

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation  
Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order April 23, 2009 at approximately 7:32 p.m. by acting Vice President.

**Roll Call:** The following clubs were absent: Bass Attack

**Excused Absences from the previous month:** Bass Blazers, North Eastern CT Bassmasters

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

**Correspondence**

Thank You letter from Javier for the fishing equipment he received so he can be prepared for the season.

Thank You letter from the North East Expos, Inc. for CBFN's participation in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dodge Truck Fishing & Hunting Show at the Connecticut Convention Center.

Special on Kistler Helium LTA's and Argons information; sign up on the Kistler website ([www.kistlerrods.com](http://www.kistlerrods.com)).

Special Offer from Bass & Booyah; order the Booyah Flipstah Casting Simulator (Game) and receive a Booyah lure assortment for free. Call 1-800-531-1201 to place your order.

**Report of Officers**

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Weeks

Presented and accepted.

**Sponsorship Report:** Sylvia Morris

Cabela's renewed its sponsorship of the successful Bassmaster CastingKids program. Cabela's will provide branded casting targets for all CastingKids events. Cabela's gift cards will be given to the 12 finalists who qualify for the 2009 Bassmaster CastingKids National Championship set for Oct 31<sup>st</sup> in Tavares, FL.

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

June 13, 2009 is the date for partnering with Riverfront Recapture to take youth out fishing for a day.

Volunteers so far are:

Paul Dingee  
Dave Gilbert  
Joe Labella  
Drew Hamilton  
Jim Morris  
Ed Behling (possible)

Thank you for volunteering. We need at least 6 more. If you would like to volunteer please contact Dave Santos, 860-869-7722.

Myself, Sylvia Morris, Alan Guite, Mark Levesque, Dave Gilbert, Tom Reynolds, and Cliff McKenny attended the Sportsmen Day at the Capital Wednesday 4/22/09. It was well attended with many Sportsmen's Groups. Parked in front of the Capital we had the CBFN trailer, as well as Skeeter, Ranger, and Stratos boat. Attending a day at the capitol gave us the opportunity to speak with Legislators and educate them about the CBFN, and also let them know about the issues important to us.

A Special thank you goes out to:

Alan Guite for bringing the CBFN Trailer  
Mark Levesque for bringing his Ranger boat  
Tom Reynolds of Reynolds Garage and Marine for providing a Skeeter boat  
Cliff McKenny of Thayer's Marine & RV for providing a Stratos boat

On March 18, 2009 I attended the UCONN Scholarship banquet. Joining me at the banquet was Bob Malloy's family which included Carol, Kelly, Katie, and Ryan Malloy. They really enjoyed the evening. Kelly has expressed an interest to help in fund raising to keep the Bob Malloy Memorial Conservation Scholarship going strong for many years to come.

#### DEP

Able to hire seasonal, but still are looking at a potential 600 layoffs

Asking for sportsman to continue contacting legislators regarding the diverting of the Conservation Fund to the General Assembly

Governors' Bill – Legislators refused to hear, that said the language for the saltwater license has been moved to HB 6428, and it is recommended to raise fees 25% as opposed to 100%.

Legislative Bills – Most Bills are dead. However, we need to keep an eye on H.B. 5823, An Act Concerning the Recreational Use of Candlewood Lake. To require the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the towns bordering Candlewood Lake, to make recommendations concerning the recreational use of the lake.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall, in consultation with the chief elected officials, or their designees, of the towns of Brookfield, New Milford, Sherman and New Fairfield and the city of Danbury, make recommendations concerning the maximum boat length and maximum motor size permitted on Candlewood Lake. In making such recommendations, the commissioner and chief elected officials shall consider the following factors, which shall include, but not be limited to: Public safety, public access, public pumpout facilities, noise pollution, user conflict and the carrying capacity of the lake.

(b) Not later than February 1, 2010, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall submit such recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment.

We are on the short list for our Grant Proposal. Article in the Waterbury paper.

#### **Tournament Committee:** Al Guite

**Tournament Trail** – We are about a week away from the mailing deadline for tournament #1. Please make sure that the proper paperwork is included with your application. The first issue that we have had in the past is incomplete tournament applications. You are required to supply us with all information requested. The second issue that we have had is lack of proper insurance documentation. We need to see your name, liability limit and policy period. Some insurance companies do not provide all of this information on one page so you may need to include multiple pages depending on your provider.

