

## **Massachusetts Bass Federation Director Meeting September 19, 2017**

Meeting called to order at: 7:40pm by the President

### **Officers in Attendance:**

- President, Vice President, Youth Director, Treasurer, Conservation Director, Secretary

### **Attendance:**

- All State, Bass Addicts, Boston Bass, Forge Pond, Good Spirit, Greenwater, North East, South Shore, Wildside, Yankee, Blackstone

### **Secretary Report:**

- August minutes presented
  - Motion to accept minutes made by All State, seconded by North East
    - Motion passed unanimously

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Presented by acting Treasurer Bob Rivet
- Statement reviewed by Bob
- Bob also discussed a fraudulent email relating to the account and someone requesting money being transferred. Bob reported it to the bank and made sure no transactions were made. Bob & the bank will monitor this moving forward to make sure no fraudulent activities take place

### **Committee Reports:**

- None

### **Awards Banquet Report:**

- None

### **Youth Report:**

- Joe discussed getting the dates for the youth tournaments asap to get ahead of other tournament requests

### **Scholarship Report:**

- Dave reported that both applicants received notification of their \$1,000 scholarships for each of them. Dave is waiting for them to send him their grades.
- Application period is open for 2018 scholarships. June is the end of the application period

### **Conservation Report:**

- Seth has the Hunter (Fishing) Access Cards proof ready and submitted for quotes. The quotes are more expensive than he would like. He is working with a company to see if he can get them for a little cheaper
- Seth also mentioned that the proposed public boat ramp project on Lake Sunapee has hit a snag. Governor Sununu has pulled the permit halting the project. More details to follow.

### **Tournament Report:**

- Dave reported that the last Team Trail Tourney on Lake Winnisquam (8/20/17) went well. Result were:
  - 1. McKay / Balchunas
  - 2. Gildea / Nugent
  - 3. Langton / Strazeri
  - 4. Rivet / Carvahlo
- Season Points Champions were Rivet / Carvahlo. Congratulations to them on a great season. Dave also noted that the points race was a tight one this year which made for good competition.
- The upcoming Team Trail TOC is on September 30<sup>th</sup>, at Lake Wentworth
  - Dave will send out info on the logistics soon
- The 2018 trail has been selected and is:
  - 5/20/18 Long Pond Harwich
  - 6/17/18 Whitehall
  - 7/15/18 Pawtuckeway
  - 8/19/18 Conn. River - Bellows Falls
  - 9/29/18 Newfound
    - \*\*There is a change to trail moving forward – no more open tournaments – the only people eligible to enter the tournament and fish are Fed members & people who want to fish the entire trail

### **Old Business:**

- Last chance for proposed bylaw changes to be submitted
  - No new proposals were presented
- Last chance for nominations for Officers
  - No new nominations were presented

### **New Business:**

- 2018 Fishoffs are 8/11 & 8/12 out of Guilmette ramp
- National Semifinals – 9/15 & 16 out of Guilmette ramp
- Greenwater requested to run booth & casting kids on Jan 26-28<sup>th</sup> in lieu of their youth commitment. Joe stated that the Mass Bass Team Trail has typically worked the booth and further discussion has to take place on how that would work. Discussion to continue when the event gets closer.

- Joe has requested additional help running the Federation. Currently all of the responsibilities are falling on a few people. There are a lot of people who make up the Federation, and EVERYONE is busy and has things to do, but other people have to step up and contribute. Currently there are too many people who take from the Federation but do not contribute in any way. Please consider helping out and contact Joe for more info.
- All clubs in violation of Fed rules will be getting letters notifying them of their violations.
- A reminder that next month is the voting for proposed bylaws & Officers

**Meeting Reminders for Next Month:**

- **Next meeting 10/17/2017 @ 7:30pm**
- Voting for Bylaw changes
- Voting for nominations for Officers & Tournament Committee
- Start collecting 2018 dues

Meeting adjourned at: 8:48pm by the President

Minutes taken on 9/19 and submitted on 9/20 by Erik Swanson, Secretary