

Massachusetts Bass Federation Director Meeting

August 15, 2017

Meeting called to order at: 7:39 pm

Officers in Attendance:

- President, Youth Director, Secretary
- Missing – Vice President, Treasurer, Environmental Director

Attendance:

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

Secretary Report:

- ☑ July minutes presented
 - Motion to accept minutes made by Tri-Valley, seconded by Greenwater
 - Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- ☑ Presented by acting Treasurer Bob Rivet
- ☑ Bob confirmed that he did go back to Jan 1st to make sure everything checked out and there was one outstanding check to Yankee labeled for charity. Yankee said it will be cashed soon.
- ☑ Bob received \$675 bill from the accountant, Facchetti, for the tax filing.
- Bob also was notified that last year's taxes were not filed on time (even though they were). The IRS has invoked a \$1,400 penalty for late filing. Joe McKinnon has talked to the accountant and they stated that they did file for an extension and that they will deal with the IRS on this. Fracchetti states that they have the paperwork showing the extension and it shouldn't be a problem, just needs to be clarified.
- The State Fish-offs brought in \$10,000.00
 - The Fish-off expenses were \$4,802.68
 - Profit of \$5,197.32
 - If we had more people in the Fish-offs, that # would be higher
- Joe has already submitted a \$50 check to VT for next year's Fish-offs (8/11/17 & 8/12/17) out of John Guilmette ramp.
- Motion to accept these items made by Tri-valley. Seconded by Greenwater
 - Motion passed unanimously

Committee Reports:

None

Awards Banquet Report:

None

Youth Report:

- Presented by Bob Rivet
- Nick Frumkin competed for the Youth World Championship at Lake Wateree in Columbia, SC. Nick came in 3rd. He was 1 of 16 that caught fish on day 1. He made the cut for the final day on which he weighed in 1 fish for 1.5#.
- Next year's age qualification has changed. They have eliminated the grade base and will go with any child under the age of 15 before 8/31.
- Bob reminded us that he will be stepping down as the youth director

Scholarship Report:

None

Conservation Report:

None

Tournament Report:

Next Team Trail is at Winnisquam this Sunday.

Old Business:

- August 4th & 5th were not avail for state Fish-offs next year so they will be on August 11th & 12th, 2018

New Business:

- There were no proposed bylaw changes presented.
- Joe Mckinnon opened up nominations for Officers:
 - President – Tri-valley nominated Joe McKinnon for President
 - VP – Tri-valley nominated Dave McNary for VP
 - Treasurer – Tri-valley nominated Bob Rivet for Treasurer
 - Secretary – Forge Pond nominated Erik Swanson for Treasurer
 - Youth Director – Tri-valley nominated Seth McNary for Youth Director
 - Environmental Director – All State nominated Tim Germain for Environmental Director
 - Current Tournament Committee Directors:
 - Tim Jacques
 - Dave McNary
 - Seth McNary
 - Colleen McKay
 - Bob Rivet
 - Tim Germain
 - Paul Cavalo

- ☒ Bob Rivet attended the National FLW Cup Directors Meeting
 - Bob presented three questions:
 - 1. Do they ever see going back to past format?
 - The answer was a resounding no. They do no plan to ever go back.
 - 2. If changing back is not going to happen do they foresee any realigning taking place?
 - They stated absolutely as long as the Presidents of those districts agree to the realignment.
 - 3. The \$ that was spent for the payout when it was the Divisional format, where is that going now?
 - They stated it is going to the Fed Championship
 - The payouts in the Fed Championship increased as well as the number of paid spots will increase
 - In regards to the National Semifinal program:
 - The new format for anglers each club can send:
 - 19 boats / under – 1 additional boater & non-boater
 - 20-29 boats – 2 additional boaters & non-boaters
 - 30-39 – 3 additional boaters & non-boaters
 - In regards to the National Semifinals, if a Federation sends more than 50 boats then they can send an extra two guys to the Nationals
 - The Federation Championship format is:
 - Saturday & Sunday – practice days
 - Monday & Tuesday – tournament days – cut down extra teams down to 1 team per state
 - Wednesday – Ranger Day – everyone left will go out in new Ranger boats (practice / photo day)
 - Thursday & Friday – tournament days – cut down to 7 districts (1 boater & 1 non-boater each) to fish on Saturday
 - Saturday – one day tournament to determine champion
 - They are recommending that the Junior Program to be a team event like HS
 - Bob will talk to Seth and see how he wants to run the HS program next year
 - They are going to stop giving away hotels at some of the events and put that money towards the tournaments that they run
 - Bob stated that one helpful item that we can do is to get our paperwork for the National Semifinal in as soon as possible. Everyone needs to step up and do a little more
 - They discussed a study that was done showing that bass fishing during a spawn as no effect on fish on a healthy body of water. This study will be published later this year.

Meeting Reminders for Next Month:

☒ Next meeting 9/19/2017 @ 7:30pm

☒ Last opportunity for any proposed Bylaw changes can be submitted

☒ Last opportunity for nominations for Officers & Tournament Committee can be submitted

Meeting adjourned at: 8:34pm by the President

Minutes taken on 8/15 and submitted on 8/17 by Erik Swanson, Secretary