

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order August 27, 2009 at approximately 7:36 p.m. by the President.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: Bass Attack, Candlewood Bass Masters, CT Bass Worm Masters, CT Bassmen, CT Outdoors, Valley Bass Anglers

Excused Absences from the previous month: Litchfield County, Shoreline Bassmasters

Guest Speaker: George Buck

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

Correspondence

Mercury Motor Guide offer limited to CBFN members. Information on offer reviewed with BOD to be taken back to clubs.

Candlewood Lake Authority Letter – Thank You for the Dragon Boat donation.

Article featuring Rob Pepe in the Bass Times was shared with the BOD.

Report of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Sue Weeks

Sponsorship Report: Bob Nelson

The CBFN has received an alarm system from Two Way Alarm Systems of Winter Haven, Florida. This alarm will be used for the prize table at the banquet in November. The alarm system retails for \$200. It is an after-market alarm system for boats, personal water crafts and quads. The alarm system can be seen at www.twowayalarms.com.

EZ Riser Products provided each boat that went to the divisional tournament with a boarding ladder system. EZ Riser has some very unique products including an after market back up camera. The complete line of EZ Riser products can be seen at www.ezriser.com.

There is discount pricing for clubs that order 5 or more of the ladder systems.

Kistler Rods will again be helping to fill the CBFN's prize table at this year's banquet. Kistler will allow us to buy rods for the table at extremely discounted prices, as they have done in the past. They have also given rods to the CBFN in the past.

We are looking to add to our sponsor list. If any member knows of any potential sponsors of the CBFN, please give their contact information to Bob Nelson.

If you buy something from a CBFN sponsor, please let them know that you are a member of the CBFN. Doing this lets the sponsor know that their support of the CBFN is paying off.

Conservation/FAC/CAC Report: Dave Santos

The CBFN would like to thank George Buck for speaking at our meeting and bringing the membership up to date on the Bantam Lake issue.

The CBFN's Course Woody Habitat (CWH) Project has made the final approval list for the Housatonic River Basin Natural Resource Restoration Plan. Our next step is to form a Committee to begin the planning stages of the project. For more information on the CWH Project and the Housatonic River Basin Natural Resource Restoration Plan go to the following links:

<http://www.housatonicrestoration.org/>

<http://www.housatonicrestoration.org/edms/index.cfm/P-05SI.pdf?fuseaction=GetDoc&DocId=343>

Tournament Committee: Alan Guite

Tournament Trail – The third tournament of the 2009 season was held at the Connecticut River on August 16th. The weather was, to say the least, tough. The day began with an hour and forty five minute fog delay and once it burned off it was extremely hot and humid. Even under these conditions we only lost two fish. I'd like to thank all of the participants for taking care of their catch. The tournament committee should be commended once again for running an extremely smooth tournament under such brutal conditions. I'd like to thank each and every one of them for a job well done.

The fourth tournament of the 2009 season will be held at Candlewood Lake, Danbury. The tournament committee is going to make changes to the check in process in an attempt to reduce time. Committee members will be stationed at various locations which differ from the past. Anglers who are paired will be instructed to meet their co-angler partners at the bowling alley located on East Hayestown Rd. All gear should be loaded and secured in the boats prior to proceeding to the ramp area. The \$10 parking fee will be collected during the livewell check across the street from the ramp. Once boats cross the street and prepare to launch they will be given their boat number and agenda. Boat numbers will be assigned by the tournament keeper software.

