

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation  
Meeting Minutes  
June 25, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order June 25, 2009 at approximately 7:28 p.m. by the President.

**Roll Call:** The following clubs were absent: Housatonic Valley B/M, Mohawk Valley B/C, Thayers, Valley B/A

**Excused Absences from the previous month:** None.

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

**Correspondence**

Patty Morsch is no longer with BASS.

Boat US is now linked up on our website. Sponsor provided us with memberships to be split between angler with luncheon and the annual awards banquet.

**Report of Officers**

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Weeks

Presented and accepted.

10% of raffle proceeds from '08 & '09 ticket sales will be moved to the scholarship money market account.

**Sponsorship Report:** Paul Carter for Bob Nelson

The Ardent Culling Systems and the Thorbnwood Lures donation are in hand and ready to be given out.

The CBFN also has a verbal promise that we will have at least one Two Way Alarm System for the prize table at the banquet. They retail for \$200. It is an after-market alarm system for boats, personal water crafts and quads. The alarm system can be seen at [www.twowayalrms.com](http://www.twowayalrms.com).

**Conservation/FAC/CAC Report:** Dave Santos

1. I would like to thank the following for giving of their time this past Saturday at both the Bioblitz and "A Sporting Chance for Youth". The kids had a blast, and I received calls and emails thanking the CBFN for our volunteerism.

2. Bryan McCleary	Ed Weeks	Ken Dzurenka
Jim Morris	Sue Weeks	Abe Kalechman
Paul Dingee	Sylvia Morris	Steve Bender
Jerry Hammond	Paul Carter	Rob Pepe
Fred Wilson		Joe Kowalski

Without your support the events would not have been as successful as they were.

3. \$9.9 million was swept from the DEP's Environmental Conservation (EC) Fund into the General Fund. Of the \$9.9 million, some \$5 to \$6 million came from the boating fund. The Legislators did leave \$1.8 million in the EC for current expenditures and DEP emergencies. It is evermore imperative we all contact our Legislator and express our concern.

4. The Marine License has passed in both the State Senate and House of Representatives, and is waiting on Governor Rell to sign. The Marine License is \$10 and free for residents 65 years and older. Children under the age of 16 do not require a license. There is reciprocity with the State of New York which also passed a Saltwater License. MA and RI are waiting on their bills to pass and do have reciprocity included.
5. The lease with the Town of Morris and DEP regarding the boat launch at Bantam Lake was due to expire on June 16<sup>th</sup>. A meeting was to be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> between Representative Minor and Senator Roaraback to work out a solution in hopes of keeping it open. It is not known at this time the outcome of that meeting. I suggest any club scheduled to have a tournament on Bantam Lake contact Bill Foreman prior to the tournament date.
6. Clubs have the opportunity to raise funds for Conservation efforts or Club Activities. Below is information on how.

Team Marine USA are excited to offer you a unique opportunity to “Partner” with us to provide your membership one of the most needed and exciting new conservation tools to come along in many years.

Official B.A.S.S. Press Release:

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*The FZ-1 is truly a “**must have, should have**” tool for all anglers that care about fish conservation as well as public and angler safety. Smallmouth, Largemouth, Stripers, Peacocks, Trout, Crappie, Walleye.....*

Every product that Team Marine USA builds is made from the best domestic materials available, have a “no questions” asked lifetime warranty and is made in Tampa Bay USA.

**Program Highlights:**

- Clubs will receive a rebate of \$4.00 per FZ-1 sold to be used for continued conservation efforts and club activities
- An additional portion of each sale will also go directly to B.A.S.S. Conservation
- You can order direct from Team Marine’s website, by phone or email
- Member price is \$26.95 and will be shipped to you at no charge

- If you phone your order in, please tell Team Marine the name of our club so that the rebate can be properly applied

Should you not want to participate in this program, you can acquire the Pro-Fizz at Bass Pro Shops and many other fine retailers.

To order or for more information about the Pro-Fizz FZ-1, please visit their website at [www.teammarineusa.us](http://www.teammarineusa.us) or to reach Jeff Strane, call **1-888-464-6423**

MORRIS — Use of the municipally owned boat launch on Bantam Lake will be limited to town residents under a measure approved at a town meeting Friday.

Voters approved closing the launch to nonresidents, 33-21, after more than 90 minutes of debate at Town Hall.

