

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation  
Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2007**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order May 24, at 7:38 p.m. by the President.

**Roll Call:** The following clubs were absent: CT Outdoors, Hartford County, Heart of CT, MidConn, Mohawk Valley, Southern CT.

**Excused Absences from the previous month:** Bass Attack, Greater Hartford, Litchfield County.

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

**Guest Speaker**

Guest speaker from Liberty Mutual Insurance, Mr. James MacRae. They are a new Gold Sponsor, donating \$600.00 to the Banquet. Liberty Mutual is offering CBFN members various discounts on all types of insurance. Anyone that asks for a quote will receive a \$10.00 gift card good at various local business. For more information you can reach James via the link on the website or email him at james.macrae@libertymutual.com.

**Correspondence**

Welcome to a new club "Connecticut Bass Worm Masters".

News from BASS, Gary Jones has resigned to pursue other avenues. He was replaced by Don Corkran.

Bob has received the sponsor products from Plano and the trolling motor from Motorguide.

Trantolo & Trantolo has signed up for a Gold Sponsorship and donated \$1000.00 to the tournament trail.

Please support our sponsors. Let them know that you are a CBFN member.

**Reports of Officers**

**Treasurer's Report:**

As of April 30, 2007 there were the following amounts in the accounts:

CBFN General Checking - \$22,409.97

CBFN Money Market Account - \$11,502.77

CBFN Scholarship Checking - \$79.52

CBFN Scholarship Money Market Account - \$11,259.68

**Scholarship Report:**

Judging will be on June 5<sup>th</sup>, unless the committee can get together earlier.

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

**Conservation / Environmental Report:** David Santos

**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. Starting June 2, 2007, the Reeling In Kids program will be collecting used and new fishing equipment all over our state. Anyone who has old fishing poles, reels, tackle boxes and bait can donate these items at one of several locations in Connecticut. New items can be purchased and also donated. The equipment will be collected and inventoried by Riverfront Recapture where it will then be given to programs which teach underprivileged kids how to fish. 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).

**"A sporting chance for Youth"** - Riverfront Recapture is asking for volunteers from the CBFN for their annual Sporting Chance for Youth program. I am asking for only one volunteer from each club, this will in turn give us the number of volunteers Craig Mergins of Riverfront Recapture is asking for. This is our chance to give something back to the community. Please contact me at 860-869-7722 or [das63@cox.net](mailto:das63@cox.net) with the name of the volunteer or for more information.

Date – June 9, 2007

Time - 9:00 am until 12:00 pm

Location - Riverside Park, Hartford, CT

Directions:

From North of Hartford, take I-91 South to Exit 33, Jennings Rd. At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Jennings Rd and then take your first right onto Liebert Rd.

The park entrance is on your left.

From South of Hartford, take I-91 North to Exit 33, Jennings Rd. At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Jennings Rd and then take your first right onto Liebert Rd. The park entrance is on your left.

From East of Hartford, take I-84 West to Exit 51, I-91 North and then take Exit 33, Jennings Rd. At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Jennings Rd and then take your first right onto Liebert Rd. The park entrance is on your left.

From West of Hartford, take I-84 East to Exit 51, I-91 North and then take Exit 33, Jennings Rd. At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Jennings Rd and then take your first right onto Liebert Rd. The park entrance is on your left.

**Youth Committee:** Terry Baksay

**2007 Jr Bassmaster Federation Nation Season**

Looking for Boat Captains.

Tournaments will be held on Candlewood Lake on 6/21, 7/24, 8/8 and 8/21.

There is a required entry form for each event which has to be returned no later than the deadline date or the angler will not be fishing. A check for \$15.00 payable to the CT Jr. Bass Federation needs to accompany each entry form. The money goes to the boat captains to help with fuel costs.

Best 3 of 4 events counts towards end of year point standings.

Top point getters in each age group; 11-14 and 15-18, after 4 events go to the Bassmaster Junior World Championship in February 2008.

The Jr Anglers will be participating in 5 events to earn bonus points. They are; Heart of CT. July 14, 2007 and the four CBFN Trail events. Each Angler is asked to attend 3 of 5 events to help cook and run fish to the water for weight in. By attending the 3 of 5 events they will earn 10 bonus points at the end of the year on their tournament point total.

**Casting Kids** - Clubs are reminded that if they hold a Casting Kids event, to let Terry know. The paperwork has to be completed and forwarded to BASS. The winner from each age group is eligible to fish the State Finals in September.

