

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order October 23, 2008, at 7:31 p.m. by the President.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: Hartford County, Litchfield County, Southern CT and CT Outdoors.

Excused Absences from the previous month: Candlewood Bassmasters and CT Sweetwater.

The minutes of previous month's minutes were accepted with the following change; The donation made to the Jimmy fund was made in the memory of Scotty Goldman.

Correspondence

BASS – National Dues are due to BASS in December. Chapters that submit their dues early will go into a drawing for Life Time Membership which can be used at the discretion of the chapter.

Reports of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Sue Weeks
Presented and accepted.

Conservation / Environmental Report : Dave Santos

- The fatal accident which occurred this past July is still under investigation
- Beginning December 2008 the DEP will begin phase 2 of the online license program where point-of-sale kiosks will be deployed in Dick's, Walmart, K-Mart, Cabela's, and 135 Town Hall's through the State.
- The DEP is under a stringent budget where only emergency and essential items can be purchased.

Tournament Committee: Al Guite

State Championship update – The State Championship was held on September 27th and 28th at Candlewood Lake. I'd like to thank all of those who came out and volunteered including the members of the tournament committee who were not required to work. We had no dead fish weighed in at this tournament. The 2009 State Team was finalized through this event. The team is as follows:

1. Al Gambardella – CBFN Angler of the Year
2. Joey Rodrigues – 2008 Two Day Champion
3. Garrett Krueger – 2nd place two day
4. Bob Antonio – 3rd place two day
5. Rich Gambardella – 4th place two day
6. Steve Deguzis – MR. Bass
7. Chris Simons – 2nd place Angler of the Year standings
8. Dave Maiorano – 5th place two day
9. Dave Dziob – 6th place two day
10. Scott Janus – 7th place two day
11. Paul Carter – 8th place two day
12. John Pulhalski II – 9th place two day

13. Rob Pepe – 10th place two day

The 2009 State Team will be competing in the Eastern Divisional tournament in July 2009 on Lake Simco in Ontario, Canada.

We had eight clubs out of the twenty four that participated in this event that did not provide a worker for one of the two days of competition. As a result we deposited \$800 into the general fund which came from the retainer checks submitted by those clubs. Some of this income will be used to pay additional workers as specified in standing rule #15. All other checks have been mailed back to the clubs.

Classic Update – The CBFN Classic was held on October 4th at Lake Lillinonah. The tournament consisted of 28 boats. Once again I was forced to go down the list in order to have enough boats to carry the co-anglers. The tournament went well thanks to Sylvia Morris, Sue Weeks, Lee Housley and Jamie Vinyard. We set up a down sized version of our fish care system. We had no dead fish in this tournament. The top three finishers in each division are as follows:

Angler

- 1 Joey Rodrigues
- 2 Greg Lownds
- 3 Mike Lillis

Co-Angler

- 1 Jon Puhalski
- 2 Ed Weeks
- 3 Daniel Michaud

2009 Trail Update – The following proposed trail needs to be voted on and approved by the board of directors as specified in the bylaws.

- Sunday, May 17, 2009 – Candlewood, Danbury Park
- Sunday, June 28, 2009 – Candlewood, Squantz/Lattins
- Sunday, August 16, 2009 – CT. River, Riverside Park
- Sunday, September 13, 2009 – CT. River, Haddam

- Saturday, August 29, 2009 – Mr. Bass – TBA
- September 26 & 27, 2009 – State Championship – Candlewood, Danbury Park
- Saturday, October 17, 2009 – CBFN Classic – Candlewood, Squantz

Motion made to approve the 2009 schedule. Approved by the Board of Directors.

Scholarship Report: Paul Carter

24 boats participated in the scholarship tournament. Made \$1,220.00 for the Scholarship fund.

Youth Report: No Report

Banquet Committee: Paul Carter

Any still interested in attending should contact Sylvia prior to Saturday.

Raffle Report: Paul Carter

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

None

Toys 4 Tots:

The final drop off for the Toy drive will be held 12/06/08 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Location to be determined. Note: There is a huge demand for items for the 11 – 16 year old age groups. Its not just the tots that need support.

CLA Report: No Report

State Team Report: Paul Carter

A hotel has been found and reservations made for the State Team in Ontario Canada for next year. Trying to get a fund transfer (exchange rate conversion) to cover the reservation.

There is a State Team meeting prior to the start of the Banquet.

Seven of the Team members currently have passports. There is a motion under New Business to cover the cost of obtaining Passports.

Financial Committee: No Report

Audit Committee: No Report

Membership Committee: Paul Carter

Need a Chair Person and Committee members for the Membership Committee.

Sponsors Committee: Paul Carter

Need a Char Person for this Committee.

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 are due in November. Elections will be held in December.

New Business

Proposed By Law Changes where passed out to the club reps. They will be discussed at the November meeting and voted on at the December meeting.

Motion was made to change Standing Rule #15 – Worker Fees for the Classic and the Two Day. Increase amount for paid workers to \$75.00 per day. Motion Approved.

Reps were asked to go discuss with their clubs to help come up with ideas and recommendations for recognition and awards for Tournament Committee members.

Matt DeSimone on behalf of Silver City Bassmasters presented the CBFN with a check for \$1360.00 for the Robert S. Malloy Scholarship Fund.

Matt DeSimone made the request for reimbursement for his authorized expenses (with receipts) to cover his trip to the Federation Nation Nationals. Motion was made and passed to cover his authorized expenses.

Motion was made to purchase a projection screen for use at the shows. Motion was approved.

Finance Committee – Request for volunteers for two members to support the Finance Commisttee. Dan Nitkowski and Todd Ross accepted.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Announcements

Candlewood Bait & Tackle's Third Annual Team Tournament – Saturday November 8, 2008

Next Meeting: November 20, 2008

Jamie Vinyard
CBFN Secretary