

# Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting

## October 20, 2017

Meeting called to order at: 7:40 pm

### **Officers in Attendance:**

- President, Vice President, Youth Director, Treasurer, Environmental Director, treasurer

### **Attendance:**

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

### **Secretary Report:**

- September minutes presented
  - Motion to accept minutes (as written with the correction on dates of the 2018 NSF) made by Greenwater, seconded by Tri Valley
    - Motion passed unanimously

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Presented by acting Treasurer Bob Rivet
- September bank statement reviewed by Bob
  - Motion to accept made by Tri Valley, seconded by Greenwater
    - Motion passed unanimously

### **Committee Reports:**

- Joe McKinnon is wanting to form a new committee. The purpose of this committee will be to figure out improvements for the State Fishoffs as well as how to boost the number of anglers participating in this event. This committee will discuss and present ideas such as possibly increasing the number of give-away packages and or how they are distributed.
- Joe would like the Club Presidents to take this challenge back to their respective clubs, get their thoughts and ideas and bring these ideas/thoughts to the next meeting.
- Another idea Joe brought up was possibly changing the format to Boater vs Boater and Non-boater vs non-boater.
- Joe suggested the Championship Committee, at the very least, consist of: Bob Rivet, Dave McNary, Tim Germain, John Peterson & Anthony Consolini.

### **Youth Report:**

- Presented by acting Youth Director Seth McNary
- Seth presented the proposed dates & water bodies for the 2018 Youth Program:
  - 5/12/18 @ South Watuppa

- 6/9/18 @ Quinsigamond – Flint Pond
- TOC - 6/23/18 @ Charles River – Waltham
  - Joe McKinnon requested that members sign up as boat drivers asap as we are not going to deal with the hassle of searching for drivers. It is time for the members to step up and fulfill their duty of promoting the Youth Program.

**Scholarship Report:**

- Dave McNary had no new news to present. Reminded us that the two candidates have been notified and come December they will send their transcripts.
- Also, a reminder that the 2018 Scholarship Application period is now open. June is the end of the application period.

**Conservation Report:**

- Acting Conservation Director Tim Germain as well as Joe McKinnon discussed a flyer from the Nashua River Wild & Scenic Study Committee. More information as well as this flyer can be found at [wildandscenicnashuarivers.org](http://wildandscenicnashuarivers.org)
  - Joe requested that if anyone is available and in the area, please attend this meeting. Meeting is Tuesday, October 24 from 7-8:30 @ the Nashua River Watershed Association, 592 Main Street, Groton, MA.

**Tournament Report:**

- Dave McNary reviewed the final Team Trail Tournament of the 2017 season.
  - Tournament was held @ Lake Wentworth on 9/30/17. A total of 19 teams participated and 10 places were paid as follows:
    - 10- Robak/Tavernelli
    - 9- Manseau/Spice
    - 8- Comjean/Bright
    - 7- MacLellan/McKinnon
    - 6- Burns/Miller
    - 5- Danese/Taylor
    - 4- McNary/McNary
    - 3- Gauthier/Germain
    - 2- Kaprellian/LaFlamme
    - 1- Gildea/Nugent
      - Lunker Smallmouth – Rivet/Carvalho – 3.4#
      - Lunker Largemouth – Gildea/Nugent – 8.4#
- The updated 2018 trail based on the permit process to this point is:
  - 5/20/18 Quaboag Pond
  - 6/17/18 Whitehall

- 7/15/18 Pawtuckeway
- 8/19/18 Conn. River - Bellows Falls
- 9/29/18 Newfound
  - A second reminder of the rule change to the 2018 Team Trail moving forward – no more open tournaments – the only people eligible to enter the tournament and fish are Mass Bass Fed members & people who want to fish the entire trail.
- Joe McKinnon asked if there is a rule stating that the Team Trail Director has final say and Dave noted that the rule is in there on the first page and reads: “The tournament Director has the final say on all matters at tournament site.” Dave stated it is also on the flyer that gets handed out.
- Dave also reminded us all that it is the sole responsibility of each angler to read & be familiar with all tournament rules for every Trail & every tournament.

