

Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting

December 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at: 7:39 pm

Officers in Attendance:

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

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, Green Water Wizards
- Missing: Bass Tactics, Boston Bass

Secretary Report:

- Presented by Secretary Erik Swanson
 - Erik presented the November Minutes
 - Motion to accept the November Minutes as presented made by All State, seconded by Celtic
 - Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
 - Bob reviewed the November bank statement
 - If anyone has any bills, forward to Bob for reimbursement
 - Motion to accept Treasurer's report as presented made by Good Spirit, seconded by South Shore
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - Motion to pay Joe Mckinnon for the Banquet Booth as well as the supplies for the Banquet made by Celtic, seconded by All State
 - Motion passed unanimously

Committee Reports:

- N/A

Awards Banquet Report:

- A reminder that the Banquet is scheduled for March 29, 2025 @ the Maynard Elks
- Joe will be ordering the awards starting next week

Youth Report:

- Presented by Youth Director Seth McNary
 - Seth sending out email invitation to those that participated last year with this year's application
 - Seth stated that if the trail numbers are the same or bigger than last year, he may have to cap the tournaments
 - Directors - Seth will start taking captain commitments starting at the next meeting. Please talk to your members and get names and date commitments
 - A reminder that the revised 2025 Youth Trail is (permits are in hand):
 - 4/26- Tri-State Championship - Quabog
 - 5/31- Cochituate
 - 6/21- TOC - Manchaug
 - Seth is looking for tackle so anyone that has some to donate, please pass that along to Seth

Scholarship Report:

- Presented by Scholarship Director Dave McNary
 - No new news. Dave will be sending a letter after Christmas 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
 - Tim discussed an interesting article in regards to Fizzing fish – see below:

4:50



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Fish Ecology and Conservation Physiology Lab

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Fizzing is a common method for helping bass with barotrauma return to depth. The problem is that when bass are fizzed, in 60+% of the cases we observed they go straight to the bottom. If fish are released in 20 or 30 feet, that is not a problem. However, if fish are released over deep water (say 75feet), they will likely end up in that depth which may exceed their abilities to survive. We found that even a puncture (rather than full fizzing) led to fish being unable to avoid going to the bottom so it is not a matter of overfizzing being the problem. So - the take home message is to release bass over bottom habitats where you would catch bass and with a maximum depth of ~30 feet. This is important info for tournament organizers and anglers. Read the full research article for free here: <http://doi.org/10.1111/fme.12780> #bass #catchandrelease #keepfishwet Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of



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Marketplace Notifications



Menu

- Joe discussed meetings with various groups about invasive weeds, weed kills & potential catch and release. Joe will have more information at the next meeting.

Tournament Report:

- Presented by Tournament Director Dave McNary
 - Couple changes to the team trail
 - Sent in a mailing to NH for permits. They received them on December 2nd (rather than the 1st)
 - Rather than wait till March 1st to get tourney dates from NH, Dave was able to get a tournament for the August tournament as well as the TOC
 - 4/19 (Saturday!!) – Webster Lake (Mass) (in hand)
 - 5/18 – Long Pond Harwich (in hand)
 - 6/15 – South Watuppa (in hand)
 - 7/20 – Cochituate (in hand)
 - 8/17 – Barton’s Cove (in hand)
 - 10/4 & 5 – TOC – Ticonderoga (application accepted)

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Directors – April 15th is the deadline for Boaters to inform Mass Bass which Youth Tourney date they will be committing to in order to have the chance to sign up for the States without a non-boater
- A reminder to send in Dues:
 - Send TBF Dues DIRECTLY TO TBF - \$50
 - Send Federation Dues TO BOB - \$30

Raffle Results:

- N/A

Meeting Reminders for Next Month:

- **Next meeting 1/21/2024 @ 7:30pm**
- **Club Dues are due by 12/31/24. Please get this done asap!**

Motion to adjourn made by Forge Pond, seconded by North East

Meeting adjourned at: 8:31 pm

Minutes taken on 12/17/24 and submitted on 12/17/24 by Erik Swanson, Secretary