

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2007**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order October 25, 2007, at 7:33 p.m. by the President.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: Bass Attack, CT Valley B/M, North Eastern CT B/M, Shoreline B/M, X-Treme B/M

Excused Absences from the previous month: Wallingford B/M

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

Correspondence

None.

Reports of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Sue Weeks

As of September 30, 2007 the balance in each account is as follows:

CBFN General Checking Account	\$ 39,697.92
CBF Money Market:	\$ 11,574.79
Scholarship Checking	\$ 79.52
Scholarship Money Market	\$ 8,608.50

Scholarship Report: Dan Nitkowski

- Scholarship forms have been updated.
- There will be 3 / \$3000 Scholarships awarded to applicants.
- There will be a \$1000 Conservation Scholarship awarded.
- Applications are available on the web page and can be mailed to Dan Nitkowski starting in February. All applications must be mailed by April 1, 2008.
- Committee is still looking for Scholarship Sponsors.

The **Scholarship Tournament** is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2007.

Conservation / Environmental Report: No Report

Youth Committee: No Report.

- Two Junior's qualified from 4 events for the World Championship.
- November 17, 2007 live bait tournament at Candlewood. Each junior can bring a parent.
- We are still looking for younger anglers from 11 yrs – 14 yrs old.

Tournament Committee:

Tournament Report – 10/25/07

State Championship

The CBFN State Championship was held on September 29 & 30 at Candlewood Lake, Danbury Park. I would like to thank all who assisted in running the tournament. I would also like to thank our junior members who came out and cooked for all participants on day two. I was extremely pleased with the entire weigh in process. I think it went very well and hope everyone had a good time.

We had an incident on day one between a boater and non-boater. It was brought to my attention that the non-boater was in the boaters livewell during the tournament and an accusation was made that fish were switched. In addition I received a phone call a couple of days after the tournament stating that the non-boater was witnessed in the boat owner's livewell while the boat was beached during the weigh in. Apparently the boat owner had gone to use the restroom facilities and left the non-boater unattended. This issue was not brought to my attention prior to the scales being closed therefore no action can be taken against the individual. I cannot stress enough the importance of following the protest procedure. The accused individual could be on the State Team right now and there is nothing we could do to prevent it. Because of this partners will not be allowed to leave each others site, next year, until they have both weighed in.

Classic

The CBFN Classic was held at Candlewood Lake on October 13, 2007. The tournament went well. In order to have enough boats to carry the co-anglers I had to go down the list to #40 in the yearly standings on the angler side. We had 28 boats in this tournament. I'd like to thank all of those who helped with this tournament. I'd like to give a special thanks to Sue Weeks, Bob Antonio and Jim Stevens for coming down and helping with the check out process and the weigh in. I'd also like to thank Valerie Acabbo for helping Sue and Jim set up for the weigh in. And finally, a thanks to Dean Beckstein, for giving up the opportunity to use his boat in order to maintain the pairings. We had a co-angler back out at last minute due to an injury and Dean agreed to participate as co-angler.

Tournament Trail

The trail ran rather smoothly this year. The tournament committee did a fantastic job. They all deserve a big thank you from all who participated. I will be looking to fine tune some things for next years trail and we will continue to try and build participation on the co-angler side. Please talk to your club members, especially the non-boaters, and encourage them to give the trail a shot. Finally I am always up for suggestions so if you have any feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you,
Al Guite

Fishing Advisory Report: Dave Santos - No Report

Boating Advisory Report: No Report

State Team Report: Paul Carter - No Report

Raffle Report: Armond Fortier – No Report

Financial Committee: Ray Bessette
No Report

Audit Committee: Lewis Schaller
No Report.

Banquet Committee: Sylvia Morris
November 3, 2007 at the Whiting House in Plainville, CT.
Flyers will available.
\$30 per person. Cut off for reservations is Nov 1, 2007.

Membership Committee: No Report

Sponsors Committee: Ed Weeks – No Report

All Reports approved as given.

Old Business

Toys for Tots drive will be headed up by Armond Fortier at the Meridan Mall December 15, 2007.

Bob ordered the boat for the upcoming shows:
CT Marine Trade – January 2008
Dodge Hunting & Fishing – February 2008

Liability Insurance was updated by Bob.

New Business

By-Laws distributed to clubs for their review. Vote on by-laws at the December meeting.

Clubs were asked for suggestions for disbursement of winnings from state team;
TR186 Triton with set-up.

Motion was made for CBFN to take best offer from members. Motion Accepted

Executive Board positions up for election: Treasurer and Secretary.

Heart of CT B/M donation of \$250 to juniors was made.

Announcements

CBFN Scholarship Tournament – October 27, 2007

Next Meeting: November 15, 2007

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm

Jamie Vinyard
CBFN Secretary