

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order November 20, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. by the President.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: Southern CT and Wallingford Bassmasters.

Excused Absences from the previous month: Hartford County and Litchfield County.

The minutes of previous month's minutes where accepted.

Correspondence

UConn: Gift of Acknowledgement letter received for our recent gift.

Silver Sands Motel: Congratulations on the State Team win at Winnepesaukee.

Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Jimmy Fund: The donation that was made by CBFN in memory of Scott Joseph Goldman II was received and will be directed to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Fund.

Longhorn: Congratulations on the victory for the "Longhorn Catch This!" promotion. CBFN qualifies for a \$500 donation and the opportunity for Jeff Kriet to be brought into CT for a CBFN event.

Reports of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Sue Weeks
Presented and accepted.

Conservation / Environmental Report : Dave Santos

1. Attended Riverfront Recapture's annual breakfast. Discussed was an overview of 2008 events and upcoming events for 2009
2. The UCONN Scholarship name has been officially changed to the Robert S. Malloy Scholarship
3. CT DEP announced the availability of grants to Municipalities for invasive plant control. Any club(s) with an idea for an invasive plant project is encouraged to partner with a Municipality
4. It was asked of the Board of Directors for their approval for the Conservation Director to write a letter in support of the CT DEP's proposed Hunting and Trapping Regulation changes. The Board of Directors approved. Anyone interested in reading the proposed changes can view them at
<http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?A=2586&Q=426274>
5. I will be attending the BASS Federation Nation Conservation Workshops at the Bassmaster Classic. Dates of the workshop are from February 19-22, 2009

Tournament Committee: Al Guite

The Tournament Committee held a meeting at Sylvia and Jim's house on Saturday, November 15, 2008. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss this past year's tournament trail and come up with ideas to

improve the process flow at each tournament. The committee came up with some great improvement ideas which we will implement in 2009. At this time we have 29 members on the committee which includes the paid workers. We will be planning another meeting sometime towards the end of March.

Scholarship Report: No Report

Youth Report: No Report

Banquet Committee: Sylvia Morris

Banquet was successful with 115 people.

The trolling motor raffle for the youth earned them \$620.00.

The gift table raffle made \$2610.00 Leaving a roll over for next year of over \$3000.00 towards next year banquet.

Raffle Report: Armond Fortier

Approval from the state and town of Danbury was received to hold the raffle. The Raffle drawing will happen at the first Tournament at Danbury Town Park in May. Tickets will be handed out at the monthly meeting in December. Note: The selling of Individual Tickets are not authorized at the two shows.

Boating Advisory Report: Sue Weeks

No meeting until 12/3/08.

Toys 4 Tots:

The final drop off for the Toy drive will be held 12/06/08 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. At the Wal-mart on Route 6 in Bristol. Note: There is a huge demand for items for the 11 – 16 year old age groups. Its not just the tots that need support. Please do not send gift cards. As this has become an issue for the child after the holidays.

CLA Report: No Report

State Team Report: No Report

Financial Committee: No Report

Audit Committee: No Report

Membership Committee: No Report

Sponsors Committee: No Report

All reports accepted as given.

Old Business

2009 Club Dues are due to BASS 12/1/08. Current dues expire 12/30/08.

Nominations for all Offices were made. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

Paul Carter Accepted nomination for the office of President

Jack Vinyard Accepted nomination for the office of Vice President

Jamie Vinyard Accepted nomination for the office of Secretary

Sue Weeks Accepted nomination for the office of Treasurer

Proposed By Law Changes that were passed out to the club reps in October were discussed, reviewed for the vote at the December meeting.

Motion was made for CBFN to donate \$400 for toys for the Toys for Tots drive. Motion Approved.

Motion was made for CBFN to donate \$250 to the Riverfront Recapture Wall of Fame. Motion Approved.

Motion was made for CBFN to reimburse up to \$50 towards the state team members passport for 2009. Motion Approved.

Motion was made for CBFN to supply 6 sets of raingear for 6 member of the state team. Motion Approved.

New Business

Federation Nation Presidents' Meetings Notes reviewed:

- Al Snow ESPN/BASS Associate Manager of Event Marketing & Sponsorship Fulfillment replacing Paige Green.
- Toyota bonus bucks for the '07 or newer Tundra, Tacoma and Sequoia (new or used): State team members \$500, Qualifier to National \$1000, BFN highest placing entrant \$5000, 2nd highest \$2500. State Matching Funds
- Evan Williams reimbursement with provided receipts, free marketing materials (banners, t-shirts, hats, cups, napkins etc. for events. Fundraising opportunities. Possible contest next spring with cash for best example of how promo materials are used at state events. Fishing banner available for displays.
- Lowrance always sign up for Classic level.
- Berkley discount purchase program no longer active on internet link and Purolator is out.
- Divisional Tournaments current divisional format will stay in place through 2010 at least.
- BFN dues update cycle starts Nov 1, 2008. Effective 2009, member must pay FN dues (\$20) for every club they join. Members that have paid FN dues but have not paid state dues will be sent letters by BASS that they must pay dues at their state.

Motion was made for deductible to be paid for by CBFN on the tow vehicle should there be a claim while our trailer is being towed to and from events. Motion Approved.

Motion was made for officers to make decision on the new insurance needed for the trailer. Motion Approved.

David Mathieu letter notifying him of the decision that was made regarding his request for a change in his bad standing was returned after 3 attempts to deliver.

Motion was made to change the January meeting to 1/29/09 due to the show. Motion Approved.

Motion was made for the CBFN to reimburse Sylvia Morris for a hotel room while she sets up and runs the show in January. Motion Approved.

John Puhalski presented the proceeds from the Snowball Tournament with a check for the juniors for \$370.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Announcements

Next Meeting: December 18, 2008

Jamie Vinyard
CBFN Secretary