

Connecticut B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
December 18, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order at 7:40pm by Jamie Vinyard, Secretary. Paul Carter, CBFN President was present via phone.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: The CT Bassmen, Hartford County B/Ms, Litchfield County B/Ms, MidConn Anglers, Southern CT B/Ms, Tobacco Valley B/Ms, Wallingford B/Ms

Per Paul's request Jamie then asked that the Order of Business be tabled until the election of Officers was completed. Ballots were passed out and collected. They were tallied by Carl Pedersen, Chairperson of the Nominating committee. (Ballots for the bylaw proposals were passed out to each of the club representatives while this was being done.)

Carl announced the results which were unanimous. Paul Carter, President, Jack Vinyard, Vice President, Jamie Vinyard, Secretary and Sue Weeks, Treasurer.

Sue Weeks then read a letter from Paul Carter appointing Sylvia Morris as acting Vice President until the return of Jack Vinyard from Afghanistan.

Secretary: Minutes from the November meeting were approved as posted by the Board.

Treasury Report: Read and approved.

Fishing Advisory Council: Dave Santos

The meeting was postponed due to inclement weather. They are looking to reschedule in January 2009.

Conservation/Environmental: Dave Santos

1. Brian McCleary joined me in conducting interviews of the final candidates for the Robert S. Malloy Memorial Scholarship. We selected Anson Smigel as the recipient. A write up of Anson will follow.

2. The Candlewood Lake Authority in partnership with the City of Danbury Health and Welfare are submitting a grant proposal the DEP for the use of weevils to aid in the control of Eurasian Milfoil on Candlewood Lake. On behalf of the CBFN I wrote a letter of support.

3. The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) announced their offering of \$800,000 grant money. They are looking for programs that provide hands-on opportunities for children and their families to learn not only about boating and fishing, but also conservation. Key requirements of RBFF's grant application guidelines include introducing boating and fishing to minorities and underserved communities. While all applications will be considered, RBFF will give special consideration to programs that offer multiple on-the-water learning opportunities, encourage long-term involvement of participants, provide training for instructors, promote conservation and support existing RBFF partnerships. Since 2007, more than 180,000 kids have participated in RBFF's aquatic education programs.

Conservation Advisory Council: Dave Santos

1. The letter of support will be written and presented to the DEP within the 2 week timeframe after the December 12, 2008 hearing.

2. The DEP has proposed legislation submitted to the Office of Policy and Management whereby towns will be given jurisdiction on the regulation of noise pollution. This change in policy can potentially have an impact of anglers. I will monitor this change in legislation.

That's all for my reports.

Happy Holidays!!!!

Dave

Youth: Terry Baksay

Terry indicated that he was trying to write up a grant to the RBFF also. He noted that at the Nationals, Matt DeSimone dealt very well with very difficult conditions. The kids also encountered tough fishing with only 4 fish being caught at a hatchery lake that they were competing at.

Terry took out Don Barone, a writer, from ESPN along with Javier, a 12yr old who loves to fish and his Social Worker. Don, who specializes in human interest stories, was doing a story on Javier. He would like to get more involved with the CBFN. Paul thanked Terry for doing the fishing trip.

Meetings attended at the Nationals discussed the future of Casting Kids after 2009. It will continue with the current setup. Contact Terry if you want to run an event as he has the equipment.

Juniors will fish with the state team on the Friday of the Divisional tournaments. Paul will see what other information will be available at the Classic.

Terry thanked Jonathan Puhalski for running the Snowball Tournament and Heart of CT Bassmasters for their generous donations to the kids. They are very appreciative of their support. More kids will be joining the Junior Youth Group and some of the older kids will be joining adult clubs.

It was noted that the federation will pay \$50 toward a passport for each child and one parent attending the Divisionals. A handout with all of the information will be available at the Casting Kids events at the shows.

Tournament Report: No Report

Note: Alan and Paul are looking into getting information for a digital scoreboard. One is to be debuted at the Classic. Alan will give Paul the contact info when he receives it. Paul also noted that he is looking into airfare to the Classic (Red River, Shreveport, LA) from FL as it is a 14 hour drive.

Finance Committee: Ray Bessette

Ray passed out a budget he developed and explained that it is just an idea to serve as a guideline. He reviewed and discussed it with the board of directors.

Boating Advisory: No report meeting was cancelled and rescheduled until January.

State Team: No report.

Raffle: Armand Fortier

Tickets were passed out to the club reps and are due back April 23. The incentive will be an entry fee to the person who sells the most tickets.

Banquet: Sylvia Morris The date is November 7, 2009. Sylvia is working on the location.

Audit Committee: Volunteers needed

Membership Committee: Volunteers needed.

Sponsorship Committee: Bob Nelson has volunteered to Chair the committee.

CLA Meeting Notes

1. Patrick Callahan (Chairman) Said DEP asked CLA to provide more coverage in patrols and more stringent requirements for patrol personnel, IE Polygraphs, Background checks, Psych tests, training, etc.
2. Cut back in DEP personnel due to retirement and not being replaced, needing more CLA officers. Patrick is meeting with Commissioner to go over the boat sticker program to offset these costs. Looking for B.A.S.S. support on this issue.
3. They are meeting with First Light (Utility Company) to go over public safety and overcrowding on the lake.
4. Budget for 09-10 set for a \$55K deficit
5. Admin expenses going up by 4% but public safety expense going down by 4.4% again they stressed the boat sticker program to offset this
6. Lake draw down Deep draw down of 9 feet
7. Larry Marsicano (Executive Director) Brought up the weeble program, and their test sites, said they will know better the effects of them next year but with the deep draw down the results may not be conclusive, but they did notice the milfoil was being reduced in their test areas. Said they helped Fairfield and Danbury write grants to use same procedures in their arms of Candlewood to reduce milfoil. I stated that the have the support of CT B.A.S.S in the reduction of milfoil by these methods.

Scholarship: Dan Nitkowski

Dan submitted his resignation and is stepping down as he is moving to Tennessee. Sylvia thanked Dan for everything that he did. Kevin Lavender has agreed to be the new scholarship chairperson. Dan indicated he would be happy to help anyway that he could with the transition.

Applications will be available at the January meeting and due by April 1, 2009.

A motion was made to accept all of the reports as given, seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Toys for Tots: The event was a great success thanks to Mohawk Valley coordinating the collection.

2. Bylaw/Standing Rule Proposals Voting Results

1. Classic 5 were in favor and 20 were opposed
2. 25 Yes 0 No
3. 25 Yes 0 No
4. 25 Yes 0 No
5. 24 Yes 1 No
6. 24 Yes 1 No

3. Membership: Dave Mathieu – Paul Carter sent a letter Dave outlining what he needed to do to reinstate his membership but he never received it. He agreed to comply with the conditions and would meet with executive board members after the meeting to discuss what he needed to do.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Audit Committee:** We need volunteers -Lewis Schaller and Dean Beckstein volunteered to be on the committee again. They also indicated that Vinny Mucci who had to leave early had also volunteered.
2. **Membership Committee:** Volunteers are also needed, it would be especially helpful if they could volunteer some time before the Boating and/or Fishing shows.
3. **CMTA Boating Show** –January 22-25, 2009
Dodge Fishing Show – February 13-15, 2009

Sylvia is the Show Coordinator please contact her if you can volunteer to help. Home # 203-877-0280
Cell # 203-675-4666

4. **Thayers Marine:** Marvin Burkhalter

They are running a tournament trail and have 5 dates. This is a team tournament with a 6 fish limit.
You can get more information and an application at www.thayersmarine.com

5. **Request:** Alan asked Sylvia to bring up a request to purchase a Show banner for the Boating & Fishing shows. It would stand about 5foot tall and cost up to \$600. A motion was made and seconded. After discussion it was decided that more information was needed, since the motion was on the floor it was voted down as the board of directors wanted more information. A motion was made to table this until next month.

6. **Website:** Dave Santos proposed looking at other vendors for other website management quotes. Dean Beckstein volunteered to look into this. He will contact Jack regarding this research.

7. **BASS Membership Cards:** BASS is aware of the errors and is working to rectify any membership cards that were sent out with the wrong expiration date.

There was no other new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Weeks, Treasurer