setting the Fish-offs. Directors also voted to Raffle the Boat off through the clubs. Each club will be responsible to pay to the Federation a sum

Of \$20.00 per Federation Member in each club based on the Roster of each club at the April Federation meeting. By our By-Laws, all rosters are to be finalized in order to fish The Fish-offs for the April Federation Meeting.

All money will be collected from clubs between the April Federation Meeting and the May Federation Meeting deadline. The Winner will be drawn and announced at the May Federation Meeting. No exceptions!!! Secretary will send letters to all clubs who did not Attend January Directors meeting, explaining Clubs requirement. Penalty for non Compliance is 1 year probation from Federation activities for each Club. Also, each club Will be excluded from 2005 Fish-Offs. Contact secretary for all inquiries concerning this Matter.

**NEW BUSINESS** An appreciation certificate was received from the PVA for our most recent Activities. And also a thank-you note was received from the Special Olympics, thanking Us for our work and support. No word was mentioned about clubs holding open Tournaments in 2005.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:15pm