**Massachusetts Bass Federation**

**April 2014 Director Meeting**

**Meeting called to order at 7:45 PM**

**Attendance**: Missing were Mystic Valley, South Shore, Tri-Valley

**Secretaries Report:** Joe read the March minutes. Motion by American Eagles, seconded by Yankee to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed all in favor.

**Treasures Report:** Pete deMoya read his report. There is an outstanding bill on the trailer registration and excise tax which has been paid by Peter MacLellan. Motion by All State, seconded by American Eagles to accept Pete’s report and pay outstanding bill. Motion passed all in favor.

**Committee Reports:**

**Tournament Committee:** Dave told the Directors he expects this to be a good year for the Trail. He already has $2000 in sponsor money for the TOC. Dave reported that the first Team Trail Tournament May 18th at Mashpee/Wakeby is starting to fill up. He has 5 or 6 new teams signed up as of the April meeting and many committed from last year’s trail. If you are going to fish the trail please contact Dave ASAP to reserve your spot. The trial can only take 25 boats, but will get an EPO if more sign up. But you must sign up by May 6th in order for Dave to reserve an EPO.

Dave wants to remind everyone that the Club vs Club tournament is June 7th on Lake Manchaug. Entry fee is $100 and 3 teams may register from the same club. This is also a Ranger Cup event which is eligible for Ranger Cup money.

**Scholarship Report:** Dave reported he has currently two applications for this year’s scholarships. Students have until June 1st to apply.

**Youth Committee:** Bob Rivet reported on the Youth Benefit tournament on Lake Wequaquet. He also went over the club youth boat sign-up for the Youth Tournaments. Several clubs have not sign-up yet. These clubs are Xtreme, American Eagles, and Bass Addicts. Plain and simple guys we need more boaters to sign-up to get these Youths out fishing.

There will be a meet and greet for the Youth Anglers that will be fishing this year’s Federation Youth Tournaments. It will be held May 4th at the Riverside Gun Club in Hudson, Ma. Time will be 10 AM till 12 PM. This is not a mandatory meeting, but we would like to have everyone attend as it is very important to go over the rules, safety, equipment, and sign-up for this year’s Youth Trail. All of the sign-up and waiver forms for the trail will be available at this meeting.

**State Team:** Jason reported on the April 12th State Team Benefit Tournament on Lake Cochituate. There was some disappointment in the attendance, but the late break in the weather was probably the reason for the low turnout.

Jason reminder the Directors the next State Team benefit tournament is scheduled for April 26th at Mashpee/ Wakeby pond. The permit is limited to 25 boats.

**Old Business:** Erik went over the By-Law changes that were on Old Business from last month. After some discussion there was a motion by Yankee, seconded by All State to suspend the current by-laws. Motion passed all in favor. There was a motion by All State, seconded by Forge Pond to accept the proposed by-laws. Motion passed all in favor.

**New Business:** Erik reported on the Nationals. Erik said although or angler did not do as well as expected, he report they made him proud by the way they carried themselves.

Erik went over a few changes that happened at the Presidents meetings. The one change that affects the Presidents is that they will no long attend the Nationals, but will go to the FLW Cup instead.

Erik report that a conference call with the Presidents from the Eastern Division is being called to vote on a proposed change to move the Eastern Divisional from September to the second week in June. After some discussion the Directors voted 100 % opposed to this change.

American Eagles wanted to remind the Directors that the PVA event on the Charles is June 7th and they do need boats. Also a reminder there is a second PVA tournament on Lake Winnipesaukee at Camp Robindale, September 6th. These will be added to the Federation calendar.

Meeting Reminders for next Month: Bring your clubs nominations for the 2015 State Championship site.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM