

Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order November 19, 2009 at 7:38pm by Sylvia Morris.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: Bass Busters, CT Worm Masters, Litchfield County, Midconn and Tobacco Valley.

Excused Absences from the previous month: None Requested

Correspondence: Sylvia Morris

1. Bass Membership cards can now be accessed online. Information will be on the BASS website (Bassmaster.com) to instruct you on accessing the link.
2. Aztec Lakes Bass Fishing in Mexico is offering a reward package of 3 days of fishing to the CBFN worth \$1,499. Airfare is NOT included. More information will be on the website. All CBFN members registered by December 31, 2009 will be eligible. A free drawing of all of those on the roster as of that date will be held at the February CBFN monthly meeting. Sylvia asked that if the person selected cannot go that we could draw another name. It was suggested that at the time of the drawing a second alternate name be pulled. The winner will have until December 31, 2010 to take the trip.
3. Yamaha has changed their colors to red and white which are reflected in their new banner. We can still utilize the old logo on the trailer and do not need to change the decals. We also have hats for the state team and youth members.
4. A letter was read from CT Wormmasters indicating that the club was withdrawing its membership from the CBFN.
5. A new projector was purchased for \$399.99 and already used at the awards banquet for a presentation. It will also be utilized for the upcoming CMTA Boating show and the Dodge Fishing show in 2010. Sylvia thanked Alan for obtaining the use of another projector that we used last year. She is looking for a carrying case and spare bulb.
6. Sylvia also noted that Paul Carter was given the Member of the Year Award at the Banquet honoring him for his many years of dedicated service to our organization.

Correspondence Continued: Paul Carter

1. Sponsorship Update

Toyota

- Texas signed 26 new participants to the "Bonus Bucks" program and received a \$2,500 check.
- Toyota is waiting approval for new program.

Berkley

- Will be extending "Purchase Program" for Federation Nation.

Evan Williams

- Banners, hats, t-shirt, cups, napkins, etc. for any Federation Nation Events are available. Let them know six weeks in advance of the event so they have time to get them sent out.
- Evan Williams is having a "Shoot your own commercial" contest. Each club can submit up to 5 commercials. Commercials must be submitted to the state president. Contest begins on Oct 31st and all entries must be received by Evan Williams by November 30. You can vote online for your favorite entry beginning January 4, 2010 through January 24, 2010. All states are eligible to win the \$5,000 prize except California (California is eligible to vote only). Evan Williams will provide a code and website for voting.

Alliance

- Michelle Kilburn presented for all Alliance Partners; Mercury/Triton/Lowrance/Motorguide (Optima is no longer in the program). Michelle handed out a packet detailing all of the incentive programs.
- A letter is going out explaining the Bronze, Silver and Gold Levels of the "State Cash Incentive Program". **Be sure YOU keep track of all boat purchases and have your local dealers report to Triton.** The rebate form is in the packet. Bernie handed out the incentive checks to the Presidents for this year sales.
- Alliance Logos must be worn all days of competition. The actual Alliance shirt must be worn on the final day. They can purchase extra shirts.
- New for 2010 is the www.mercuryproteamgear.com website launch on November 18th. States will receive up to \$150 free personalized logo gear.
- Angler of the Year from each state receives Championship bonus. Not the winner of the last tournament.
- Divisional Bonus Program - There are two parts, state and member divisional bonus incentives. Boats and **all equipment** need to be registered. Please register ahead of time or it holds up the other applicants from the verification process. The Angler must own the whole package. The BASS Federation Nation Championship winner will be awarded \$35,500. If they qualify for the Bassmaster Classic, they will receive \$60,000 in Alliance Product. You can register online. There is a breakdown of all payouts in the packet that was handed out.
- There is a new Alliance Federation Nation Jersey for 2010. Order form is in packet. It is very important that all winners must wear the new shirt in order to be eligible for any awards.
- The New Alliance Contract is also included in the packet. It must be signed and returned on or before the December 15, 2009 deadline. You can sign a 1 year contract or 3 year contract. If you sign a three year contract you will still be eligible for any benefits that are added within the 3 years of the signed contract.

