

## **Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting February 18, 2025**

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

### **Secretary Report:**

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

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
  - Bob reviewed the January 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:**

- A reminder that the Banquet is scheduled for March 29, 2025 @ the Maynard Elks
- Joe will have the tickets by Thursday
  - Tickets are \$30ea

### **Youth Report:**

- Presented by Youth Director Seth McNary
  - Has 39 anglers registered so far
  - The 2025 Youth Trail is (permits are in hand) is listed below along with the boat captain commitments to date. Make sure to take a look and make sure we have the number correct:
    - 4/26- Tri-State Championship – Quabog Pond:
      - North East (4)
      - Pioneer (4)
      - South Shore (2)
      - Forge (1)
      - Tri-valley (3)
    - 5/31- Lake Cochituate:
      - All State (4)
      - Wild Side (4)
      - Celtic (4)
      - South Shore (1)
      - Forge (2)
    - 6/21- TOC – Manchaug Pond:
      - Green Water (4)
      - South Shore (2)
      - Yankee (1)
  - 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
  - Dave has received all three transcripts and scholarship checks have been mailed
  - Dave is accepting applicants for 2025

### **Conservation Report:**

- Presented by Conservation Director Tim Germain
  - Tim reviewed the following items:
    - Starting April 1, 2026, anyone wishing to operate a motorized vessel in Massachusetts will be required to complete an approved boating safety education course. The goal is to ensure that every boater has the skills and knowledge needed to operate their vessel safely, reducing accidents and ensuring a more enjoyable experience for all. The education program will cover important topic such as:

### Navigation Rules, Emergency Procedures & Environmental Protections.

- If you were born after January 1, 1989, you must complete the course by April 1, 2026, with no penalties assessed until September 1, 2026.
- If you were born on or before January 1, 1989, you'll have until April 1, 2028, to complete the course.
- The program will be available through a variety of convenient platforms, including online courses, in-person classes, and partnerships with local organizations.

### **Tournament Report:**

- Presented by Tournament Director Dave McNary
  - 4/19 (Saturday!!) – Quabog Pond
  - 5/18 – Long Pond Harwich
  - 6/15 – South Watuppa
  - 7/20 – Cochituate
  - 8/17 – Barton's Cove
  - 10/4 & 5 – TOC – Ticonderoga
  
- **NOTE:** Tournaments will be capped at 25 boats if it is a Mass tourney (excluding Long Pond Harwich). The TOC will also have a 25 boat limit

### **Old Business:**

- Directors – April 15<sup>th</sup> 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
- Timmy Germain was able to get a Lowrance 12 Pro from Thayer's for the Youth Raffle – Thank you Timmy!
  - Joe will have raffle tickets soon to hand out to directors to start selling
- Age restrictions for anglers:
  - Anglers have to be 16 years old in order to fish at State level tournaments
  - Anglers under 16 can fish in club tournaments (non-State level tourneys)

- 2025 State Fishoffs- 8/8 & 8/10 – Lake Sacandaga
- 2025 Semi-National Finals – 9/13 (Mallets Bay) & 9/14 (Apple Tree)

**New Business:**

- Get your raffle tickets sold!

**Raffle Results:**

- N/A

**Meeting Reminders for Next Month:**

- **Next meeting 3/18/2025 @ 7:30pm**

Motion to adjourn made by Green Water, seconded by Tri Valley

Meeting adjourned at: 8:35 pm

Minutes taken on 2/18/25 and submitted on 2/18/25 by Erik Swanson, Secretary