

Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting

January 17, 2025

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, Boston Bass
- Missing: Bass Tactics

Secretary Report:

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

Treasurer Report:

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
 - Bob reviewed the December bank statement
 - If anyone has any bills, forward to Bob for reimbursement
 - Motion to accept Treasurer's report as presented made by Green Water, seconded by Forge Pond
 - 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 in the next week or so
 - Tickets are \$30ea

Youth Report:

- Presented by Youth Director Seth McNary
 - Regs are rolling in – has around 25 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:
 - North East (4)
 - Pioneer (4)
 - South Shore (2)
 - Forge (1)
 - Tri-valley (3)
 - 5/31- Cochituate:
 - All State (4)
 - Wild Side (4)
 - Celtic (4)
 - South Shore (1)
 - Forge (2)
 - 6/21- TOC – Manchaug:
 - 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
 - Joe has 2 out of 3 transcripts in hand
 - Dave is accepting applicants for next year

Conservation Report:

- Presented by Conservation Director Tim Germain
 - Tim reviewed the following items:
 - New Hampshire has a new boat registration policy:
 - Please note that House Bill 1304 became law, effective 1/1/2025 for the 2025 boating season. This law change modifies the procedure for registration of vessels by requiring the issuance and display of a boat fee decal for the payment of boat fees. You will notice that your fee has increased by \$3.00, and you will now be receiving

- two sets of decals that must be displayed on each side of the bow.
- New York has also implemented a new Black Bass Tournament Permit System
 - DEC Bureau of Fisheries recently implemented a new Black Bass Fishing Tournament Permit that's required if conducting a black bass (largemouth bass and smallmouth bass) fishing tournament with 10 or more participants. As of January 1st, 413 permits have been issued. Most of these (83%) are for tournaments open to motorized boats, with the remainder for kayak (11%) and multiple types of watercraft events (6%). The waterbodies with the most tournaments scheduled in 2025 include Onondaga Lake, Lake Champlain, and Cayuga Lake. The figure below represents the top 10 waterbodies with black bass tournaments currently permitted for 2025

Tournament Report:

- Presented by Tournament Director Dave McNary
 - 4/19 (Saturday!!) – Webster Lake (Mass) (still trying for this with Quabog as a backup)
 - 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 in process)

- **NOTE:** Tournaments will be capped at 25 boats if it is a Mass tourney (excluding Webster Lake & Long Pond Harwich that are higher). The TOC will also have a 25 boat limit

Old 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

New Business:

- 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)

Raffle Results:

- N/A

Meeting Reminders for Next Month:

- **Next meeting 2/18/2025 @ 7:30pm**

Motion to adjourn made by Green Water, seconded by All State

Meeting adjourned at: 8:41 pm

Minutes taken on 1/21/25 and submitted on 1/21/25 by Erik Swanson, Secretary