Once again we will be running the angler and co-angler rewards programs this year. Information on the programs will be available on the website.

We may have quite a few new co-anglers this year. Some of which may have little tournament experience. I am asking that our anglers assist them in the learning process and try to make this an enjoyable experience for them.

In the past few months I have received some questions and concerns regarding checkpoints and launching times therefore I'd like to take this time to go over tournament rule #13:

**13. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT:**

*There will be only one official location for the morning check-out and afternoon check-in.*

*(a) Morning check-out: All anglers shall check-in with the check-in table prior to 6:00 a.m. At the time of check-out, all competitors and their boats shall be in full conformance with the rules set forth in these tournament regulations. Boats must be in the water prior to 6:30 a.m. to allow sufficient time for the tournament committee to launch.*

*(b) Afternoon check-in: All boats shall identify themselves by means of the numbered flag, card or paddle to the "Check-in Boat" and then proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area.*

*Partners must stay together until their catch is weighed and verified. The Co-Angler (non-boater) is required to stay with the Angler (boater) until the boat is secured on the trailer or the Angler releases him. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. All fish must be brought to the scales in official weigh-in bags, which will be provided by tournament officials. All competitors are required to check-in and turn in their numbered flag, card or paddle regardless of whether or not they have caught fish. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.*

In the past we have dealt with time constraints due to all boats not being in the water by 6:30AM. This has been due to anglers and co-anglers not checking in by 6:00AM as stated in rule#13. This year I will be closing the ramps at 6:30AM in order to allow the tournament committee members ample time to get ready for the start of the tournament. Boats that have not launched will not be allowed to launch until the morning take off has been completed. Communication between angler and co-angler, prior to the day of the tournament, is a mandatory responsibility in our trail. Anglers should not be showing up on the morning of the tournament not knowing who they are paired with. Not making contact results in time wasted. My suggestion to all participants is to get to each event early. The tournament committee will be in place by 5:00AM at each event therefore there should be no excuse for not getting in the water on time.

**Scholarship Report:** Sylvia Morris

Judging was completed and winners will be available on the website.

**Youth Report:** No Report

**Banquet Committee:** Sylvia Morris

A \$200 deposit has been made to The Chowder Pot in Hartford for the Nov 7, 2009 Awards Banquet.

**Boating Advisory Report:** No Report

**CLA Report:** Lou Schaller

CBFN Boater volunteers needed for the lake clean up 5/16/09. CBFN will be represented on the CLA clean up crew shirts. Follow-up information will be provided on the webpage.

Unauthorized markers will be removed by DEP.

**State Team Report:** Sylvia Morris

State Team meeting 5/17/09 following tournament.

**Financial Committee:** Ray

Comparison of budget current expenditures and forecast will be conducted.

**Audit Committee:** No Report

**Membership Committee:** Carl Pederson

All prospective members have been contacted from the shows. Any calls received by clubs please provide the appropriate feedback to Carl.

**Web Site Committee:** Armand Fortier

Site is up and running. Register with your full name. The at your service link allows us to put vendors and services we use. This will then be available information for all to see and utilize. Photos are needed; please forward to Armand through CBFNmember@sbcglobal.net. Setting up to auto load photos from cell phones.

**Raffle:** Armand Fortier  
All tickets are due tonight.

**Sponsors Committee:** No Report

**All reports accepted as given.**

**Old Business**

Al Guite has ordered the two new CBFN banners from CW Signs in Berlin. The cost was substantially cheaper than the original quote from Macri Signs in Meriden. The banners will cost \$125.00 each. They will be ready on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Held the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sportsman's Day on the Hill event at the Capitol on April 22.

Talcott Mountain requested \$125 for the Kids Derby. Motion Made – Approved.

Recapture project has a youth project coming up in the June time frame, 15 volunteer boat captains are needed. Volunteers names to be forwarded to Dave Santos, any additional inquiries should be directed to Dave Santos as well.

**New Business**

Motion was made for the Toyota Check for \$200 to be put towards the Tournament Trail. Motion Approved.

Motion was made to donate \$750 to Riverfront Recapture from conservation. Motion Approved.

Received a donation from CT Sweetwater Bass in the amount of \$384.00 for the Juniors.

Pachaug Area Bassmasters requested \$130.00 for their annual Youth Derby.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.**

**Announcements**

**Next Meeting: May 28, 2009**

**Jamie Vinyard  
CBFN Secretary**