

Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting February 19, 2019

Meeting called to order at: 7:43 pm

Officers in Attendance:

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

Attendance:

- All State Bass, Boston Bass, Forge Pond Bassmasters, Good Spirit Bassmasters, Green Water Wizards, North East Bass Anglers, South Shore Bassmasters, Tri-Valley Bassmasters, Wildside Bass Anglers, Yankee Bassmasters, Pioneer Valley Bass

Secretary Report:

- Presented by Secretary Erik Swanson
 - January Minutes were presented for review
 - Motion to accept January Minutes as presented made by Boston Bass, seconded by Yankee
 - Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
 - Bob handed out & reviewed January bank statement
 - Bob will have a breakdown of additional expenses that are upcoming to review at next meeting
 - Motion to accept Bob's report made by Green Water, seconded by Tri-Valley
 - Motion passed unanimously

Committee Reports:

- N/A

Awards Banquet Report:

- Report presented by Joe McKinnon
 - Joe has started picking up items for the banquet
 - Joe will be placing a TH Marine order for additional banquet items
 - Joe submitted the bills he has to date for reimbursement from Bob Rivet
 - Motion to approve the banquet item purchases and to accept Bob reimbursing Joe for the items made by Green Water, seconded by Forge Pond
 - Motion passed unanimously

Youth Report:

- Presented by Youth Director Seth McNary
 - N/A

Scholarship Report:

- Presented by Bob Rivet
 - This year's Scholarships have been paid out- recipients should have received the checks by now
- Accepting applications for next year – contact Dave McNary for more information

Conservation Report:

- Presented by Conservation Director Tim Germain
 - Tim continued the discussion on the Congamond Lake – cyanide bacteria algae bloom
 - They reached out to mass bass looking for support
 - The State of Mass has \$850K for algae treatments but the state doesn't want to release it
 - Funding for 2019 has not been used / released so they are trying to petition and get enough signatures to force the State to release the money
 - Tim Jaques- wrote a great letter stating that they should release the funds because the lake is big with fishing clubs
 - Anyone looking to help with this can contact Tim Germain for more information
 - Tim reviewed the proposed Maine legislation that will require (if passed) all baits & hooks to be completely biodegradable by 2024
 - Many spoke to the issue of such short notice as well as is it a blanket solution to a single problem (it appears that most of the concern is with rubber worms / Senkos)
 - Anyone from Maine or related to anyone in Maine is asked to contact their Maine legislation representative to express their opinion and ask that their representative oppose this

Tournament Report:

- Presented by Tournament Director Dave McNary
 - N/A

Old Business:

- Presented by Joe McKinnon
- Joe has insurance papers for this year's Fish-offs @ Ticonderoga. He is still waiting to hear if Ticonderoga is going to give us any money
- A reminder that anglers fishing in the State Fish-offs will need a NY & VT license

- Joe is hoping to receive the Minkota & Lowrance packages soon
- Joe received a phone call from the Conn. Federation President
 - Conn & RI want to re-join with us and move away from NJ
 - Joe opened up the floor to discussions of the pros & cons of this. After a period of discussion, a vote was conducted to determine if we/Joe should look further into this
 - The vote results were:
 - 3 opposed (do not look into this matter)
 - 8 yes (gather more info on this matter)
 - Joe will gather more info on this and will update the Directors at the next meeting

New Business:

- TH Marine
 - There will be a one-time order for this year that will entail a 35% discount off of website prices
 - This order date will be placed on 2/28 – get your order and cash into Joe ASAP
- Yankee Bass will be hosting their “Yankee Bass Kids Day” this year on Saturday, June 1st at Nutting Lake, Billerica
 - Age 5–13 yr olds
 - There will be awards, food & grab bags for all participants
 - If you are interested in finding out more information or helping out, contact Yankee Bass – Andrew Burrell Abdb01@verizon.net
- Joe reviewed the Banquet Awards to make sure he didn’t miss anything
- The Springfield Fishing Expo is this upcoming weekend
- GW Wizards noted that the Mass Bass Federation Team Trail flyer is missing the Zipcode – it is 01801

Raffle Results:

- N/A

Meeting Reminders for Next Month:

- **Next meeting 3/19/2019 @ 7:30pm**
- **Banquet is 3/23 – cocktail hour starts @ 5:30**

Motion to adjourn made by Green Water, seconded by Pioneer Valley

Meeting adjourned at: 8:16 pm

Minutes taken on 2/19/19 and submitted on 3/12/19 by Erik Swanson, Secretary