### **Old Business:**

- 2018 Elections & Voting:
  - 2018 Nominated Board Officers up for election:
    - President – Joe McKinnon
    - VP – Dave McNary
    - Treasurer – Bob Rivet
    - Secretary – Erik Swanson
    - Youth Director – Seth McNary
    - Environmental Director – Tim Germain
      - All positions were unopposed therefore no formal vote needed and all positions confirmed
  - 2018 Nominated Tournament Committee Members:
    - Tim Jacques
    - Dave McNary
    - Seth McNary
    - Colleen McKay
    - Bob Rivet
    - Tim Germain
    - Paul Cavalo
      - All positions were unopposed therefore no formal vote needed and all positions confirmed
- Proposed Bylaw changes up for voting:
  1. Question #1: Article II Section 1-C states “No chapter shall hold a chapter tournament or event on the same date, site, or during any Mass Bass Trail or Championship off limits period”
    - Proposed change: “A Federation Chapter shall not hold a Chapter Tournament on the same date as any Mass Bass Federation Team Trail tournament or State Championship Fishoffs and shall not be on

the same body of water, where either event will be held, during the events off limits period if an off limits period is imposed”

- This is to clarify the proposed bylaw change – that a Chapter can NOT be holding a tournament ANYWHERE on the same date as the Trail or Fishoffs as well as separate the “off limits period” from the “holding a tournament” part.
    - Yes: 10 votes
    - No: 1 vote
      - Bylaw change passes by majority vote
2. Question #2: Article II Section 1-D states “No Chapter or Federation member shall be on the body of water, on the day of a Mass Bass Federation Youth Tournament, unless that member is participating in the event. Clubs may hold tournaments on the day of a Youth tournament but on a different body of water”
- Proposed change: “No Chapter or Federation Member shall be on the same body of water, on the day of a Mass Bass Federation Team Trail tournament, State Championship Fishoffs or Federation Youth tournament, unless the member is participating in the event. Clubs may hold a tournament on the same date as a Youth tournament but must be on a different body of water”
  - This is to clarify the proposed bylaw change – that a single Federation member and not just a club tournament CANNOT be on the same body of water when the three above mentioned events are taking place.
    - Yes: 11 votes
    - No: 0 vote
      - Bylaw change passes by majority vote
- Reminder that:
    - The 2018 National Semifinals is 9/8/18 & 9/9/18.
    - A new rule change is that you are now allowed to prefix Wednesday, Thursday & Friday before the tournament.
    - The State Fishoffs are 8/11/18 & 8/12/18

### **New Business:**

- As stated, Joe McKinnon is looking to get more anglers to the State Fishoffs. This past year we added the #1 & #2 High School anglers. Maybe going forward we should get as many HS anglers to participate @ the state level as possible? Future discussion for the new committee.
- There is a Father & Son who are looking for a club to join that does not draw. Boston Bass, Greenwater & Good Spirit all volunteered to have them contact them about joining.
- Dave McNary inquired whether there were any more Lowrance or Minkota deals remaining. Joe McKinnon stated that these will come out around the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. He will start with the #1 angler on the state team and will go down the list until they are gone.
- Greenwater wanted to check on their request to run the Casting Kids. Joe McKinnon stated that as long as they still supported the Youth

Tournaments as well as worked with the other Members who have annually worked the event, that he did not have an issue with it.

- A reminder that next year's Team Trail will have no open tournaments. Both anglers have to be Mass Bass Fed Members.
  - Greenwater asked if there were any limits to the total amount of boats allowed to participate in the Team Trail and Dave McNary stated there is no limit. The more boats, the better the payouts would be.
- Dues for 2018 season starts next month and ends @ end of this year.
  - This year, Joe McKinnon requested that everyone pays their TBF dues (\$30) online and give Bob Rivet a separate check for Mass Bass dues (\$50).
    - Also requested that members do this asap. If it is done after 12/31/17 then we don't get the money in return.

**Raffle Results:**

- Raffle won by Brian Lawrence - \$37

**Meeting Reminders for Next Month:**

- **Next meeting 11/21/2017 @ 7:30pm**
- 2018 Dues are due
- End of Meeting Seating of new Officers

Motion to adjourn made by Tri Valley, seconded by North East

Meeting adjourned at: 9:11pm

Minutes taken on 10/17 and submitted on 10/20 by Erik Swanson, Secretary