

## **Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting March 16, 2021**

Meeting called to order at: 7:40 pm

### **Officers in Attendance:**

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

### **Attendance:**

- All State Bass, Bass Addicts, Bass, Beantown 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
  - Motion to accept Minutes as written made by Beantown, seconded by Yankee
    - Motion passed unanimously

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
  - Bob reviewed bank statement
    - Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented made by Bass Addicts, seconded by Wildside
      - Motion passed unanimously

### **Committee Reports:**

- N/A

### **Awards Banquet Report:**

- N/A

### **Youth Report:**

- Directors, please get your boat captain commitments for tourneys in asap
  - Forge Pond added one boat for Manchaug

### **Scholarship Report:**

- Presented by Scholarship Director Dave McNary
  - Nothing new to report
  - The new year is open for new applicants

### **Conservation Report:**

- Presented by Conservation Director Tim Germain
  - It has been 25 years since MA Fish & Game has raised their license rates
    - They are proposing raising rates for in-state Hunting & Fishing licenses from \$22.50 up to \$40
      - Stamps are separate
    - There is a meeting in June to finalize
    - There are two public Zoom meetings on 3/17 & 3/25 for the public to weigh in and gather more info
    - There is also a podcast on Youtube called Hunt Suburbia, episode 28, by Patrick Goyette where they talked to a Jason Zimmer from Mass Wildlife about the proposed fee hike
      - <https://youtu.be/kz76rafmKGI>
    - Contact Tim for more info

### **Tournament Report:**

- Presented by Tournament Director Dave McNary
  - Nothing new to report. Waiting to see if the gathering restriction limit is increased. This decision is supposed to be made on 3/22. Hopefully they increase their limits on outside gatherings. Stay tuned for more info

### **Old Business:**

- The Lowrance package is finalized, just waiting for the paperwork to be finalized. The deal is the same as last year
- Get Joe your TH Marine orders in to Joe and he will place a group order

### **New Business:**

- Joe received an email from Robert
  - Then entire club has to pay their dues
  - NO angler shall fish without their dues being paid, including Youth anglers
    - There is a \$10m lawsuit filed on deaths of the High School fishing team and the boat Captain that died
      - All Directors need to make sure all of their Member's dues are paid and active in order to be covered by insurance
- It is now Federal Law that kill switches must be worn at all times your boat is on plane
- All boat Captains participating in Youth events must have insurance as well as be a TBF member (including all volunteering parents w/ boats)
- TBF & Ranger have adjusted their formats
  - For Mass Bass, we now have Ranger Federation Bonus
    - It is free to register

- The top placing registered ranger boat wins
- Any year boat qualifies
- Need the sticker and proper clothing
  - Winner submits own paperwork (Dave signs off)
  - Tourneys winning is \$50
- The Ray Reardon benefit tourney is on 4/26 on Lake Congamond. More info to follow next meeting

**Raffle Results:**

- N/A

**Meeting Reminders for Next Month:**

- **Next meeting 4/20/2021 @ 7:30pm**
- **Discuss Ray Reardon donations**

Motion to adjourn made by Green Water, seconded by Good Spirit

Meeting adjourned at: 8:48 pm

Minutes taken on 3/16/21 and submitted on 03/21/21 by Erik Swanson, Secretary