Lowrance

- Cheryl Spencer handed out the contract for 2010 B.A.S.S. Federation Nation State Sponsorship Agreement which outlines Lowrance "Excellence in Sponsor Marketing" program.
- To receive discounts when you call in you need to have the state team member name along with 2 to 4 other names on the list of someone in your chapter such as the Presidents, Vice-Presidents names.
- Lowrance will distribute product awards at the BASS Federation National Championship in November. There will be 3 winners; 1st place - \$2,000 product award, 2nd place - \$1,600 product award, 3rd place - \$1,400 product award.
- Lowrance had a chance to demonstrate their new High Definition GPS at ICAST in July on the Disney Lakes and showed a presentation of some of the qualities of the system.
- Be sure to copy Jon Stewart and Stacy Twiggs on all orders for the Lowrance product.

Yamaha/Skeeter

- Handed out order forms for the Yamaha Tournament Jersey.
- Update on Member Benefits program.
- Update on the Real Money Program – Anglers has to pay the \$25.00 membership fee or they will not be eligible for the money prize. Also must be wearing the Yamaha Sponsor Jersey all three days.

Paul noted that again many of the offerings are tentative as contracts had not been signed and things might change by the time the Classic is held.

2. New BASS & BASS Federation Nation Logos

- Rebranding BASS Federation Nation logos, new logos for each of the Bassmaster properties. All tournaments have been redesigned in accordance with a chosen look. Similar themes across family of tournaments: Bassmaster Classic, Elite Series, Opens, BFN & Women's Tour.

3. BASS Federation Nation Dues

- Most (or all) State BFNs require payment for each club
- Members pay BASS National one time
- Increase to \$30
- Be mindful of how you present dues and benefits

- We've learned that many members don't know all benefits.
- Benefits Outline & Recruitment Selling points sheet enclosed.

4. Online Roster System – Update

- Bassmaster.com website seems to be slower than usual.
- Some members are still being billed for BASS Times, we have been working closely with those members that have been identified.
- Jon Stewart handles everything that has to do with the adult rosters for Federation and Stacy Twigg handles everything that has to do with youth rosters for Federation. When one is not available the other should be able to help out with any issues. Online printable member card now available at: <http://proxy.espn.go.com/outdoors/bassmaster/members/memberInfo/memberInfo>

5. Membership Compliance

- There was a lot of discussion on what the original BASS rule stated. Some agreed that it was a minimum of 6 members, 6 clubs others said there was nothing in writing and it was just an unwritten rule. Some presidents expressed that they have it in writing. If you have it, please send it to Jon and Stacy.
- Need input on benefits for adding and/or not adding the rule and how it affects our BASS clubs.
 - How will it help grow the members for clubs and BASS?
 - How will we grandfather clubs/states in if we implement?
 - We don't want to lock any of our clubs/states out.
 - How will the economy affect our BASS Clubs by implementing a required number?
 - What should the number be?
 - Maybe it should be a percentage of the state population or state BASS Members?
 - Should the rule be different for Domestic vs Foreign?
 - Should clubs be put on a probationary period to increase their membership?
 - Should there be 2 numbers required? One: to maintain charter, two: to be eligible to send a team to divisionals?
 - Send feedback to Jon and Stacy
- If BASS members are not paying state dues, BASS will not accept their national dues. BASS is now able to see the rosters online and if the clubs are 100% compliant with BASS and 100% compliant with BASS Federation Nation. Please check your online roster to make sure everyone's is working correctly and let us know if it is not or if there are clubs listed that are not in compliance with state dues or bylaws.
- Insurance – BASS Federation Nation State clubs (the organizations) are covered, the individual is not covered under the insurance.

6. Youth Update

- The focus of Casting Kids has migrated from competition to education. The US Sportsmen's Alliance partnership will help serve this format. BFN members will be invited to attend Trailblazer events and conduct seminars covering lure selection, equipment selection, boat safety, life jacket safety, techniques and lure presentations, etc. Trailblazer events consist of various outdoors education stations: Fishing, hunting, trapping, hiking, camping, etc. U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance will contact you and invite you to attend events via email.
- Bass Tackle Depot - 5% discount with 5% of all sales going back to help support BASS Youth program. We can also use any dollars we get as a platform to build on. You must access through the BFN website link to receive the discount. The discount will not be applied if you go directly through the BTD.com website. Must use keyword "NATIONDISCOUNT."

7. Grant Applications

- NFWF (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation) offers grants for conservation projects conducted by your clubs.
- Only 5-6 states applied. 1 or 2 received grants.
- BASS Conservation would like to see more clubs applying for them.

