

## **Massachusetts Bass Federation Director Meeting**

### **June 20, 2017**

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

#### **Officers in Attendance:**

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

#### **Attendance:**

- Present - A-1, All State, Bass Addicts, Boston Bass, Forge Pond, Good Spirit, Greenwater, North East, South Shore, Tri-Valley, Wildside, Yankee, Bass Tactics
- Missing – Blackstone, Minuteman, Xtreme

#### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- Vote to accept May 2017 minutes. Motion to approve by Tri-Valley. Seconded by A-1. Motion passed unanimously

#### **Secretary Report:**

- None

#### **Treasurer Report:**

- None

#### **Youth Report:**

- Bob stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> youth tournament held on Lake Cochituate had 37 anglers and went well. Bob wanted to make sure that the extra people / boaters that helped out were thanked. Final results:
  - Junior Division:
    1. Justin Archangelo
    2. Nick Franklin
    3. Max Beaulac
    4. Galvin Haynes
    5. Aiden Bertram
  - High School Division:
    1. Cameron Chase
    2. Kalib Brown
    3. Nick Henault
    4. Ben Chapman
    5. Andrew Abraham
- Bob confirmed that he had 5 boats for this weekend's Junior TOC @ Johns Pond
- Bob reviewed an issue that he previously had with a resident that lives on John's Pond about fishing around his dock. Bob has contacted the EP and made them aware of the issue as well as the tournament this weekend. Bob made it clear

that the hunter harassment law also covers fishermen. Mentioned that this would be a good item for Environmental Director to research and distribute to all Mass Bass members so everyone is aware of the law

- This will be Bob's last event. Seth McNary to take over. Bob recommended an assistant to help Seth with the work load

### **Scholarship Report:**

- Dave finally received an application. Application was from Mitch Kinz. Mass Bass will give him some form of scholarship. He is still waiting for one more application. Next meeting he will ask for a vote for amount of money. Dave will hold the Kinz application till next month's meeting where it will be finalized

### **Conservation Report:**

- Joe handed out a newsletter that Seth had printed up for everyone to make note of. Seth also handed it out to all of the junior anglers at the Youth Cochituate tournament. Seth to look at hunter harassment law as well as homeowners putting structures in water with no DEP sticker / permit (if you damage your boat on a non sticker / permitted structure then they are responsible for damages). Possibly put details on a card that anglers can carry or keep in their boat. Craig had done this previously and will get a sample card to Seth to use as a guide

### **Tournament Report:**

- Sunday was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Trail @ South Watuppa. Tournament went well. Second time ever the Federation had a Team Trail tournament where everyone had a limit of fish. Rivet / Carvalho won with 19.32. Lunker SM – Gildea / Nugent – 2.63. Lunker LM – Camaratta / Camarrata – 6.06. Dave clarified that Lunker is NOT a tiebreaker in Team Trail tourneys
- Next tournament is July 16<sup>th</sup> @ Lake Cochituate
- 21 teams signed into the trail this year – averaging 22 boats this year
- Craig brought up that there were a number of boaters that were upset that they had to sit in water and wait 45 mins before pulling out to weigh. Was discussed that the reason for the delay was that there were three non-tournament boats launching as well as tournament coordinators needed time to set up scales, etc. Bob mentioned that having the boats wait in the water is better for the fish than putting boats on trailers and waiting. Dave will take all of this into consideration for future tournaments and make any alterations to the operations based on the current scenario of the ramp, weather, etc. however most likely if boats have to wait, they will wait in the water

### **Old Business:**

- Joe took trolling motor & electronic counts for State Championship. Every club needs to report this info for each boat in their club. Those that did not have this info at the time of the meeting needs to send this to Joe this week

## **New Business:**

- Nominations for 2018 State Championship locations:
  - Great Sacandaga
  - Conn. River – Hartford
  - St. Lawrence – Clayton
  - Champlain North
  - Hinsdale
  - Mashpee / Wakeby
- Joe will re-email article that he had sent out previously regarding a new law possibly passing any day now dealing with anglers fishing in Canadian waters. Also mentioned that you have to have a full fishing license that allows you a 5-fish / day limit as well as a sportsman card (good for 3 years). Also may have to have a passport on you, however need to check the article to see if this is the case
- Joe put up the State Championship form as a PDF on the website for those who could not download it in the previous format
- Rosters for State Championship are due by 7/14
- Federation needs to get new banners. Joe started pricing out to have 9 sponsors added to a 3'x6' banner. Looking to get 3 in total
  - Bob made a motion to allow the President to purchase 3 banners from the supplier that he feels is best. Seconded by Bass Addicts. Motion passed unanimously
- Joe addressed a problem with off-limits for the State Championship @ Ticonderoga. There are two tournaments (Ticonderoga & Plattsburg) that are happening at the same time. Need to wave the off-limits for the anglers fishing these tournaments with the stipulation that they have no contact with anglers in the State Championship for the reason of sharing info on fish or locations.
  - Motion to make this change made by A-1. Seconded by Bass Addicts. Motion passed unanimously
- Joe also addressed an issue regarding anglers who by-pass the State Championship and go directly to the National Semi-Finals and the fact that they do not contribute funds to the Federation (by not fishing in the State Championship). The money that they receive to go to the NSF comes from the State Championship entry fees which they by-pass. Therefore, a fee for anglers by-passing the State Championship is proposed. This fee (paid for by the angler) will cover the money the Federation would have gained from the State Championship had they fished it and paid the entry fee. The amount of this fee is to be set by the President
  - Motion by Wildside. Seconded by A-1. Motion passed unanimously
- Last meeting Armand proposed adding money to the State Championship for a competition. Joe proposed adding \$20 per angler and having two separate pools. Biggest bag for each day for Boater & Non-Boater. Everyone agreed that this format was preferred.

**Meeting Reminders for Next Month:**

- Club deadline for Youth Obligation for State Championship eligibility
- All club State Team Rosters must be turned in to President
- By-law changes may be turned in
- **Next meeting is July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting adjourned by the President at: 9:15pm

Minutes taken on 6/20 and submitted on 6/22 by Erik Swanson, Secretary.