

Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting January 15, 2019

Meeting called to order at: 7:40 pm

Officers in Attendance:

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

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

Secretary Report:

- Presented by Secretary Erik Swanson
 - December Minutes were presented
 - Motion to accept December Minutes as presented made by Boston Bass, seconded by Forge Pond
 - Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
 - Bob handed out & reviewed December bank statement
 - Bob collected any bills
 - Motion to accept Bob's report made by Green Water, seconded by Yankee
 - Motion passed unanimously

Committee Reports:

- N/A

Awards Banquet Report:

- Report presented by Joe McKinnon
 - Joe has banquet tickets for sale - \$30 each
 - Date: March 23rd, 2019
 - Location: Maynard Elks - same as last year
 - 5:30 - cocktail hour
 - 6:30 - food will be served
 - Same catering company as last year
 - Directors- talk to your members and buy your tickets at the February meeting

Youth Report:

- Presented by Youth Director Seth McNary
 - Seth is still looking for commitments for boat captains for the youth tournaments
 - Currently he has:
 - Long Pond, Freetown – Forge (2), All State (4), Good Spirit (4), Tri-Valley (3)
 - Quabog – North East (6), South Shore (4)
 - TOC – Green Water (3), Forge (2), Dave McNary is alternate
 - Need more boats for Long Pond & Quabog
 - Bass Addicts committed to (4) for Long Pond, Boston committed (3) to Quabog & (1) to Long Pond
 - That leaves the following clubs that have not signed up:
 - Pioneer Valley
 - Wildside (exempt)
 - Yankee (exempt)
 - Seth will update the registration form for this year's youth dates & times
 - Seth is looking at the weekend after the banquet for the Youth Meet & Greet
 - Will try to put together a brochure / flyer to hand out at the Fishing Expo

Scholarship Report:

- Presented by Bob Rivet
 - Dave emailed Bob that both applicants have submitted their transcripts and Bob can now make the payments to participants

Conservation Report:

- Presented by Conservation Director Tim Germain
 - Tim discussed the growing controversy over public use of various ponds (Bear Hill Pond, Mirror Lake, Wyman Lake)
 - Mass State Law states that any pond that is not used as a water supply or future water supply are open for public use including fishing & boating
 - There are advocates that are trying to get enough signatures to get the gates open at these ponds for public use
 - If you would like more info, contact Tim Germain timgermain@comcast.net

Tournament Report:

- Dave McNary was not present but wanted to pass on that all Mass permits are in hand, still waiting on NH permits

Old Business:

- No old business

New Business:

- Presented by Joe McKinnon
 - TH Marine discounts – Robert is sending out new TH Marine criteria – Joe believes that it will now be a one-time order and the discount is now 35%
 - More info to follow as Joe receives it
- The Fed Insurance will be signed, sealed & delivered
 - Changes that need to be made
 - We can no longer send out one youth and one parent
 - There needs to be 3 people in every boat when youth are involved
 - New Liability Release – a waiver of liability for any youth going to States or Fish-offs will need to be completed by each youth applicant
- The 2019 State Championships will be 8/10/2019 & 8/11/2019, National Semi-Finals are 9/14/2019 & 9/15/2019
 - State Fish-offs you will need a NY AND VT license (need the NY license because we are using a NY facility)
- Joe will send out an email next week in regards to Lowrance looking to hire 400 people to work shows - they will pay \$ & discounts
 - Joe will send out more info when he hears more
- 2019 Minkota deal info coming out towards the end of the month
- Every director that goes on the TBF website to submit their memberships needs to check the email addresses of all of their members to make sure that they are correct
- Boxboro show – there will be a booth
 - Green Water Wizards will be hosting their annual Casting kids on Saturday (1/26) of the show 1-3

Raffle Results:

- N/A

Meeting Reminders for Next Month:

- **Next meeting 2/19/2019 @ 7:30pm**
- **Banquet Tickets will be for sale at the meeting**

Motion to adjourn made by Boston Bass, seconded by Forge Pond

Meeting adjourned at: 8:39 pm

Minutes taken on 1/15/19 and submitted on 1/28/19 by Erik Swanson, Secretary