- Chris Horton, BASS Conservation Director is willing to assist with the Grant process.
 - We will get with Chris Horton to put together a list of grants that he feels our Federation members would be interested in the most.
8. Conservation Update
- The Federation Presidents feel it is very important and beneficial for BASS Conservation Directors to meet at the same time as the BASS Federation Nation Presidents.
9. Federation Nation rules are on the Bassmaster.com website under Community, Fed Nation, then scroll down to Tournament Info and click on Rules and Entry Form. We also have a pamphlet of the rules.
10. Divisionals - We now have a tentative tournament schedule for the 2010 Federation Nation. The Southern division has bumped their team up to 16 team members plus alternates (14 adults, 2 Junior Bassmasters and 2 alternates).
- Western Division is set. Encourage everyone to stay at the host hotel.
 - Southern Division is set. Waiting on confirmation of the host city.
 - Central Division – Date & location could possibly change. Lake of the Ozarks is not good for Memorial Day dates.
 - Northern Division – Waiting to sign off on location. Possibly Escanaba
 - Mid-Atlantic – Dates set location to be determined.
 - Eastern Division – All set
 - BASS tries to put the divisional in rotation. It is up to each BFN President to negotiate their divisionals host hotel. Host negotiation tools enclosed.
 - Every Division has 8 or 9 contenders at BFNC except the West.
11. OFF Limits - Jon talked to a lot of anglers this year who desire an “off limit” time for practice fishing to make it fair for all competitors. Some of the points made were:
- A lot of the host cities don’t want that because they will lose the revenue from the anglers coming in early.
 - Jon suggested there could be a 2 or 3 day off limit.
 - Anglers complain because they still want to practice but they have to make 2 trips to the venue.
 - Can’t compare to individual state tournaments. Some states brought up that it works on the state level not to have an off limits but feel you can’t use the same logic when you have people traveling much farther distances.
 - Choice the angler needs to make.
 - For the anglers who have to travel a long way it should all equal out as the rotation of the divisionals makes its way to their location.
 - If you set an “off limit” then everyone is on the same playing field.
 - Show of hands for setting off limits was 50-50.
 - Send your feedback to Jon, copy Stacy.
12. Divisionals vs BASS Federation Nation Championship
- If we had to give up one of these tournaments which one do you feel would be the best to keep and why?
 - Valid Questions & Concerns: Economic times, Always the possibility that Skeeter & Yamaha may not have the boats to run at the championship, loss of a title or supporting sponsor, what if we cannot keep both events. For these reasons it would be good to have some kind of back up plan or ideas that we have discussed and thought about instead of being caught off guard.
 - Here were some of your thoughts:
 - Bring your own boats to the championship.
 - Do away with the Championship and just make the Divisionals the Championship.
 - An angler could qualify for a Classic berth by winning their divisional.
 - From the Divisional being marketed as the championship we would have all season to promote it as the **“Road to the Classic.”** Gives the Classic and BFN more media attention.
 - We want to have a plan in case we lose sponsors.

- How would this affect service crews? Ranger is not here this week, Evinrude is not here and Legend is not here. If there are no service crews and boats break down this would be a problem.
- None of the BFN want to give up either of the events.
- How would this affect home water advantage?
- How could this work as a sales tool to members?
- To make a statement we are not going to have the BASS Federation Nation Championship could be devastating to our members. We would need a sales package in order to sell it to our members as a benefit.
- What about the non-boater?
- How would this affect the money available for payouts?
- Have a Nationals shoot out right after Divisionals. This would also answer the “off limits” issue.
- If we do away with Divisionals then each state would be able to put that money towards their qualifier.
- Teamwork would be an issue. 4 day Divisional award to top team for money or prize after 2 days, then have a shoot out of top 1 or 2 from each state.
- Have Divisional meetings instead of National meetings. This would probably save money.
- Please send all your input/concerns/ideas to Jon Stewart and Stacy Twiggs.
- We are just asking for feedback. Nothing is changing for 2010.

13. Side Pots were very successful this year.

- Jr. gift cards were also very successful
- Central Divisional example: Each state put up \$2000. 100% payback
- \$100 gift cards for Juniors
 - Big Bass
 - Daily
 - 1st Place wins boat
 - Paid 2nd through 4th place out of side pot
- It really works best if every state gets in it.
- Make sure the states that do not get in communicate that to your anglers. Some anglers didn't know they had an option to enter a side pot.
- If your state wins the boat you have to claim it within 90 days.
- State's or anglers winning boats are responsible for paying applicable taxes.

