

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation  
Meeting Minutes  
June 28, 2007**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order June 28, at 7:32 p.m. by the President.

**Roll Call:** The following clubs were absent: CT Valley Bassmasters, MidConn Anglers, Southern CT Bass Anglers, Talcott Mountain Bassmasters, Wallingford Bassmasters.

**Excused Absences from the previous month:** CT Outdoors, Hartford County Bassmasters, Mohawk Valley Basscasters

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

**Correspondence**

BASS has announced the 2008 Bassmaster Classic. It will be held February 22-24 on Lake Hartwell.

The Federation Nationals will be the first week in November. Location has not been announced.

2008 Regional will be held in New Hampshire.

The Federation Nation Online Roster system will be shutting down for upgrades the first two weeks of August.

**Reports of Officers**

**Treasurer's Report:**

As of May 31, 2007 there were the following amounts in the accounts:

CBFN General Checking - \$20,673.32

CBFN Money Market Account - \$11,517.33

CBFN Scholarship Checking - \$79.52

CBFN Scholarship Money Market Account - \$11,273.93

**Scholarship Report:** Sylvia Morris

Judging was held on June 5, 2007 at PLAV Hall in Meridan. Dan Nitkowski once again did all the forms for us to judge from. We had 10 Candidates this year. Our judges where Ed and Sue Weeks, Armond and Krista Fortier, and myself.

The Winners were;

|                              |                      |          |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place male   | Lawrence Fabanski    | \$750.00 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place female | Charlotte Wisniewski | \$750.00 |
|                              | Rich Talbot          | \$500.00 |
|                              | Michael Iovino       | \$500.00 |
|                              | Bryan McCleary Jr.   | \$200.00 |

I would like to thank Dan Nitkowski, Ed and Sue Weeks, Armond and Krista Fortier for giving up there time to do this for the Federation. I would also like to thank everyone who applied! We will be getting together and revamping the whole program for next year.

Would like to note that Dan purchased and donated pizza for the meeting costing \$43.04.

The **Scholarship Tournament** is scheduled for October 28, 2007.

**Conservation / Environmental Report:** David Santos

**“A sporting chance for Youth”** – I’d like to thank the following CBFN members and their families for volunteering Saturday June 9, 2007. It was a very rewarding day to work with the kids.

My wife and stepdaughter – Linda Santos and Christine Olesen  
Drew Hamilton of Tobacco Valley Bassmasters  
Kevin Pecorelli of Bass Busters  
Dale Smith of Wormmasters  
Jim Stevens of Silver City  
Jack Vinyard CBFN Secretary and his son Brandon  
Sue Weeks CBFN Treasurer  
Paul Carter CBFN VP  
Chris Novack and his son Tom  
Diane Nadeau and her son Nate

**Reeling in Kids Program** – Please help us provide underprivileged kids with fishing equipment and to teach them the basics of the sport and get them outdoors. This will be an ongoing program. Please help spread the word.

The collection locations are the following: CT Outfitters, Hartford; Reynolds Garage & Marine, Lyme; Ted’s Bait & Tackle, Old Saybrook; Bob’s Place, Dayville; Tournament Force, Guilford; Yankee Outdoors, Enfield; Frank’s Bait & Tackle, Marlborough; Thayer’s Marine, Norwich; Candlewood Bait & Tackle, Danbury; Fall Mountain Outfitters, Torrington; and any CT Outdoors events (On June 2 they will be at Candlewood Lake, Squantz Boat Launch).

Met the June 20, 2007 deadline to submit our supplemental information for the grant proposal for course woody habitat on Lilly. We will know in the spring of 2008 if our proposal qualifies for grant money.

Motion was made to donate \$250.00 of the \$1000.00 that we received from BASS Conservation to River Front Recapture for the purchase of fish habitat. Motion was Adopted.

**Youth Committee:** Terry Baksay

**2007 Jr Bassmaster Federation Nation Results**

On June 21st we had the first Jr. event of the year on Candlewood Lake out of Squantz Cove. This is the first of 4 events with the best 3 tournaments counting towards the year end point standings. We broke records with our totals and big fish in this event.