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Casting Kids State Championship – Saturday, September 1, 2007**

**Location** Stephen Auto Mall Centre **Time:** 1:00 – 2:00pm  
1069 Farmington Ave. Rt. 6  
Bristol, Ct. 06010  
(800)540-4886

**Tournament Committee:** Alan D. Guite

We have received the \$1000 sponsorship check from Trantolo &Trantolo. I would like to personally thank Joe Kowalski for all his efforts.

Our next tournament will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2007 at Candlewood Lake. The mailing deadline for applications is tomorrow. The pairings for this event will be conducted on Monday, June 4, 2007 and will be posted on the message board the following day. The tournament committee would like to stress the importance of having those who are paired contact their partner prior to the day of the tournament. If you are assigned to launch out of Lattins Cove please meet your partner prior to launching. This will reduce confusion at Squantz. The co-angler partner will be allowed to be dropped off south of the ramp, obtain the boat number and check in for both anglers. Boaters please drop your partners off and exit the beach area in order to allow other contestants to do the same. The weigh in will be held on the beach at the south side of the ramp. We will only be running one scale at this event.

Some members of the tournament committee will be meeting this Saturday to go over the new weigh in process and use of the new scale. Only those who are directly involved with the weigh in will need to attend.

***Request from the Tournament Director:*** During the weigh in process, at all CBFN events, I would like to ask that anglers please refrain from talking to those committee members who are involved in the weigh in. This will greatly reduce the possibility of mistakes. I will attempt to answer any questions during the weigh in but if that is not possible all concerns will be addressed after the weigh in has been completed.

We have begun purchasing those items needed for the tournament fish care system which will be unveiled at the third CBFN tournament on July 8, 2007 at Haddam Meadows. The holding tanks have been ordered and should be in on May 31, 2007. I am still working on obtaining the lowest cost and possible sponsorships for other items.

**“Keep Alive Pumps”** is now an official sponsor of the CBFN Tournament Trail. They are sending us the three pumps needed for the fish care system free of charge along with a banner, stickers and patch’s for our tournament committee shirts. The CBFN has also been given the opportunity to market Keep Alive Pumps and obtain 40% of the cost. Members who do not have recirculation systems in their livewells should consider purchasing these pumps.

Lastly, I plan on ordering the new tent for the Tournament Committee within the next week. The cost of the tent will be approximately \$1100.00. The purchase will include a commercial grade tent with dimensions of 10’X 15’, four side walls, a heavy duty stake kit and a storage bag with wheels.

**Fishing Advisory Report:** David Santos  
None

**Boating Advisory Report:** Jack Vinyard

The state has started a new advanced boating safety program called Coastal Boater. It is for boating on Long Island Sound and beyond. By attending the advance class you will receive a sticker endorsement for your Boating Safety Card. There some companies offering discounts on insurance with this program. More info is available at <http://ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?A=2686&Q=322288>

**State Team Report:**

Next team meeting will be June 9th.

**Raffle Report:**

If you have signed up new members since the tickets where handed out, please contact Armond for their tickets.

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

**Candlewood Lake Authority Report:**

We are still looking for a volunteer to represent us at this meeting.

**Lake Lillinonah Authority Report:**

We are looking for someone to attend the Lake Lillinonah monthly meetings.

**Financial Committee:** Ray Bessette

No report

**Audit Committee:**

No report

**Banquet Committee:** Sylvia Morris

The banquet is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Prices have gone up, but still was able to work out a good deal. Price came to around \$37.14 a plate. Motion was made to use the balance carried over from last year and the \$600.00 donated by Liberty Mutual to cover \$7.14 per person, reducing the price to \$30.00 per person. This Motion was Adopted.

**Membership Committee:**

None

**Sponsors Committee:** Ed Weeks

BASS has a discount program with Ramada Inn. You must book in advance prior to arriving to receive the discount.

**All Reports approved as given.**

**Old Business**

BASS Club World Championship – 6 Man Team Tournaments. The application forms have arrived. See Bob.

### **New Business**

It was proposed to purchase Rain gear for the State Team. 10 sets are required. Motion Adopted.

Pauchaug Area Bassmasters requested \$150.00 for their Annual Kids Derby. Motion Adopted.

### **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:** June 28, 2007

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm**

Jack Vinyard  
CBFN Secretary