

Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting December 19, 2017

Meeting called to order at: 7:36 pm

Officers in Attendance:

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

Attendance:

- A-1, All State, Bass Tactics, Blackstone Valley, Green Water, Forge Pond, Good Spirits, Minuteman, North East, South Shore, Tri-Valley, Wildside, Yankee

Secretary Report:

- Presented by Secretary Erik Swanson
- November minutes presented
 - Motion to accept minutes made by A-1, seconded by Tri-Valley
 - Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
- Bob reviewed the November bank statement
- Bob stated that we are in good shape
- He will make a deposit of the dues that have been given to him after the new year
- He reminded everyone to get the TBF dues out asap so that we get credit for them. This credit is what companies use to determine the total number of the packages that we get as a Federation (i.e. Lowrance / Minkota, etc).
 - Motion to accept by Green Water, seconded by North East
 - Motion passed unanimously

Committee Reports:

- N/A

Awards Banquet Report:

- The awards banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th from 5:30-10:00. More details will follow.

Youth Report:

- Presented by Youth Director Seth McNary
- Seth is receiving lots of interest from prospective new youth anglers
- Website is updated with new contact info and forms
- Seth has lined up two speakers for the Meet & Greet

- Bruce Burns & Doug Cameron have offered their time to speak. A big thank you to both of them for donating their time and efforts for our Youth Program.
- Seth stated that he is still looking for boaters/boats for the youth tourneys
- Seth also requested that if anyone has any extra tackle he will be accepting them to provide these to the kids as various prizes

Scholarship Report:

- Presented by Scholarship Director Dave McNary
- Dave sent a reminder letter to the applicants requesting their transcripts
- Dave has received no new applications to this point

Conservation Report:

- Presented by Conservation Director Tim Germain
- Tim reviewed the meeting that he attended on 10/24 in regards to the Nashua River Wild & Scenic Study Committee
 - Their main concern is the speed of the boats as well as the size of the boats
 - They would like to make it a no wake for the river
 - Doesn't look like anything will come from it
 - Tim spoke on how we are all avid outdoor enthusiasts and we clean up after ourselves & usually if anyone violates they are tossed from their club
 - The next meeting in January and Tim will look to attend that meeting as well.
- Overall, Tim stated that the meeting was not negative and for the most part they enjoy us fishing there

Tournament Report:

- Presented by Tournament Director Dave McNary
- There was new news to report
- The 2018 Trail Flyer will soon be on the website
- Dave stated it would be beneficial to register early to make sure you reserve your spot as well as it makes his planning easier

Old Business:

- Joe McKinnon had asked each club to send him the info of their club so he can put a brochure together to hand out at the Show and any other event that the Federation is attending. So far he has only received two responses! Please get this info to him asap.
- Joe asked if anyone had any more feedback on the format of boater vs boater and non boater vs non boater for the Fish-offs
 - Green Water was the only one who spoke up and Craig stated that his club disliked the idea. However Craig feels that the

information may have been relayed in a manner that was confusing and he will review this again with the club and report back.

- Joe requested again for Directors to talk to their clubs and provide their feedback so we can make a decision on this
- The discussion continued on the possible purchase of a new weigh scale. Joe will contact Pro Tournament Scales & see if they will give us discount if we would provide some advertising for them
 - Joe and Dave will continue looking and researching this.
- Joe sent in the Lowrance paperwork so hopefully will be receiving the packages soon
- In regards to the Minkota packages, last year the problem was that people received them but never used them. One of reasons for this was people could only place orders during a one-month period. This year they have changed the order period to January 1st - May 31st.

New Business:

- Joe McKinnon purchased a 32" TV to use at the show to display a continuous feed of anglers with fish. Therefore, Joe wants Directors to send to him any pics that they have of their members. The pics do not have to be from tournaments – they can be from practice, etc. Make sure to include the angler's name, weight of the fish & the location where it was caught.
- Joe stated that the TV would be used at the show and then used at the banquet. At the end of the banquet, it will be given away as a raffle item.

Raffle Results:

- Raffle total was \$90
- Won by Bruce Veras - \$45

Meeting Reminders for Next Month:

- **Next meeting 1/16/2018 @ 7:30pm**
- **There will be a State Fish-off Committee Meeting prior to the Fed meeting @ 6:30pm. If you are part of this committee, please arrive for the 6:30 meeting.**
- **Club Dues are due by 12/31/17. Please get this done asap!**

Motion to adjourn made by Greenwater, seconded by Forge Pond

Meeting adjourned at: 8:42 pm

Minutes taken on 12/19/17 and submitted on 1/1/17 by Erik Swanson, Secretary