

## **Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting November 19, 2024**

Meeting called to order at: 7:39 pm

### **Officers in Attendance:**

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

### **Attendance:**

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

### **Secretary Report:**

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

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
  - Bob reviewed the October bank statement
    - If anyone has any bills, forward to Bob for reimbursement
      - Motion to accept Treasurer's report as presented made by Tri-Valley, seconded by North East
        - Motion passed unanimously

### **Committee Reports:**

- N/A

### **Awards Banquet Report:**

- Banquet is scheduled for March 29, 2025
- Joe placed an order with TH Marine & Christopher Stewart for items for the Banquet
  - Motion to accept these purchases by All State, seconded by Tri-Valley
    - Motion passed unanimously

### **Youth Report:**

- Presented by Youth Director Seth McNary
  - The revised 2025 Youth Trail is (permits are in hand):
    - 4/26- Tri-State Championship - Quabog
    - 5/31- Cochetuate
    - 6/21- TOC - Manchaug

**Scholarship Report:**

- Presented by Scholarship Director Dave McNary
  - Dave will be sending a letter in the coming weeks reminding them that they need to send their transcripts in order to receive the scholarship
- ○ Dave is accepting applicants for next year

**Conservation Report:**

- Presented by Conservation Director Tim Germain
  - Lake permits for NH are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Lake draw-downs are happening – Winni is really low so be careful
  - Interesting article on fish in regards to ingesting soft baits



Photo: Chuck Beasley

August 11, 2020

By Gabe Gries

Fish Health—Black bass can ingest softbaits while they are being fished or by eating them off the bottom after they have fallen off a hook or been discarded by anglers, yet little is known about effects this might have on bass. Researchers investigated if shape and composition (biodegradable vs. non-biodegradable) of ingested softbaits affected feeding rates of largemouth bass.\* Bass were fed one of the following softbaits: In the biodegradable category, a 4-inch [Berkley Gulp!](#) Ripple Shad, 7-inch Berkley Gulp! Turtle



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FAT Worm, and then allowed to eat as many live golden shiners as they could.

Bass that ate the largest softbaits by volume, the shad-shaped baits, consumed the lowest number of shiners. Bass that ate biodegradable baits consumed less shiners than those that ate non-biodegradable baits. Bass usually expelled a softbait within nine days and biodegradable baits were expelled faster than non-biodegradable ones. Although results suggest ingested softbaits do not present a significant long-term risk to largemouth bass health, softbaits should be disposed of properly.

\*Sanft, E. J., A. P. Porreca, J. J. Parkos III, T. M. Detmer, and D. H. Wahl. 2018. Effects of ingestion of soft plastic fishing lures on largemouth bass. *N. Am. J. Fish. Mgmt.* 38:718-724.

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- Joe also posted an article on Facebook regarding slot limits for tournaments

### **Tournament Report:**

- Presented by Tournament Director Dave McNary
  - 4/19 (Saturday!!) – Quabog
  - 5/18 – Long Pond Harwich (pending)
  - 6/15 – Mashpee Wakeby (have permit but might consider moving)
  - 7/20 – Cochituate
  - 8/17 – Winnisquam (pending)
  - 10/4 & 5 – TOC – Winnepesaukee – Center Harbor (pending)

### **Old Business:**

- Discussions were had in regards to potential State Championship Options:
  - Option 1 - Allow boaters to go to fish-offs by themselves without a co-angler but has to declare at the beginning of the year and has to commit to 1 youth tourney
  - Option 2 - Create 2 qualifying tournaments (in mass) and the qualifiers from each would fish a 3<sup>rd</sup> tourney
  - Option 3 - Every club gets to send 2 boats and 2 non-boaters
  - Option 4 - Combine the state fish-offs with the NSF and hold them at the same time
    - After discussion, general consensus would be Option 1
      - Motion made by Pioneer for a 1 year trial, for Option 1, seconded by Forge Pond
        - Yea – Celtic Bass, Forge Pond Bassmasters, Good Spirit Bassmasters, Pioneer, South Shore Bassmasters, Tri-Valley Bassmasters, Wildside Bass Anglers, Yankee
        - Nay - All state, North East
          - Motion passed

### **New Business:**

- Dues:
  - Send TBF Dues DIRECTLY TO TBF - \$50
  - Send Federation Dues TO BOB - \$30
- Seth proposed raising the Dues for the Youth Anglers
  - Currently they are \$30
    - \$5 Mass Bass
    - \$25 TBF
  - Proposing bumping to:

- \$25 Mass Bass
- \$25 TBF
  - Motion to raise the Youth entry fee to \$50 made by Good Spirit, seconded by North East
    - Motion passed unanimously

**Raffle Results:**

- N/A

**Meeting Reminders for Next Month:**

- **Next meeting 12/17/2024 @ 7:30pm**
- **Club Dues are due by 12/31/24. Please get this done asap!**

Motion to adjourn made by Forge Pond, seconded by Good Spirit

Meeting adjourned at: 8:56 pm

Minutes taken on 11/19/24 and submitted on 11/9/24 by Erik Swanson, Secretary