

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order July, 30 2009 at approximately 7:35 p.m. by the President.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: Litchfield County B/M, Shoreline B/M, Valley Bass Anglers

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Excused Absences from the previous month: Housatonic Valley B/M, Mohawk Valley B/M, Talcott Mountain B/M.

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.

Pachaug Area Bassmasters - Thank You letter from Youth Tournament held in June.

Article featuring Tolcott Mountain event was shared with BOD.

Report of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Sue Weeks

Presented and accepted.

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

Sponsorship Report: Paul Carter for Bob Nelson

CBFN has received an alarm system from Two Way Alarm Systems of Winter Haven, FL, this alarm will be used for the prize table at the annual awards banquet in November. The alarm system retails for \$200. It alarms system 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.

Conservation/FAC/CAC Report: Dave Santos

Wounded Warrior Project handout was reviewed with BOD. The event will be held 8/14 – 8/16. Handout for BOD to take back to clubs for their support in the event, all information and volunteers are to contact Dave Santos.

Review of the Bantam Lake closure.

Tournament Committee: Sylvia Morris for Alan Guite

Tournament Trail Update:

Thank You to the tournament committee for a job well done at our second tournament of the 2009 season held at Riverside Park in Hartford. Our attempt to streamline the morning process paid off by allowing the tournament committee to be in the water and ready to go prior to 6:30 a.m. Good communication between paired contestants in these events play a key role in running a successful tournament. Our efforts to have the angler and the co-angler check in together along with better management of the parking area were the two key factors for this tournaments success. With that said we are going to attempt the same at our future events. The check in table will be re-positioned at both Haddam Meadows and Danbury Park. Anglers and Co-Anglers will be brought together prior to checking in as well. I know there are some contestants who are not very pleased with this format but I assure you all that these changes are what is best for everyone. I'd like to ask all who participate in these events to have an open mind to the change process as the main reason for these changes is to allow the tournament committee more time to prepare themselves for the start of the tournament. They donate their time and efforts for nothing in return and for that they deserve the utmost respect from all who participate.

Applications for the 3rd event of the 2009 season must be postmarked no later than Friday July 31, 2009.

Mr. BASS Update:

The invitation letters for the 2009 Bryan V Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions were mailed out to each club president on Monday July 20, 2009. There was one error on my part in regards to the mailing deadline. The mailing deadline is Friday August 14, 2009 not Wednesday stated in the letter. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused. A minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance is required to be carried by each boat owner. We will not be holding a pairings meeting for this event. The pairings and tournament will be posted on the member's forum on Thursday August 27, 2009. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Two Day State Championship:

The applications for the 2009 State Championship will be made available on the CBFN website towards the middle of August. Once again, we are asking each club to send all their entry forms in together with one check. This will reduce some of the administrative work required on our part. Please refer to the CBFN bylaws for eligibility.

Scholarship Report: Paul Carter

\$250 Appreciation donation was received from Reynolds Garage & Marine for the CBFN support of their Annual Customer Appreciation Tournament.

Motion to apply the funds to the Robert S. Malloy Scholarship Fund – **Approved.**

Youth Report: Paul Carter

Youth at the Regional's were well represented and did very well.

Banquet Committee: No Report

Boating Advisory Report: No Report

CLA Report: No Report

State Team Report: Sylvia Morris

Congratulations to Al Gambardella! Al took 2nd place in the Regional's and will be representing CT in the Nationals!

Financial Committee: Ray

Reviewed the 2009 Budget update with the BOD.

Audit Committee: Lew Schaller
Reviewed audit findings and suggestions to BOD.

Membership Committee: No Report

Web Site Committee: No Report

Raffle Ticket Committee: No Report

All reports accepted as given.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Tournament Director for the 2010 season Nomination was made for Al Guite.

Al Gambardella requests from BOD for CBFN financial support with reimbursement of expenses for trip.

Motion made to reimburse up to \$1500 for pre-fish/practice expenses for nationals with required receipts and documentation. **Approved.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Announcements

Paul Carter announced to the BOD that he will be acting in his capacity remotely for an undetermined amount of time.

Next Meeting: August 27, 2009

**Jamie Vinyard
CBFN Secretary**