Only residents owning real estate or personal property in town will be allowed to use the launch, which provides the only free and unrestricted public access to the state-owned lake.

Friday's meeting was called after the Board of Selectmen and the state Department of Environmental Protection failed to come to terms on a new lease for the launch.

The DEP leased the launch from 1980 to Dec. 31, 2008, but negotiations on a new short-term lease stalled this spring when the state couldn't meet the town's request for an annual payment of \$20,000.

Frustrated by the deadlock, voters dug in their heels and agreed to close the launch to nonresidents.

"There was a lot of discussion from both sides of the debate and now we'll have to work together and follow the wish of the majority," First Selectman Karen Paradis said after the vote.

The launch will be open as usual this weekend, Paradis said.

To read the complete story see Saturday's Republican-American or our electronic edition at <http://republicanamerican.ct.newsmemory.com>.

**Tournament Committee:** Al Guite

#### **Tournament Trail:**

Our next tournament will be held this coming Sunday, June 28, 2009 out of Riverside Park in Hartford. Please inform your club members who fish the trail that they need to get there early. The gate to the park will be open at 4:30AM.

Riverfront Recapture has waived the launch fee for this event. We will be conducting a drive through weigh in therefore it is imperative that participants follow direction from the tournament committee.

All participants in the C.B.F.N. Tournament Trail are expected to have an active log on I.D. and password to the member's forum. They are expected to access the member's forum on the week prior to each tournament to find out if they have been paired with a Co-angler and to read the tournament agenda. For this weekends event the pairings were posted this past Sunday evening and the Tournament agenda on Monday morning which provides ample time for each competitor to get organized.

Our third tournament of the season will be held at the CT. River out of Haddam Meadows. We will need a key to Angler vehicles if they are not paired with a Co-angler due to the lack of dock space. We are asking that those Anglers provide us with a single key to their vehicle. This key should be ready for us prior to showing up at the check in table.

Please communicate this report to your membership.

**Mr. BASS:**

The invitation letters will be sent out to each club president over the course of the next couple of weeks. The Tournament will be held on Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> at a location to be announced on the Thursday prior to the tournament. There will be a mailing deadline associated with the tournament applications. The tournament will be a Pro/Am format and each club will be required to supply a Co-angler for the event. If a club's Mr. Bass competitor is a non-boater it will be up to their club to supply them with a boat. Club members can be paired together under these circumstances only. The remainder of the pairings will be by blind draw. All competitors must have a valid Connecticut Safe Boaters Certificate. CBFN tournament rules will apply. A minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance is required for all boats.

**Scholarship Report:** No Report

**Youth Report:** No Report

**Banquet Committee:** No Report

**Boating Advisory Report:** Paul Carter

**CLA Report:** No Report

**State Team Report:** Paul Carter

**Financial Committee:** No Report

**Audit Committee:** No Report

**Membership Committee:** No Report

**Web Site Committee:** No Report

**Raffle Committee:** Paul Carter

Proposed to BOD that CBFN start selling raffle tickets in September for the drawing to be held at Reynolds Garage & Marine during the annual open house which is typically held in March, the date as it is determined will be communicated out. Shaleigh Reynolds, Chris Evans and Adam Watkins will be signing the permit.

Paul is in contact with Skeeter for the new boat.

Motion was made to wave membership fee for Shaleigh Reynolds for her assistance in securing the permit. Motion Passed.

**All reports accepted as given.**

**Old Business**

**Motion Made** for \$1000.00 from general fund to support the co-angler payout. **Approved.**

**Motion Made** to record monthly CBFN meetings. Recordings be kept until latest minutes are accepted, they will be recorded over. Speakers will need to identify themselves prior to speaking. Anyone who chooses not to be recorded will only need to state "off the record" , at which point recording will cease and only start back up again for the next speaker. **Motion Tabled until bylaw submissions.**

Donation made to Bob Crook in the amount of \$2 for each member, total of \$872.

Clubs were provided with the cost for each club for ordering of CBFN Sweatshirts Hooded Pullovers, CBFN Sweatshirts Hooded Zip up, CBFN Sweatshirts, CBFN T-shirts long or short sleeve or hats. CBFN will place 1 order for all clubs.

**New Business**

None.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.**

**Announcements**

**Next Meeting: July 30, 2009**

**Jamie Vinyard  
CBFN Secretary**