

## **Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting**

### **Oct 15, 2024**

Meeting called to order at: 7:41 pm

#### **Officers in Attendance:**

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

#### **Attendance:**

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

#### **Secretary Report:**

- Presented by Secretary Erik Swanson
  - Erik presented the September Minutes
  - Motion to accept the September Minutes as presented made by GW, seconded by Celtic
    - Motion passed unanimously

#### **Treasurer Report:**

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
  - Bob reviewed the September bank statement
  - If anyone has any bills, forward to Bob for reimbursement
    - Motion to accept Treasurer's report as presented made by South Shore, seconded by Pioneer
      - Motion passed unanimously

#### **Committee Reports:**

- N/A

#### **Awards Banquet Report:**

- Joe will be setting the date for the banquet soon as well as reserving the Maynard Elks. More info to follow

#### **Youth Report:**

- Presented by Youth Director Seth McNary
  - As a reminder the proposed Youth Trail dates for 2025 are:

- 4/26- Quabog
- 5/31- Singletary
- 6/21- Cochituate

### **Scholarship Report:**

- Presented by Scholarship Director Dave McNary
  - Dave has mailed out the congratulations / acceptance letters to the recipients and will be sending another letter 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
  - Today, 10/15 is the last day to fish on Trout rivers as well as within 500' of the mouth of the rivers
  - The State stocked 2,000 Northern Pike in lake Cochituate. The stocked fish were roughly 11" in length. They estimate that in 2 years they will be the legal limit of 20"
  - If you go boating in NH, you have to have a kill switch attached at all times the big motor is running

### **Tournament Report:**

- Presented by Tournament Director Dave McNary
  - The 2024 Two-day TOC held on 10/5 & 10/6 @ Ticonderoga
    - 16 teams
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> place- 46.53# – Rivet & Veloso
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> place- 50.70# – Wilson & Wilson
      - 1<sup>st</sup> place- 51.11# – Burns & Miller
      - LM lunger day 1 - 5.05# – Burns & Miller
      - SM lunger day 2 - 4.10# - Swajian & Kaprellian
      - LM lunger day 2 - 5.98# – McNary & McNary
      - SM lunger day 2 - 3.75# – Tangleherri & Tangleherri
  - The proposed Team Trail for 2025 (all locations pending permits):
    - 4/19 (Saturday!!) – Webster Lake
    - 5/18 – Mashpee Wakeby
    - 6/15 – South Watuppa
    - 7/20 – Cochituate
    - 8/17 – Winnisquam
    - 10/4 & 5 – TOC – Winnepesaukee – Center Harbor

### **Old Business:**

- New Nominations for Officers:
  - None
- Nominations for Officers:
  - Celtic nominates Joe Mckinnon for President
  - All State nominates Mark Consolini as Vice President
  - Good Spirit nominates Joey McKinnon as Secretary
  - Good Spirit nominates Erik as Secretary
  - Celtic nominates Bob Rivet as Treasurer
  - All State nominates Tim Germain as Conservation Director
  - All State nominates Seth as Youth Director
  - Secretary casts one vote so Officers for 2025 are:
    - Joe Mckinnon for President
    - Mark Consolini as Vice President
    - Erik as Secretary
    - Bob Rivet as Treasurer
    - Tim Germain as Conservation Director
    - Seth as Youth Director
- By-law changes – two proposed by-law changes is from Good Spirit & the other is from Celtic. Bylaws were read, discussed and voted on.
  - By-law #1- Youth tourney check – good spirit
    - Celtic- looks at this as the \$250 is a punishment. Feels we can collectively come up with another option. Many of the clubs are fading away and getting older.
      - By-Law #1 does not pass- 2 yes / 11 no

## Massachusetts Bass Federation

### By-Law Change or Addition Form

Submitted Date 9-17-24

Club Good Spirit

#### Article/Section to be Changed or Deleted:

Article 1/section 2 L addition

By the April meeting all Clubs must submit to our Treasurer a "Hostage Check" in the amount of \$250. Check will be held and then returned when the Club completes their boat provision requirement as stated above. If Club does not meet their requirement check will be cashed and put into the Youth Tournaments Account.

#### New or By-Law Change (Article/Section):

#### Reason for By-Law Change:

To encourage and improve Club participation in their Youth Commitment as outlined in Section 2 G which states that one of the Federation's purposes is to "promote and encourage Youth fishing".

Also, an effort to relieve the worry and angst felt by the Youth Director striving to make sure we provide the correct number of boats needed to give our hopefully Future Federation Members a positive, realistic and fair Tournament Fishing Experience.

- By-law #2- vice president duties – Celtic
  - By-Law #2 passes – 12 yes / 1 no

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**By-Law Change or Addition Form**

**Submitted Date 9-17-24      Club Celtic Bass**

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**Reason for By-Law Change:** This is to give the Vice President back the job intended in the original By-laws. Will stop making the President do every job in the Federation by spreading out the duties. By-law was changed in 2016 so TD did not have to run the State Championship and NSF

**New Business:**

- Participation at the NSF was almost nothing and disappointing

- For the State Fishoffs, Directors voted and wanted Winni. Joe got the permit for Winni and no-one showed up
- Need to come up with ideas / changes to increase participation
- 2025 State Championships possible options:
  - 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
  - Create 2 qualifying tournaments (in mass) and the qualifiers from each would fish a 3<sup>rd</sup> tourney
  - Every club gets to send 2 boats and 2 non-boaters
  - Combine the state fish-offs with the NSF and hold them at the same time
- TBF is changing some of their rules with one being that States can petition TBF to hold their NSF's together
  - Could there be the possibility to get together with NH, ME & VT?
    - In that case, we would be able to fish Maine lakes
    - Also, we would only have to run the NSF every 4 years

**Raffle Results:**

- N/A

**Meeting Reminders for Next Month:**

- **NEXT MEETING IS 11/19/2024 @ 7:30 pm**
- **Club Dues are due by 12/31/24. Please get this done asap!**

Motion to adjourn made by Wildside, seconded by Celtic

Meeting adjourned at: 9:08 pm

Minutes taken on 10/15/24 and submitted on 11/7/24 by Erik Swanson, Secretary