

Massachusetts Bass Federation Directors Meeting

April 15, 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, Green Water Wizards, Yankee
- Missing: Bass Tactics, Boston Bass

Secretary Report:

- Presented by Secretary Erik Swanson
 - Joe presented the March Minutes (he took the Minutes last month)
 - Motion to accept the March Minutes as presented made by Celtic, seconded by All State
 - Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- Presented by Treasurer Bob Rivet
 - Bob reviewed the March 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

Committee Reports:

- N/A

Awards Banquet Report:

- Awards Banquet was a major success!
- Thanks to Joe for all of his tireless work to make that night a major success!

Youth Report:

- Presented by Youth Director Seth McNary
 - Has 51 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 (5)
 - South Shore (2)
 - Good Spirit (1)
 - Boston (1)
 - All State (2)
 - Forge (1)
 - Tri-valley (3)
 - 5/31- Lake Cochituate:
 - All State (4)
 - Wild Side (4)
 - Celtic (4)
 - South Shore (1)
 - Forge (3)
 - Good Spirit (1)
 - 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 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 topics 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.
- The NH boating license is reciprocal with Massachusetts so if you have your NH License, you do not have to take the Mass exam
- They are offering free classes. Go on the Mass.gov website and see the course locations.
- Don't forget to get your \$20 NH weed sticker
- Zebra Mussels have been found in Lake Memphremagog in VT

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 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

New Business:

- TH Marine is back for 35% off discounts. If you are interested, contact Joe to place the order

Raffle Results:

- N/A

Meeting Reminders for Next Month:

- **Next meeting 5/20/2025 @ 7:30pm**

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

Meeting adjourned at: 8:41 pm

Minutes taken on 4/15/25 and submitted on 4/15/25 by Erik Swanson, Secretary