Mr. Bass tournament – I am disappointed with those CBFN members who contacted the D.E.P. over the course of the past couple of weeks in an attempt to obtain the location of this weekend's Mr. Bass tournament. Bill Foreman has contacted me to stress his concern in regards to the phone calls received by his office. One individual contacted D.E.P. Law Enforcement on August 18th and made the following statement: "I noticed federation members dumping bass into Candlewood Lake in preparation for the Mr. Bass tournament on August 29th. Can you confirm that the tournament is going to be held on Candlewood?" I assure you that the D.E.P was not amused by this phone call seeing as though stocking bass is illegal in the state of Connecticut. Actions like these, by members of our organization, are absolutely inexcusable. This was a blatant disregard of the tournament rules in a self serving attempt to gain the upper hand on the other competitors. It is acts of stupidity like this that can severely tarnish the reputation of the CBFN. The individuals who made these phone calls should be ashamed of themselves. Had the D.E.P. been in a position to name the offenders I would be proposing to this board that they be removed from this organization permanently. Because of this issue we will be announcing the location of the 2010 Mr. Bass tournament tonight. I have worked long and hard over the past fifteen to build a good relationship with Bill Foreman from the D.E.P. I assure you that keeping this positive relationship is a must for our organization. This organization should never have to suffer embarrassments like this.

The 2009 Mr. Bass tournament will be held this Saturday on Lake Lillinonah. Tournament hours are from 7:00AM to 3:00PM. All participants are to be checked in by 6:00AM and all boats are to be in the water by 6:30AM. The pairings and location have been posted on the Members Forum.

2009 State Championship – Applications are available on the CBFN home page. The post mark deadline for applications is Monday, September 14, 2009. We are asking that clubs send all applications in together with one check if possible. Entry fee is \$110. The launch fee is included. The pairings meeting will be held at the Bristol Polish Club on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 7:00PM. If you are unable to attend you must send a representative.

Proposed 2010 tournament trail:

Sunday, May 16, 2010 – Candlewood Lake, Danbury

Sunday, June 20, 2010 – CT. River – Haddam
Sunday, July 18, 2010 – Candlewood Lake – Squantz Park
Sunday, August 15, 2010 – CT. River – Hartford

Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) – Saturday, July 31, 2010 – Candlewood Lake, Squantz Park

State Championship – October 2 & 3, 2010 – Candlewood Lake, Danbury

C.B.F.N. Classic – Sunday, October 17, 2010 – Candlewood Lake – Squantz Park

Scholarship Report: No Report.

Youth Report: No Report.

Banquet Committee: Sylvia Morris
2009 Awards Banquet Invitation and sponsorship letter was available for all club representatives to take back to their club.

U.S.S. Chowder Pot IV
165 Brainard Rd
Hartford, CT 06114

November 7, 2009

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Appetizers
7:00 p.m. Dinner

\$35.00 per person / \$65 per couple – pay at the door

Information will also be made available on the web site

Boating Advisory Report: No Report

CLA Report: No Report

State Team Report: Sylvia Morris

Review total expenditures for state team trip.

Financial Committee: No Report

Audit Committee: No Report

Membership Committee: No Report

Web Site Committee: No Report

Raffle Ticket Committee: No Report

All reports accepted as given.

Old Business

Tournament Director Nomination – I appreciate the nomination to serve another term as Tournament Director. After careful consideration I have decided to decline the nomination in order to give someone else

the opportunity to serve the organization. I will continue to be available if my assistance is needed. I'm looking forward to returning to the CBFN Tournament Trail as a competitor. Al Guite.

Motorguide off expires 10-2009.

Shirts/Sweatshirts should be ordered by clubs individually. The CBFN will not be placing a master order.

Scoreboard will be sent back for a redesign of the frame. The scratch on the screen which was evident upon receipt originally will be replaced at no charge.

New Business

Federation laptop has a short in it. Following diagnostics, it will be determined whether it can be repaired or if a replacement will be needed. Both options will be investigated thoroughly.

Paddle #53 (lost in the river) has been replaced with a new one.

Skeeter/Yamaha will not be offering a boat to the CBFN this year. Offer that is available is a discounted deal for a ZX180 with a 115HP Yamaha motor. **Motion was made to accept the offer with out motor upgrade. Motion Accepted.**

John Puhalski will head up the Awards Committee. Committee members will be announced by Puhalski when confirmed. Awards forms were made available to all clubs for nominations.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Announcements

Next Meeting: September 24, 2009

**Jamie Vinyard
CBFN Secretary**