14. BASS Incentives

- Priority entry to be an Elite Marshall program is full for 2010.
- BFNC Champ gets an Elite Series invite
- Priority entry to Opens if BFN member
- Anglers cannot transfer their open slot to any other angler.
- Guaranteed entry into the Opens for the BFNC contender from each state/province/country.

15. Insurance

- Costs keep rising and we will not be going to a 2 million dollar policy. If you need more than the 1 million dollar policy, you will need to request that on your own.
- Preach safety at all times, especially at night tournaments.
- Suggestion to look at what kind of savings would be derived from raising BASS requirements to \$500,000. For a minimal (\$5-\$10) increase in an individuals policy could save the BFN thousands. Stacy is checking to see if and how much the savings would actually be.

16. Please send us any updates you have for your states. Stacy will keep sending them out in the newsletter.

17. BASS will not be paying for BASS Federation Nation rooms for the Classic this year but we will hold a room block for those who will be attending. Fourteen people said they would be attending.
- Please let us know as soon as you can if you will be attending so we know how many rooms to hold.
 - We will meet if we have enough Presidents attending.
 - We will try to block a small meeting room for Federation Nation Presidents to meet.
 - If anyone would like to be an observer, driver or volunteer for Wednesday's practice, please contact Eddie Plemons as soon as possible.
 - Anglers may use their own trucks as long as it is a Toyota.
 - Dates for the Classic are: Practice 2/17/10 Competition 2/19/10 – 2/21/10

18. Communication –

- **Please communicate with Jon and Stacy.** Stacy has been sending out the newsletter but feedback is sporadic. We need to know that you are receiving communications and that you are sending it out to your clubs.
 - Some members did not know about the dues increase.
 - Even if you cannot help out, please respond.

19. BASS Staff

- Jon Stewart, Stacy Twiggs, Bruce Mathis and Chris Bowes are always here to assist with whatever you need. Email is the best way to communicate with them. All their contact info is listed below:

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Open Discussions:

- It has always been an unwritten rule that you are only allowed to attempt to qualify for one state team. Some Mid-Atlantic anglers are trying to qualify in 2 different states. Some states indicated this is not an issue or do not care if this happens. If this is an issue in your state, make an addendum to your rules that you can only attempt to qualify for one state team. Add it in where they sign. In Connecticut, the angler must declare a state. If you don't care that an angler is fishing and trying to qualify in 2 different states then don't put it in the rules for your state.
- Meetings held at the Divisionals are held on Monday afternoon around 4:00 pm at the host hotel.
- Our agenda is always full at the BASS Federation Nation Championship meetings and we do not have a lot of time. We would like everyone's feedback/ideas/concerns on this. Listed below are some suggestions:
 - We need to have round table discussions to help each other solve and better understand some of the issues that we are having on a local or regional level.
 - Maybe have a meeting on Thursday night after the weigh-in.
 - Meet on Friday morning up until 2:00 pm.
 - Have the sponsors meet with the BASS Federation Nation Presidents at night (have a sponsors night where they might even pay for one of the dinners)
 - Meet on Wednesday night and have BFN Presidents pay for that one night.

- It was suggested that the host might put together something for the wives such as a shopping and/or lunch trip. The BFN Presidents or the individual wives would be willing to pay for on their own.
- There were concerns that we have increased dues so why would we need to be looking at ways to operate more efficiently. Jon responded by making the following points:
 - Sponsor world is soft.
 - We are always looking at ways to do things in a more cost efficient way. This is just good business. The way budgets are looked at, we always look at the largest numbers and if we can save in that area.
 - We want to consider all the BASS Federation Nation Presidents input into the decisions that are made.
- Jamie explained to everyone that we are trying to do the following:
 - Push more exposure on Divisionals.
 - Drive more exposure to the BASS Federation Nation.
 - Build sponsorships.
 - Leverage assets into Divisionals.
 - Increase the value for BASS and BASS Federation Nation members.
 - How do we help grow membership? We are trying to involve the BASS Federation Nation Presidents in trying to solve some of these issues. With online video streaming and TV spots. ESPN and BASS online is growing at 25 to 50% a year. We are loosing TV blocks to soccer. If we increase our online audience we save money vs TV spots.
 - It was suggested that we require all Marshals to be Federation Members.
- Jamie asked if we should focus on rebranding the Federation to a tournament trail or Road to the Classic.
- Some BFN Presidents said yes.
 - Rebuild the Federation at the tournament level by positioning the Federation Divisional as the road to the Classic, not abandoning Youth and Conservation.

