

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order September 25, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. by the President.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: CT Sweetwater Bass, Southern CT Bass Anglers, Candlewood Bassmasters

Excused Absences from the previous month: CT Yankee, Housatonic Valley, Northeastern CT Bassmasters, Pachaug Area Bassmasters, Wallingford Bassmasters

The minutes of previous month's minutes where accepted.

Correspondence

Received a Thank You note from the Scholarship recipient Larry Fabianski.

Reports of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Sue Weeks
Presented and accepted.

Conservation / Environmental Report : Dave Santos

Conservation Report

1. There was a Trout fish kill on Highland Lake. Early speculation from anglers is the chemical treatment of weed causing hypoxia. At this time there is no effect on bass, and no official word from DEP.

FAC Report

1. DEP is moving forward with phase 2 of the online license with kiosks in Town Halls. They are also negotiated with tackle shops to put kiosks in local shops
2. DEP completed water chestnuts survey/removal. Beginning back in 2005, IDF and DEP Field Data Collection staff collaborated to survey the mainstream CT River and associated coves from Hartford to Essex for the highly invasive water chestnut. This summer, fewer plants were found and removed than in previous years, although plants were found and collected at one new site (Mattabesset River). USFWS staff coordinated and lead water chestnut activities from Hartford north into Massachusetts including major infestations on the Hockanum River and several other sites in the Hartford area. They also found and removed fewer plants this year.

Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) Report

1. The CAC is looking into obtaining credentials for privileges i.e. early speaker list for Legislative hearing.
2. DEP is facing a 5% cut in their budget
3. State Representative Richard Ferarri is asking for support from his constituents in the 62 district. He is sportsman friendly, so anyone in the 62 district please lend your support.

Tournament Committee: Al Guite

State Championship Report – The CBFN State Championship will be held this coming weekend on Candlewood Lake. The pairings meeting was held this past Tuesday. I would like to thank Mohawk Valley Bassmasters for hosting the meeting. The pairings were performed using the computer software that we purchased with our new scale last year which saved us time. We have 24 clubs participating in this year's state championship. Only 12 of those clubs will be providing a worker. We can not run a successful

tournament without workers. In order to allow the tournament committee members and equal chance to compete we do not require them to work this event therefore leaving us short handed. Obviously the loss of a \$100 retainer is not enough to guarantee each club provide a worker therefore I will be proposing a rule change for next year in the upcoming months. We will either have to raise the dollar amount or make it mandatory in order for each club to participate.

Classic Report – The mailing deadline for the 2008 CBFN Classic has passed. At this time we have 22 Anglers (Boaters) and 23 Co-Anglers (Non-Boaters). I will be calling down the list on the angler side in order to obtain a 23rd boat. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2008 on Lake Lillinonah.

Tournament Trail – I have submitted all permit applications for the 2009 Tournament Trail. I have also received verbal approval from the D.E.P. on all applications. The proposed 2009 Tournament Trail is as follows:

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

Scholarship Report: No Report

Youth Report: Sylvia Morris
The Casting Championship went well.

Banquet Committee: Sylvia Morris
Nov 1, 2008 is the date. \$35.00 each or \$65.00 a couple.

Flyers, Sponsorship Request Forms, Club Awards Request Forms are all available at the meeting and on the website as well.

Raffle Report: Paul Carter
We are looking for clubs who have at least 3 members in the same town to sign for permits to hold raffle in a different location this year. Each club should look at their availability and get back to Armond or Paul either way.

Boating Advisory Report: Sue Weeks

Construction on a few ramps has been completed. Gardner is fully open. Thames River is almost complete. Permits are pending for the ramp in Groton.

BUI & DUI carry the same consequences.

Education Officer is out and traveling in a zodiac.

Toys 4 Tots:
The Toy drive will be held 12/13/08 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

CLA Report: No Report

State Team Report: Paul Carter

The state team took the divisional! Matt DeSimone won and will now try to make it to the Bassmaster Classic!

The 2009 Divisionals will be held in Ontario Canada on July 22 – 25. Passports will be required. Talk to the clubs as this will be part of the expense.

Financial Committee: No Report

Audit Committee: No Report

Membership Committee: No Report

Sponsors Committee: No Report

All reports accepted as given.

Old Business

Thayers Marine is working with Groton Ambulance in a donation of a defibrillator for the CBFN. Working on getting a grant through Pfizer to get this accomplished.

New Business

Motion made to make a donation to the Dana Farber Jimmy Fund for \$100.00. Motion Approved.

2009 Dues are due in December. Chapters that are received early will go into a drawing for a free lifetime membership for the chapter to use as they deem necessary.

Nominating Committee created for upcoming election of officers; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Carl Pedersen, Ken Dzurenka, Dean Beckstein will run the committee. All nominations must be in writing and submitted to any of the committee members.

Snow Ball open applications were available for clubs. The application is available on the website.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Announcements

CBFN Seventh Annual Scholarship Team Open - Saturday, October 11th. 7:30am - 3:30pm

Next Meeting: October 23, 2008

Jamie Vinyard
CBFN Secretary