

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order July 24, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. by the Treasurer.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent and excused: CT Outdoors, Hartford County Bass Masters, Statewide Bass Anglers, Tobacco Valley Bass Anglers,

Excused Absences from the previous month: Litchfield County

Scholarship Report: Dan Nitkowski
Scholarship Award winner Larry Fabiensi from Southern Connecticut University was introduced to the Board of Directors.

Guest Presenter: Liberty Mutual
Distributed flyers with contact information, quote sheets for the members.

The minutes of previous month's minutes where accepted.

Correspondence

Pachaug Area Bassmasters letter of appreciation to CBFN for donation.

Higgins Armory Museum letter of appreciate for donation.

Reports of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Sue Weeks
Presented and accepted.

Youth Report: Terry Baksay

The Junior's attended the Youth Divisional in NJ on 6/27/08.

CT will host the Youth Divisional next year on Candlewood for approximately 10 states, about 60 kids = 30 boats. Youth is looking for sponsors to keep the cost low.

August 8 – August 10 2008 Junior World Classic will be held in Syracuse NY on the Bassmaster stage.

August 30, 2008 the Casting Kids Championship will be hosted by Cabelas from 9:00 – 10:30. Get all the paperwork and information you may need from Terry.

Donations from last tournament totaled \$125.00. Support for this cause would be greatly appreciated.

Conservation / Environmental Report: Dave Santos

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives has now passed S. 2766, The Clean Boating Act of 2008, introduced by Senators Bill Nelson and Barbara Boxer and Reps. Steve LaTourette and Candice Miller. The bill now moves to the President for his signature into law.

Tournament Committee:

Tournament Trail – Tournament # 3 was held this past weekend at Candlewood where we had 71 anglers and 47 co-anglers participate. We had three issues that need to be addressed.

1. We had an individual show up with a boat that had some engine problems and he made the choice to continue to participate even though he knew his engine was on its last leg. He was paired with a co-angler and the boat broke down. This resulted in a rough day for both the angler and the co-angler. We need to stress the fact that common sense must be exercised when participating in our events. The co-angler has made the statement that he will never fish another CBFN tournament. As board members I am requesting that you stress to your club members that there are alternatives to participate and no one should ever knowingly put another participant into a situation like this one. To take a risk such as was taken in this case is absolutely unacceptable to me. I cannot inspect each boat that shows up to our tournaments therefore please speak to your memberships and let's try to avoid situations such as this one.

2. The food items and drinks that are served at our events need to be discussed. We served over 170 food items and 200+ drinks at this past tournament. There were individuals witnessed taking multiple drinks from the coolers and I can only imagine multiple food items as well. We count what we serve in an attempt to have enough for everyone. Unfortunately we have some abusers amongst the participants which in turn leave nothing for the tournament committee after a hard day's work. Please speak to your membership. This behavior needs to cease immediately or we will be forced to charge for each item.

3. At each tournament the juniors cook the food items for the participants, run fish and assist the tournament committee. They have a donation jar to help raise money for these organizations. Up to this point the donations have been minimal at best. This past weekend the jar was placed out again but this time the juniors wanted to raise money for the CBFN scholarship fund in the memory of Bob Malloy. At the end of the day, subtracting the amount that I placed in the jar, there was \$105. This totals less than \$1 per contestant. One would think that with 170 food items and over 200 drinks served that there should have been at least double that amount. The juniors show up and help at our events and really get nothing in return. These individuals assist us in running a successful tournament trail. I'm asking the tournament participants to please be a little more generous at our events. Without the volunteers there would be no tournament trail.

Mr. Bass update – The mailing deadline for entry forms has passed. We will be performing the pairings next Wednesday. The pairings and tournament location will be announced on the member's board on Thursday, July 31st. As of last night we had 20 anglers and 22 co-anglers signed up. It appears that there are some clubs that do not communicate well with their members. Invitation letters were sent to the club Presidents of all eligible clubs over three weeks ago. We decided that due to the high cost of fuel we would not have a pairings meeting which was explained in the letter. Portions of the letter were also posted on the members board so there should be no confusion. Unfortunately that's not the case. Please stress to your clubs that we have tools for communication that must be utilized in order to be well informed.

Boating Advisory Report: Paul Carter

Boat Safe campaign is huge. Enforcement of BAC will be increased. Coast Guard can utilize GPS to track ship to shore radios to locate for help. Cell Phone is currently not a method for tracking.

State Team Report: No Report

Raffle Report: No Report

Financial Committee: No Report

Audit Committee: No Report

Membership Committee: No Report

Sponsors Committee: No Report

Banquet Committee: Sylvia Morris

Nov 1, 2008 is the date. Location remains the same and the cost will be \$35.00 each or \$65.00 a couple.

All reports accepted as given.

Old Business

Motion Made to re-instate CT Outdoor David Matthew 2007 State Team member who is currently in bad standing for failure to submit required expense reports provided that he provides 10 hours of work for the outdoor shows; 5 hours for each show, 1 year probation, will not be eligible for the 2-day this year. Motion Approved.

New Business

Heart of CT Bassmasters presented donation to CBFN for \$100 in memory of Robert (Bob) S. Malloy, and \$825 to the Youth, Presented by Vincent Mucci.

Motion Made to name the UConn scholarship in memory of Bob. Scholarship to be named the "Robert S. Malloy Scholarship". Motion Approved.

CBFN has received confirmation that we will be getting a Skeeter boat again.

CBFN Hospice Tournament to be held 5/2 – 5/3 of 2009 in memory of Bob Malloy.

A Request from Reynold's Marine for the CBFN Tournament Committee to conduct the weigh-in for their 150th anniversary tournament to be held on the CT River.

Nominations for Tournament Director for the 2009; Al Guite was nominated. Al accepted the nomination. Voting will be held during the August meeting.

Optima batteries is offering \$20 back for sending in documentation.

JWC Tournament in November

Lew Schaller will attend the CLA meeting.

Trailers must be thoroughly cleaned at the end of a tournament. Inspect your entire rig.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Announcements

Next Meeting: August 28, 2008

Jamie Vinyard
CBFN Secretary