

Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting July 18, 2017

Meeting called to order by the President at: 7:38 pm

Officers in Attendance:

- President, Vice President, Youth Director, Treasurer, Environmental Director

Attendance:

- A-1, All State, Bass Addicts, Blackstone, Extreme, Forge Pond, Good Spirit, Greenwater, Minute Man, North East, Wildside, Yankee

Secretary Report:

- June minutes presented
 - Motion to accept minutes made by Green Water, seconded by All State.
 - Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- Bob Rivet has taken over the Treasurer's position. Bob handed out the June bank statement and reviewed. Bob started writing checks in July so those will show up on next month's statement. There is an extra \$60 from somewhere that Bob is trying to identify where it came from. Other than that, Bob stated that everything looks in order and is current.
- Still waiting to receive audit
- Joe McKinnon deposited Fish Off checks so the account will reflect this increase.
- Joe had ordered two banners. They were not completed by the deadline so there will be a partial refund coming back. He also ordered two new score boards as old ones are falling apart. These banners and scoreboards will come out of the Equipment line item within the Budget.
- Bob has given Joe the checks for the hotel rooms for the Fish Off workers
 - Motion to accept these items made by Bass Addicts. Seconded by Northeast.
 - Motion passed unanimously

Committee Reports:

- None

Awards Banquet Report:

- None

Youth Report:

- Youth TOC was held at Johns Pond on 6/24/17
- Junior Angler Division was won by Nick Frumkin with 8.11 lbs
- High School Angler Division was won by Ben Sussman with 8.4 lbs

- Bob Rivet stated everyone had a good time. This was Bob's last youth event as the Director. Bob offered to help whoever becomes the next Youth Director in whatever manner he needs. On behalf of the Members & Youth, we thank you Bob for your dedication and all that you continue to do.

Scholarship Report:

- Dave McNary has received two applications. One from Mitch Kins and the other from Eric Morales.
- A brief discussion to determine whether they should receive a scholarship and based on the fact both kids have fished the youth trail and appear to be good candidates, it was determined that they both should indeed receive a scholarship.
- We have \$2,000 in the budget so after discussion it was decided to give each applicant a \$1,000 scholarship. This was higher than past applicants but the general consensus was we have the \$2k set aside for this purpose, we need to give the scholarships away and why limit the amount just because there were only two applicants. Therefore we should split the \$2k between the two applicants.
 - A motion to accept was made by Green Water. Seconded by North East
 - Motion passed unanimously

Conservation Report:

- Seth McNary has drafted two versions of the Hunter (Boater) Harassment Law and will choose & finalize and make 500 cards which will be handed out to every member. Seth should have these ready for next month.
- Seth stated that he is interested in taking over the Youth Directors position next year. This position will need to be voted on so Seth put his name up for nomination
- No lead sinkers in VT that weigh less than ½ oz. He believes that NY is the same however everyone is encouraged to look up the requirements themselves to be sure they are fully aware of the laws. DO NOT rely on someone else's word.

Tournament Report:

- Last Sunday (7/16/17) was the 3rd team trail held @ Cochituate. They paid out the top 4 places:
 1. Jacques / Consolini
 2. Langton / Strazere
 3. Danese / Taylor
 4. Rivet / Carvalho
- Joe McKinnon posted on facebook the team standings
- Dave McNary noted that it is a tight race and he is happy with the way things are playing out
- The next tourney is at Winnesquam on 8/20/17. Dave will send an email outlining the registration / launching procedures. There will be a ramp fee

collected in order to pay for the extra parking that will be needed / utilized at the restaurant across the street. Every angler will contribute to this ramp fee no matter where they end up parking.

Old Business:

- The preliminary list of locations for the 2018 State Championship was narrowed down to:
 - Sacandaga
 - Champlain North
 - Hinsdale
- A second vote was taken with Champlain (5 votes) as the primary location. 1st backup location - Sacandaga (4 votes) and 2nd backup location - Hinsdale (1 vote)
- We are hosting 2018 National Semifinal. It was discussed that having it at Champlain North would be ideal
 - Motion made by Good Spirit to have the State Championship at Champlain North on 8/4/2018 & 8/5/2018 and have the Semi Finals also at Champlain North on 9/8/2017 & 9/9/2018. Seconded by A-1
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Joe McKinnon is booking 5 rooms at the Cadillac Motel for 10 anglers at St. Albans for this year's NSF's. The number was dropped down from 12 (last year) to 10 this year.
- Armand Swajian's proposed tourney pool will take place at this year's State Championship. Will be optional. \$20 entry fee (\$10 each day). Biggest bag each day for Boaters as well as biggest bag for Non Boaters.
- 52 anglers going to fishoffs – 26 boats
- At last month's meeting Dave McNary noted that the terms of supporting the Fishoffs was confusing. Dave looked at the by-laws (Article 1 Section 2M) and feels it is too ambitious for the attendance that we are having. Therefore, Dave suggested to suspend the bylaw just for this year only.
 - Motion made by Dave McNary (Good Spirit) to suspend Article 1 Section 2M for this year only. Seconded by Forge Pond.
 - Motion massed meeting the 2/3rds requirement

Proposed Bylaw Changes:

- Dave McNary handed out two proposed bylaw changes
 - 1. Article II Section 1-C states "No chapter shall hold a chapter tournament or event on the same date, site, or during any Mass Bass Trail or Championship off limits period"
 - Proposed change: "A Federation Chapter shall not hold a Chapter Tournament on the same date as any Mass Bass Federation Team Trail tournament or State Championship Fishoffs and shall not be on the same body of water, where either event will be held, during the events off limits period if an off limits period is imposed"

- This is to clarify the proposed bylaw change – that a Chapter can NOT be holding a tournament ANYWHERE on the same date as the Trail or Fishoffs as well as separate the “off limits period” from the “holding a tournament” part.
 - 2. Article II Section 1-D states “No Chapter or Federation member shall be on the body of water, on the day of a Mass Bass Federation Youth Tournament, unless that member is participating in the event. Clubs may hold tournaments on the day of a Youth tournament but on a different body of water”
 - Proposed change: “No Chapter or Federation Member shall be on the same body of water, on the day of a Mass Bass Federation Team Trail tournament, State Championship Fishoffs or Federation Youth tournament, unless the member is participating in the event. Clubs may hold a tournament on the same date as a Youth tournament but must be on a different body of water”
 - This is to clarify the proposed bylaw change – that a single Federation member and not just a club tournament CANNOT be on the same body of water when the three above mentioned events are taking place.

New Business:

- Dave McNary stated that it would be beneficial to have a transparent list of the anglers that are going to the Fishoffs & National Semi Finals, what clubs these anglers represent and check that list based on the Youth requirement as well as who moves on to the NSF's. Discussion to be continued.
- Joe McKinnon proposed eliminating paper clubs and having any angler that wants to join the Federation without joining a club be required to be a boater in 2 Youth tourneys in order to qualify for the Fishoffs. Discussion to be continued.

Meeting Reminders for Next Month:

- **Next meeting 8/15/2017 @ 7:30pm**
- Any proposed Bylaw changes can be submitted
- Any nominations for officers & tournament committee can be submitted

Meeting 50/50 raffle:

- Won by Tim Robichaud (\$32)

Meeting adjourned by the President at: 9:16pm

Minutes taken on 7/18 and submitted on 7/26 by Erik Swanson, Secretary