

# Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting

## March 21, 2023

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, Celtic, Champion Bass, Forge Pond Bassmasters, Good Spirit Bassmasters, Green Water Wizards, North East Bass, Pioneer, South Shore Bassmasters, Tri-Valley Bassmasters, Wildside Bass Anglers

### Secretary Report:

- Presented by Secretary Erik Swanson
  - Erik presented the February Minutes
    - Motion to accept the February Minutes as presented made by Good Spirit, seconded by Celtic
      - Motion passed unanimously

### Treasurer Report:

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
  - Bob reviewed the February bank statement
    - Any open bills, please submit to Bob for reimbursement
      - Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented made by Celtic, seconded by Pioneer
        - Motion passed unanimously

### Committee Reports:

- N/A

### Awards Banquet Report:

- Joe reviewed the banquet highlights and the results
  - Thanks to Joe for all of his hard work to make the night a success

### Youth Report:

- Presented by Youth Director Seth McNary
  - Signup season is in full swing
    - Seth has 22 kids signed up so far with 15 of them in the Junior Division
  - List of commitments so far:

- 5/13 Singletary (Tri-State Championship) – Boston Bass- 2 boats, Tri-Valley- 3 boats, North East- 3 boats, Yankee – 1 boat
- 6/3 Cochituate – Green Water- 3 boats, South Shore – 2 boats, Wild Side- 4 boats, Forge Pond- 4 boats
- 6/24 South Watuppa (TOC) - Champion Bass - 3 boats, All State- 3 boats, Celtic- 2 boats

### **Scholarship Report:**

- Presented by Scholarship Director Dave McNary
  - No new news – no applications so far this year yet, but still early

### **Conservation Report:**

- Presented by Conservation Director Tim Germain
  - NH state law for weed sticker – seems to be some confusion whether or not they are enforcing it any more
    - Tim talked to Amy Smagula and she stated that all out of state boats are required to have the sticker & it is enforced
      - Sticker is \$20/yr
    - On the flip side, Joe McKinnon stated he talked to the game warden at the fishing show and they stated that the program is on pause because it was illegal to operate this program in the manner that it was set up
      - Joe will call to confirm
  - Tim is looking for a head count for clubs to possibly order a bulk order of the Fizz Kits for all the clubs with a goal of having a kit in every boat. If interested, please contact Tim Germain
  - Joe McKinnon also recommended possibly a bulk order for the non-penetrating cull tag system. With the 35% discount, the price would \$45 each kit. If interested, please contact Joe McKinnon

### **Tournament Report:**

- Presented by Tournament Director Dave McNary
  - A reminder that the 2023 Team Trail:
    - 4/16 – Webster Lake, MA
    - 5/21 – Long Pond, Freetown
    - 6/18 – Lake Cochituate
    - 7/16 – South Watuppa
    - 8/20 – Newfound Lake
    - TOC - 9/16 & 9/17 – Lake Champ, Port Henry

### **Old Business:**

- Thayer's is donating a Lowrance 12 live to the Youth Trail
  - Tickets are \$10 each or a book of 5 for \$40
  - Raffle will be drawn at the Cochituate tournament on 6/3
  - Contact Joe for more info

### **New Business:**

- The fishing shows appeared to have gone well
- The Ray Reardon tournament is on 4/23 @ North ramp on 4/23 @ Congamond Lake
  - Wildside makes a motion to donate \$250 to the Ray Reardon Scholarship Fund by Mass Bass, seconded by Champion
    - Motion passed unanimously
- Joe McKinnon mentioned that the Federation gives money to the Juniors to go to Nationals but we don't do anything for the High School kids. Directors, think about this moving forward of whether we give money to the high school kids

### **Raffle Results:**

- N/A

### **Meeting Reminders for Next Month:**

- **Next meeting 4/18/2023 @ 7:30pm**

Motion to adjourn made by Tri Valley, seconded by Good Spirit

Meeting adjourned at: 8:30 pm

Minutes taken on 3/21/23 and submitted on 3/28/23 by Erik Swanson, Secretary