

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order August 28, 2008, at 7:43 p.m. by the President.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: CT Yankee Bass Masters, Housatonic Valley Bass Masters, North Eastern CT Bass Masters, Pachaug Area Bass Masters, Wallingford Bass Masters, CT Sweetwater Bass

Excused Absences from the previous month: None.

The minutes of previous month's minutes where accepted as posted.

Correspondence

Lowrance Package is due October 10/31/08. We need volunteers to coordinate getting the package together and sent out.

Reports of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Sue Weeks
Presented and accepted.

Conservation / Environmental Report: Dave Santos
Matt DeSimone volunteered as supernumerary for meetings Santos is unable to attend.

Tournament Committee: Al Guite

Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions – We held the 2008 Mr. Bass Tournament on Saturday, August 2nd at Lake Zoar. I would like to thank Sylvia Morris, Sue Weeks, Lee Housley, Dan Nitkowski, Armand Fortier, Clay Rodriguez, Harry Gordon, Lou Schaller, Paul Lucky, Robert Timms and Dean Beckstein for helping run this event. There were 28 boats in this pro-am event with a \$1000 payout on the co-angler side. Steve Deguzis captured the title of Mr. Bass and has qualified for a boater's position on the 2009 State Team.

2008 Tournament Trail – We held our fourth and final tournament of the 2008 season on the Connecticut River out of Haddam Meadows on 8/17/08. I'd like to take this time to thank all anglers/co-anglers who participated in this years trail. I'd also like to give a special thanks to the tournament committee who worked very hard this year in order to make the trail a success.

The 2008 C.B.F.N. Angler of the year title went to Al Gambardella. Second place in the Angler of the year standings was Chris Simmons. Both Al and Chris have now qualified for the 2009 State Team which will be travelling to Ontario Canada next summer.

The Co-angler incentive rewards were handed out at the last event as well. We raffled off four Kistler rods valued at well over \$1000 and three fully paid entries to the 2009 C.B.F.N. tournament trail co-angler division.

State Championship – Applications for the 2008 Two Day State Championship are available on the web site home page. All applications and checks are to be post marked no later than Friday, September 12th. Any applications received after this date will not be accepted. The pairings meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00PM at the Bristol Polish Club. Directions are available on the web site. Each club is responsible to provide the C.B.F.N with two \$100 checks. The first one will ensure that the club supplies a worker for one of the two day's. The second one will ensure that all participants from that club show up to participate both days. I am asking each club make an effort to send all applications in together with one check in an attempt to eliminate administrative work. I would also ask that the deposit checks, along with the workers name, be mailed in with the clubs applications. Any club who has not provided the two deposit checks along with the name of their designated worker prior to 7:00PM on September 23rd will be ineligible to participate.

Classic – Invitations to, and applications for, the 2008 C.B.F.N. Classic will be mailed out within the next 10 days. The Classic will be held on October 4, 2008. Please inform your club members who have qualified by finishing in the top 30 of each division in the 2008 tournament trail.

Scholarship Report: Dan Nitkowski
Books are closed for the year.

Paul Carter: We want to link the scholarship recipient with a photo of them, the presentation and a write-up on the individual for next year.

Youth Report: Sylvia Morris
August 30, 2008 the Casting Championship will be hosted by Cabelas

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

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

Motion Made for approval to cover the expense of up to 2 nights hotel & dinner for guest speaker –
Approved.

Raffle Report: Paul Carter

Armond has agreed to run the raffle again this year.

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: No Report

CLA Report: No Report

State Team Report: Paul Carter

Boaters Certificates are in process and should be received for all 14 cards.

Lunker City, Herb Reid will be handling the jackets for the team again this year. This is the same agreement as previous.

There will not be a banquet in New Hampshire, so additional expenses to feed the team will be incurred.

Of the 9 boats, 6 will be Skeeters.

We have received 2 donations for state team: \$100 J.P. Salimone, \$100 Armilinos. These donations are very much appreciated.

State Team – Members need to solicit support to cover expenses as well as additional expenses.

Reynolds Anniversary Tournament will be held 6-20-09 on the CT River, out of Haddam.

2009 Divisional will be held on Lake Simko, Ontario

Motion Made send requested club / membership data to Skeeter – Approved.

Nationals will be held in Junction City, Kansas on Lake Milford

Boating Courses available through Cabelas \$65

Financial Committee: No Report

Audit Committee: No Report

Membership Committee: No Report

Sponsors Committee: No Report

All reports accepted as given.

Old Business

The Reynold's Marine 150th Anniversary Tournament to be held on the CT River on 6/20/09.

New Business

Al petitioned the board to approve an expense to cover hotel rooms for our core Tournament Committee members on Saturday night September 27th. The individuals are needed in order to ensure a successful (Two Day) tournament. We will need up to five rooms. The core committee consists of Sylvia Morris, Jim Morris, Sue Weeks, Ed Weeks, Paul Carter, Bob Antonio, Ron Frisk, Dave Santos, Lee Housley and myself.

Motion Made for the approval to cover the expense of up to 4 rooms for our core Tournament Committee members – Approved.

Vote for Tournament Director for the 2009 season was held; Al Guite was voted in unanimously and accepted.

Thayer's Marine is working with Groton Ambulance in a donation of a defibrillator for the CBFN. This is in response to the 9 yr old that required medical attention at Squantz.

Each club needs to get involved with local town communities. Get club included in parades or community involved activities. Include the youth, focus on Bryan V. Kerchal program etc.,

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Announcements

Next Meeting: September 25, 2008

Jamie Vinyard
CBFN Secretary