**Massachusetts Bass Federation**

**July 2015 Directors Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by President Erik Kaplin

**Attendance**: Missing was Bay State.

**Treasures Report:** Pete read his report, listed all outstanding bills. Motion by Wildside and seconded by American Eagles to accept Pete’s report and pay all bills. Motion passed.

**Tournament Committee:** Dave went over the next Trail Tournament on Whitehall Reservoir. All teams will receive an email with instructions for the weigh-in at Whitehall. You must follow them. Any team interested in fishing, there are still two openings. Contact Dave ASAP. Do not just show up or you will be turned away. Dave reported on the Connecticut River Hinsdale tournament. It was won by Bruce Burns and Dave Miller with 27.67 lbs.

**Scholarship Report:** The 4 applicants for this year’s scholarships Sam Gregory, Anthony Campbell, Tyler O’Keefe, and Justin Winn were sent letters of acceptance.

**Youth Committee:** The Mass Bass Federation Jr Angler that will be attending the FLW Cup to represent us in the Junior Nationals is Steven Stroz. Congrats to Steven for winning it two years in a row.

The two High School Anglers that will go on to compete in our Mass Bass Federation State Championship on Great Sacandaga are John Sheehan and Justin Taylor. These two anglers finished 1 and 2 in our HSA program this year.

**State Team:** The 50/50 State Team Raffle was won by Walter Wood for $780

**Old Business:** This year’s State Championship cut off is August 1st. Your entries must be post marked before August 1st. All clubs turned in their hard numbers for this year’s State Championship at the July meeting.

There was a vote for the 2016 State Championship selection. The nominations were:

Lake Champlain, North 14 votes, Lake Winnipesaukee 4 votes, St Lawrence River, Waddington 3 votes

The 2016 Championship will be held at Lake Champlain North.

**New Business:** Motion by Bass Addicts seconded by Northeast to lift the off limits for the 2016 State Championship at Champlain North. This must be brought back to the clubs and a roll call vote next month.

**Reminder the Karl Kaprelian Scholarship Tournament is July 25th at Lake Winnipesaukee out of West Alton Marina. This event paid off 25 places with cash and prizes that exceeded the entry fee last year and is planning on doing the same this year. The Federation sponsors this event every year. Karl was a Boston Bass and Federation member.**

**State Championship Info:** The water will be off limits Wednesday and Thursday August 19th and 20th. Friday is part of the tournament and all tournament rules apply. Ie: life jackets and kill switches must be used.

Non-Boaters fee is $80 paid to day one boater. All clubs must submit their Hostage Checks for $200 with their entries by August 1st.

Meeting Reminders for next Month: The Federation will start taking by-law Changes and Nominations for Officers at the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM