

## **Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting February 15, 2022**

Meeting called to order at: 7:39 pm

### **Officers in Attendance:**

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

### **Attendance:**

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

### **Secretary Report:**

- Presented by Secretary Erik Swanson
  - The January Minutes were presented.
    - Motion to accept the Secretary's Report as presented made by Green Water, seconded by All State
      - Motion passed unanimously

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
  - Bob reviewed January statement & bills
  - Bob reviewed a thank you letter he received from Mutt Rescue for the donation that Mass Bass made in memory of Eric Kaplan
  - If there are any clubs looking to donate money to Eric Kaplan's family, get in touch with Bob Rivet and he will combine with the donation from Mass Bass and he will send one check
    - Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented made by Green Water, seconded by Yankee
      - Motion passed unanimously

### **Committee Reports:**

- N/A

### **Awards Banquet Report:**

- N/A

### **Youth Report:**

- Presented by Youth Director Seth McNary
  - 2022 Youth Trail is still as follows:
    - 5/7 @ South Wattuppa
    - 6/11 @ Quabog Reservoir

- 6/25 TOC @ Barton's Cove
- Seth took commitments from Directors for boat captains. Any clubs that have not committed captains, please get in touch with Seth asap.
- The SAF (Student Angler Federation) qualifier is currently scheduled for September for the qualification of 2023.
  - Discussions of moving it to the same date of the 6/11 Youth Tournament in order to be able to have anglers qualify for 2022 were had and more info to follow on this

### **Scholarship Report:**

- Presented by Scholarship Director Dave McNary
  - In Dave's absence, Bob Rivet reviewed that both applicants from 2021 have been paid

### **Conservation Report:**

- Presented by Conservation Director Tim Germain
  - Timmy discussed non-penetrating cull tags and whether Mass Bass should move to making them mandatory for their tournaments.
    - Directors, please bring this back to your clubs to continue the discussion next month for a potential vote of whether to make them mandatory
      - A reminder that the Federation gets 35% off for clubs @ TH Marine- any clubs interested, contact Joe McKinnon
      - Also, if you have the first generation non-penetrating cull tags from Cal Company, they will send you new version of the clips if you write/call them

### **Tournament Report:**

- Presented by Tournament Director Dave McNary
  - In Dave's absence, Seth McNary presented:
    - The permit is in hand for the SATURDAY 4/16 tourney @ Quabog (moved from Sunday that is Easter)
    - There is a new trail sponsor- Portland Yacht Services
      - In addition to their donation, they are offering a payout for Mass Bass tournaments. Teams need to sign up for this - contact Dave for additional information

### **Old Business:**

- Nothing new to report

**New Business:**

- Craig reviewed the Outdoor Show
  - Overall low attendance (mostly due to the Blizzard)
  - NE is going to be running the booth at the Springfield Bass Show
  
- Bob Rivet spoke with Armand about Kayak clubs that are sprouting up. Bob inquired whether it is worth looking into somehow incorporating them to our Federation at some capacity, possibly under a different division, etc.

**Raffle Results:**

- N/A

**Meeting Reminders for Next Month:**

- **Next meeting 3/15/2022 @ 7:30pm**

Motion to adjourn made by South Shore, seconded by Green Water

Meeting adjourned at: 8:39 pm

Minutes taken on 02/15/22 and submitted on 02/16/22 by Erik Swanson, Secretary