In the 11-14 age group here are the results;

- 1) Zach Zeno- 4 smb-11.96
- 2)Gianni Roman-3smb-9.36
- 3)Andy Fisher-3-7.34
- 4)Chris Dionisio-0

Zach Zeno also had big fish for the tournament with a 5.28 smallmouth bass which if it holds up for the year he receives a brand new All Star Rod.

15-18 age group

- 1)Christopher Baksay-5 smb-18.91
- 2)Mike lovino-5 smb-16.65
- 3)Will Dionisio-5-12.67 (also had a 4.95 Smallie)
- 4)Casey Popke-3-7.04

- 5)Jesse Minoski-3-4.85
- 6)Kyle Jacobsen-2-4.31
- 7)Jason Boileau-1-2.48
- 8)Matt Merullo-1-1.90

**Tournament Committee:** Alan D. Guite

First of all I'd like to thank the tournament committee and all the anglers who participated in our last tournament for making it a success. I'd also like to thank Paul Carter, Ken Bell and Terry Baksay for making sure that the morning launch at Lattins Cove went smooth. I appreciate everyone being patient while we learn how to use our new equipment. I have not heard one complaint therefore I am going to assume that there are no issues.

On July 8, 2007 we will be holding our third tournament of the 2007 season on the CT. River out of Haddam Meadows. We will be using our new fish care system at this event. The weigh in will be conducted differently than previous CBFN weigh ins therefore I need to ask for everyone's cooperation. The agenda for all future CBFN tournaments will be posted on the CBFN message board during the week leading up to the tournament. Please stress this to all of your club members who participate in CBFN events and ask them to familiarize themselves with the agenda prior to tournament day. This will help the process run smooth.

As a side note, it has come to my attention that the cable has been removed from the discharge canal at the recently abandoned Connecticut Yankee Nuclear Power Plant and that the security personnel are allowing anglers to fish beyond the "Do Not Enter" sign. Anglers participating in the upcoming CBFN tournament on July 8<sup>th</sup> will not be allowed to fish beyond the sign. Any angler found to have gone beyond the sign **will** be disqualified. ***NOTE: Since this report was given, we have learned that the Sign has been removed and the canal is open for fishing. There will be NO Off Limits for this tournament.***

Once again I would like to ask all participating anglers to hold their questions until after the weigh in process has been completed. With the new scale and equipment the individuals running the weigh in should not be interrupted. This will limit the possibility of mistakes. The upcoming event on July 8<sup>th</sup> will be a high profile event. There may be DEP personnel at the weigh in to observe the new fish care system. There will be students from the University of Connecticut on site to assist us with the weigh in. Let's make sure we all act in a professional manor. There will be an article written for BASS Times and many pictures will be taken.

All club presidents will be notified of the date, time and place for the Mr. BASS pairings within the next couple of weeks.

**Fishing Advisory Report:** David Santos

None

**Boating Advisory Report:**

None – Next Meeting is in September

**State Team Report:**

None

**Raffle Report:**

If you have signed up new members since the tickets where handed out, please contact Armond for their tickets. (New members are obligated to sell tickets unless they joined less than 90 days from the Raffle Date.)

Tickets are due back at the July Meeting. Please consolidate the funds into one check from each club. **NO CASH** – Checks Only!!

**Financial Committee:** Ray Bessette

No report

**Audit Committee:**

No report

**Banquet Committee:** Sylvia Morris

None

**Membership Committee:**

None

**Sponsors Committee:** Ed Weeks

None

**All Reports approved as given.**

**Old Business**

Digital Camera – It had been previously approved to purchase a new camera. We made the purchase, camera, memory card and case cost \$300.00

**New Business**

Had discussion concerning the amount of Liability Insurance on the Tournament Trailer. It is currently insured for \$300,000.00. We want to increase that amount to one million. Question is to change current policy or wait until it runs out. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

**Announcements**

**Heart of Connecticut 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Team Open – “Rescheduled”** July 14, 2007, Candlewood Lake, Squantz. 50 boat limit. First come, First in!

**Bryan Kerchal Camp** – There be a kids camp in 2007. Point of contact is Jennifer Sposta, 203-426-3624. The camp will be August 13 – 17 and Boat Captains are needed.

**CBFN Scholarship Tournament** – October 28, 2007

**Next Meeting:** July 26, 2007

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm**

Jack Vinyard  
CBFN Secretary