Virginia has already positioned itself by marketing it as the “Road to the Classic”.

List of issues that need your input.

Please send all your feedback/ideas/concerns for implementing into the rules, a required number of members in each state in order to become and/or maintain BASS affiliation to Jon Stewart and Stacy Twiggs.

Please send all your feedback/ideas/concerns for setting off-limit days for practice fishing venues to Jon Stewart and Stacy Twiggs.

Please send all your feedback/ideas/concerns for Divisional vs BASS Federation Nation Championship to Jon Stewart and Stacy Twiggs.

Please send all your feedback/ideas/concerns for holding breakout discussions in addition to the meeting agenda items by squeezing them in within the timeframe of the Championship.

Treasurer’s Report: Sue Weeks - Presented and accepted.

Conservation/FAC/CAC Report: Dave Santos

1. I Met at UCONN with Kelly Malloy and her husband to interview candidates for the Robert S. Malloy Memorial Scholarship. We selected a recipient. His name is Nick Pastore. A write up will follow after the awards banquet in March 2010.
2. Meetings are continuing with regard to the increase in fishing and hunting licenses. More to follow.
3. I will be meeting with Riverfront Recapture to discuss the possibility of applying for grant offered by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF).

CLA Report: No Report - Sylvia Morris noted that all the Navigational buoys have been removed.

Boating Advisory Report: Sue Weeks

1. We met with a representative from the CT DEP regarding the washing of boats in marinas and the implications of this with the Clean Water act.
2. The reestablishment of the boating fund was not a good move as monies realized from boat registrations are not enough to cover all of the expenses the of the DEP boating division or towns that were receiving these funds. Legislation is being drafted to address this issue.
3. The online boating education course is on track and going through the procedures to be approved for implementation.

Youth Report: Terry Baksay

On Behalf of the Juniors, Terry thanked the following groups, Bass Busters, Heart of CT and Sweetwater Bass for their generous contributions to the youth fund by sponsoring tournaments and donating the proceeds.

Terry said BASS has outlined new recruitment and selling points along with the benefits to the organization for bringing younger members into clubs. He noted that you should let shops know you are a Bass member when purchasing from them.

Junior World Championship boat packages were given out at the Nationals.

Junior fishing at the Divisionals helped those state teams and the time to fish with the team might be increased to 2 days from 1. Difficulty is that School is in session for some of the times the divisionals are being held.

Bass would like to see youth partner with other areas within the organizations – conservation projects.

The DC office of Youth and Outdoors is a new entity that is starting up. More info to come.

There is interest in some younger anglers who want to join the Junior Group. Terry is finding the easiest way to communicate with his members is through facebook. He is also going to have a no Jeans policy like Skeeter so the kids learn some of the requirements of professional bass fishing.

Work details will be developed for the Boating and fishing shows.

Javier will be fishing more this coming year.

Terry said there are many grants available but they have to be applied for and the catch is writing the applications. A friend has offered to assist him with doing this so that in the not too distant future another Youth fishing camp can be started on Candlewood.

Tournament Report: Harry Gordon

Harry thanked everyone that attended the fall trailer cleanup and tournament committee meeting November 1st.

2010 Tournament rules were available for each club representative. Harry reviewed the changes.

The following rules were discussed and revised so they are easier to understand and clearly stated.

Rule #19 to take out the last line and use the following wording – “You can only launch from assigned launch site(s) as posted on the member forum”.

Rule #21 Qualifications – “These qualifying anglers are in addition to 50% participation from each club.”

A motion was made to accept the 2010 Tournament rules with the amendments. Seconded and Approved.

Scholarship Report: Sylvia said that Kevin Lavender has agreed to head the committee for 2010. He hopes to have the application ready to be distributed at the December monthly meeting.

Banquet Committee: Sylvia Morris

The banquet was a success and the change to the Chowder Pot IV restaurant was a good thing. 152 individuals attended and the facility can hold 200. She has already booked it for November 6, 2010.

Raffle Report: All of the tickets have been picked up. They are due back at the February meeting. Once again the member selling the most tickets will win free entry fees for the year.

Membership Committee: Carl Pedersen

Carl will have a membership form for each club to fill out so he has information to use at the shows for individuals who are interested in potentially joining.

State Team Report: No Report

Financial Committee: Ray Bessette

Ray distributed copies of a budget for 2010 and reviewed it with the board of directors.

