

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order March 26, 2009 at approximately 7:31 p.m. by acting Vice President.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: Bass Blazers, North Eastern CT, Tobacco Valley Bass Anglers, Valley Bass Anglers

Excused Absences from the previous month: Litchfield County Bass Masters

The minutes of previous month's minutes where accepted.

Correspondence

Thank You letter from Dave Santos for flowers sent during his recovery.

Bass Federation Nation Team regarding Lead Ban Announcement.

National Park Service Seeks to Ban Lead Use in Parks

On March 10, 2009, the National Park Service (NPS) announced its intention to ban fishing tackle with lead components in national parks by 2010. The announcement was made without prior consultation of the sportfishing industry or the millions of recreational anglers who fish within the national park system. In the normal course of events, the sportfishing and shooting sports industries (lead component ammunition is also included in the ban) would have been notified by the NPS about this change in policy and would have been invited to discuss this decision with NPS staff. In a letter and a subsequent press release, ASA Vice President Gordon Robertson requested that the NPS withdraw the proposal and discuss the rationale for it with the appropriate stakeholders before taking further action. During the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference held March 16 - 20, in Arlington, Va., William Shafroth, deputy assistant secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, told conference attendees that the announcement applied to NPS staff and the 2010 deadline did not apply to the general public at this time. ASA's position remains that any change in federal policy that would affect the sportfishing industry needs to follow appropriate rule-making guidelines.

Feel free to send a letter personally, as well as an official one representing your state chapter. Also, if any other members or BFN officers want to submit a letter, the more the better.

Letters should be submitted to:

Mr. Kenneth L. Salazar
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Mail Stop 7229
Washington, DC 20240

Report of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Sue Weeks
Presented and accepted.

Conservation/FAC/CAC Report: No Report

Tournament Committee: Al Guite

Angler Incentive: We are pleased to announce that we will once again be offering the Angler Rewards Program during the 2009 Tournament Trail. This year's program is being sponsored by Reynolds Garage and Marine. Additionally Reynolds has offered to double the incentive for all of their customers who have purchased a **new** boat. Anglers who are paired with the top three finishing Co-Anglers in each of the four tournament trail events will be rewarded as follows:

The Angler who is paired with the first place finishing Co-Angler will receive \$75.00. (\$150.00 if they are a Reynolds **new** boat purchaser)

The Angler who is paired with the second place finishing Co-Angler will receive \$50.00. (\$100.00 if they are a Reynolds **new** boat purchaser)

The Angler who is paired with the third place finishing Co-Angler will receive \$25.00. (\$50.00 if they are a Reynolds **new** boat purchaser).

Co-Angler Incentive: As soon as we receive the sponsorship items from Kistler Rods we will announce the 2009 Co-angler Rewards Program. This season we will be offering, at minimum, the same program as last year. Co-anglers who participate in all four tournament trail events in 2009 will qualify.

Motion Made: The Tournament Committee is in need of communication devices to aid us in proper traffic control at each tournament as well as allowing us to communicate more effectively with committee members. Committee member Clemente Rodriguez has provided us with the opportunity to purchase six two way radios through Home Depot for a total cost of \$100. This, of course, is a substantial cost savings.
Approved.

Motion Made: The Tournament Committee would like to request funds up to \$100 to purchase a recording device for our weigh ins. Recording each event will provide us with a back up record in case problems arise with the computer. This will also eliminate the need for weigh in cards which along with the new digital score board will free up two members of the tournament committee who can be utilized in other areas.
Approved.

Scholarship Report:

Applications were made available for each club. Additional applications are available on the web page.

Youth Report: No Report

Banquet Committee: No Report

Boating Advisory Report: Sue Weeks
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Legislation- The issues discussed at the previous meeting are still being considered and are going to public hearings, re: BUI and DUI carrying the same penalties and the expansion of Marine Dealers registration.

Mark Chanski gave a presentation and information on the Lean Project Team which is a process that involved the analysis of the current boating certificate education program. After a step by step study the state will no longer be providing the courses which will be done by private sources. An online data base to

process applications and Internet classes are two new items that will help reduce the costs. The DEP will be managing the process rather than teaching the certification courses.

The next CBAC meeting will be held in May.

CLA Report: No Report

State Team Report: No Report

Financial Committee: No Report

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

Website is 2/3 done eta 4/13/09. 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 must be turned in at next meeting. Checks need to be made out to CBFN.

Sponsors Committee: Al Guite for Robert Nelson

Current Sponsorships:

Reynolds Garage & Marine – 2009CBFN Angler Division Rewards Program is sponsored by Reynolds Garage & Marine. This year Reynolds has offered to double the incentive for all of their customers who have purchased a **new** boat. Anglers who are paired with the top three finishing Co-Anglers in each of the four tournament trail events will be rewarded as follows:

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Boat U.S. – 7 certificates for membership 1 per regular tournament trail to boater luncheon and 3 for the Banquet. Thanks Terry Baksay.

Guest – Back on board this year, Thanks Ed Weeks

Proposed Sponsorships:

Yakima/Wordens Lures – Is currently reviewing the proposal made to the CBFN. A decision has not yet been made.

L.S.D. Designs (Lee Sisson) – Promised their support as soon as their bass boat alarms are completed. They are refining the final model.

Potential sponsorship opportunities/ideas, please contact Bob Nelson.

Scholarship:

1 application has been received. April 1 is the deadline. Judging will be conducted here at 5:30 for the reviewing of all applications.

All reports accepted as given.

Old Business

No update available on the boards that have been ordered.

New Business

1st Annual Sportsmans Day on the Hill event 4/22/09 at the Capitol will be held. All groups may apply to get in. Booths will be inside, and boats will be outside. We are looking for support to set up and show what we do. Dave Santos will be sending the application in with more information to follow. Anyone interested please get names to Dave and Sylvia.

Jamie Verab provided information for the CTBASSIN trail.

Talcott Mtn requested form to apply for the Kids Derby and will be requesting funding support.

Riverfront Recapture project has a youth project coming up in the June time frame, 15 volunteer boat captains are needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Announcements

Next Meeting: April 23, 2009

**Jamie Vinyard
CBFN Secretary**