

Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting November 21, 2017

Meeting called to order at: 7:38 pm

Officers in Attendance:

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

Attendance:

- All State, Forge Pond, Good Spirit, Green Water, North East, South Shore, Wildside, Yankee, Blackstone

Secretary Report:

- Presented by Secretary Erik Swanson
- October minutes presented
 - Motion to accept minutes made by North East, seconded by All State
 - Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
- Bob reviewed the October bank statement
- Bob stated that we are in good shape with no issues
 - Motion to accept made by Green Water, seconded by North East
 - Motion passed unanimously

Committee Reports:

- N/A

Awards Banquet Report:

- Joe McKinnon is looking at 3/24/18 (Sat) for the Awards Banquet. He is also looking at possibly the same function hall & Caterer. He is trying to make sure it is during the off-limits period for Nationals. More info to come.

Youth Report:

- Presented by Youth Director Seth McNary
- All tournament permits are in hand
- Seth is still looking for Boaters for these tournaments. Please contact Seth (sethmcnary@gmail.com) to sign up and help support the Youth Program.
- Joe McKinnon inquired about hosting again this year the Meet & Greet for the Youth Anglers and discussed hosting it on 1/28/18 which is the week before the Super Bowl. Seth will start working on this as well as sign up

guest speakers. Seth will inquire with the Club if they will let us host it there again. Dave McNary mentioned that in the past we have given a donation to the club as a thank you for all that the club does for us and maybe it is time to do this again. The general consensus was to go forward with this donation.

- The signup period for the Youth Anglers opens up January 1st. The entry fees for this program are separate from any other club, Federation dues/fees. They are two separate programs. Therefore, any Youth Anglers that are already part of a Fed Club will still need to pay the entry fees for the Youth Program.

Scholarship Report:

- Presented by Scholarship Director Dave McNary
- Dave 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:

- Presented by Brian Visco who attended in place of the Conservation Director Tim Germain who was unable to attend
- Brian reviewed the results of the Nashua River Wild & Scenic Study Committee Meeting held on October 24th. The summary of the meeting was a lot of complaining from the kayakers about the motorboats. These kayakers/canoers were reminded that they should be putting in their vessels on the other side of the ramp, not at the boat ramp. There is another meeting scheduled next month which Green Water stated that they have a representative that is planning on attending and will follow up at our next Fed meeting with what transpires.

Tournament Report:

- Presented by Tournament Director Dave McNary
- Dave stated that the permits for 3 out of the 5 proposed tournament sites are in hand.
- Dave is currently working on the Team Trail Flyer and will send that out once completed.
- Dave reviewed the 2018 tournament dates/locations again:
 - 5/20/18 Quaboag Pond
 - 6/17/18 Whitehall
 - 7/15/18 Pawtuckaway
 - 8/19/18 Conn. River - Bellows Falls
 - 9/29/18 Newfound

Old Business:

- Joe McKinnon inquired if any Club Directors discussed with their clubs the Boater vs Boater; Non-boater vs Non-boater setup for the Fish-offs
 - 3 Club Directors did discuss it with their clubs and all three stated that their clubs liked the idea. More discussion on this to follow.
- Joe read a portion of a letter from TBF that stated that there are over 25,000 members that make up the Federation. Last year they had 600 participants in the National Championship. This year there were 1,800 participants. Therefore, kudos to everyone for growing the sport and hopefully it continues in the years to come.
- Joe is looking to have a flyer/brochure created that has listed every club along with their contact info and basic area that the club covers. This flyer/brochure will be handed out at any functions/expos.
- Every club needs to bring to the next meeting:
 - Club Name
 - Email
 - Phone
 - General area that they cover

New Business:

- Dave McNary inquired about the purchase of a new Federation scale for the Team Trail. The current scale is 30# and the issues they run into is that frequently have to weigh bags in multiple parcels. Therefore, Dave is looking to purchase a 50# scale for the Federation. Dave also offered to purchase the 30# scale to be used in his club which will help with the cost of a new Federation scale. Joe McKinnon and Dave will pick out a scale to review and vote on at the next meeting.

Raffle Results:

- N/A

Meeting Reminders for Next Month:

- **Next meeting 12/19/2017 @ 7:30pm**
- **Every club Director needs to submit with the secretary a sheet of paper with their club name, email, contact phone # and the general area their club covers to be used for the Fed Flyer that will be created**
- **Club Dues are due by 12/31/17. Please get this done asap!**

Motion to adjourn made by North East, seconded by All State

Meeting adjourned at: 8:29 pm

Minutes taken on 11/21/17 and submitted on 11/27/17 by Erik Swanson, Secretary