Web Site Committee: No Report

Sponsorship Committee: Bob Nelson

-Castle Baits, has become a Gold Level sponsor of the CBFN in 2010. Scott Garrison will be donating \$800 worth of baits for distribution at tournaments and at the 2010 banquet. All products should be delivered in approximately 3 weeks.

-Aztec Lakes Bass Fishing has donated their Bass Sport Package to the CBFN. The package includes 3 days of guided fishing, 4 night's of comfortable lodging (based on double occupancy), 4 full American/Mexican breakfasts, 3 amazing lunches, 4 delicious dinners, transportation to and from Culiacan International Airport, fishing license, guides, boats and fuel, daily maid service and beverages to include water, beer, margaritas and soft drinks. Anglers bring their own reels and tackle. Aztec Lakes will supply the rods. The package does not include airfare, tackle, reels, personal laundry or gratuities. The retail value of the trip is \$1499.00. The trip will be awarded, in a free drawing, to a CBFN member who is on a roster by December CBFN meeting. Drawing for the trip will be at the February CBFN meeting.

-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.

Nominating Committee: Jon Puhalski

Jon has received only two nominations – Carl Pedersen for Secretary and Sue Weeks for Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Scoreboards – there is no word as to when they will be ready and shipped back.
2. Bylaw Proposals – Alan Guite reviewed the proposals
 - a) Page 1 was ok
 - b) Page 2 was ok and if approved would affect page 1
 - c) Page 2 b would clarify how the state team was formed
 - d) Page 3 – Mr. Bass would create a way to fund the Coangler Payout and add funds to the state team like the two day currently does – Discussion followed.
 - e) Page 4 was ok
 - f) Page 5 Rule 11 was ok
 - g) Standing Rule #18 – defines how the state team is qualified. Carl Pedersen noted that is this is approved his club has an additional amendment to propose at a future date.

The following revision to the Standing Rule proposal that you received in October by the CBFN Executive Board members was passed out to the Board of Directors.

Rule #18-State Team Qualification: The Connecticut BASS Federation Nation (CBFN) will qualify a State Team annually that will consist of twelve (12) anglers and one (1) alternate angler. This team will participate in the following years BASS Federation Nation Divisional tournament. These thirteen (13) anglers will be qualified through the following:

1. The CBFN Tournament Trail, (2)
2. The Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (1)
3. The CBFN State Championship (10) = 9 plus 1 alternate

The fourteenth (14th) member of the team shall be the President, Vice President or designee, subject to approval of the Board of Directors. The duties of the 14th member will be to handle financial needs of the team, to help with the needs of the fisherman and to attend any meetings that are held during the tournament. He receives a shirt and jacket so as to be in uniform with the team but he receives no money that the other team members may be eligible for and no plaque as a team member.

Positioning for state team is as follows:

1. First place angler from the State Championship
2. Second place angler from the State Championship
3. Third place angler from the State Championship
4. Fourth place angler from the State Championship
5. Angler of the Year from the CBFN Tournament trail
6. The First place angler from the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions
7. Second place angler from the CBFN Tournament Trail (1st Alternate Boater)
8. Fifth place angler from the State Championship
9. Sixth place angler from the State Championship
10. Seventh place angler from the State Championship
11. Eighth place angler from the State Championship
12. Ninth place angler from the State Championship
13. Tenth place angler from the State Championship (1st Alternate)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Harry Gordon requested \$150 to \$160 to have electric brakes added to his truck so he can tow the trailer. A motion was made to pay for this with an expense report and receipt submitted. Seconded and approved.
2. A motion was made to move the January meeting to Thursday January 21, 2010 as the 4th Thursday of the month the CMTA boat show will be taking place. Seconded and approved. It was also noted that the December meeting is also a week earlier with the Christmas holiday.
3. Sylvia requested that the money received from Triton Mercury be used for the Tournament Trail account next year to offset the Food at the end of each of the four events and the two day if there is enough left. Motion made, seconded and accepted.
4. Terry said that Scott Garrison is putting on a tournament on December 6th to benefit the Toys for Tots program. He requested permission to let Scott use the scale that he has been using for the youth tournament events. Motion made to let him do so, seconded and approved. Terry also noted that the new Skeeter and Yamaha motor are out and you can go to BASSZone.com.
5. Mohawk Valley Bass Casters are once again hosting a Toys for Tots event December 12, 2009 at the Bristol Walmart. They will be there until 3pm if you would like to drop off donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Weeks