

Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation

Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order April 22, 2010 at approximately 7:30 by Sylvia Morris.

Regular business was suspended in order to hear two presentations from new 2010 sponsors.

The first presentation was given by Scott Minchak on behalf of his new product, the "FISH-E-GRIP". This product is a grip that can be attached to either a spinning reel or baitcaster reel to assist in fishing endurance and fatigue. 32 units were given to the members of the state team (2 per member), 12 units were given for the divisional and federation banquets, and 6 units for the fed meeting raffle. More info can be found at www.fish-e-grip.com

The second presentation was given by Don Miessner on behalf of U.S. Reels, the federations exclusive 2010 reel sponsor. Don talked about the details of the sponsorship advantages to our members and passed some reels around so members could check them out in person. He also gave a U.S. Reels hat to each member in attendance. Joe Kowalski was in attendance and gave a testimonial praising U.S. Reel's products. Joe and Terry Baksay have both been sponsored by U.S. Reel for 2010.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: CT Bassmen, CT Valley Bassmasters, CT Yankee Bassmasters, Pachaug Area Bassmasters, and Tobacco Valley Bassmasters.

Correspondence:

- The Federation received a letter from Riverfront Recapture thanking us for the generous donation to their "Sporting Chance for Youth day".

Announcements:

- A newsletter from Pro Tournament Scales was received and it announced a new photo contest. This contest will award a free gift to the winning photo each month. The photo must show the federation using the Pro Tournament scale. Additional monthly specials will be announced each month.

A motion was made and passed to accept the previous months minutes.

Report of Officers

Treasurers Report: Sue Weeks

Conservation Report: Dave Santos

- Last Chance for License Fee Credit - Three days left in this Legislative Session – concludes Wednesday @ midnight. NOW is your opportunity to get a twofer! The bill below has passed the Senate and is ready for debate in the House providing more opportunity for Hunters (Handgun Hunting), and more important, a credit for those who paid the outrageous doubling of fees. For those who had contacted their legislators FOLLOW UP Now. With the plethora of bills being addressed, some Representatives may not be aware this bill passed in the Senate. For those who did not communicate-Do IT NOW. Support the sportsmen effort to get a credit on license fees and an additional hunting opportunity. This bill could be debated Monday 5/3/2010.
- Bantam Lake -

Wtby Rep Am. Tuesday, April 13, 2010 9:57 PM EDT

Morris voters say no to state boat launch
Vote eliminates public access to Bantam Lake

Morris voters at a town meeting Tuesday rejected a proposal to lease the town-owned boat launch on Bantam Lake to the state Department of Environmental Protection for two years.

The vote was 49-42 and came after more than an hour of discussion on the proposed lease, under which the DEP would not have given the town any money but would have maintained and staffed the launch.

First Selectman Karen D. Paradis, who supported the proposed lease, was downcast after the meeting but said the Board of Selectmen will begin plotting the town's next move, which will involve creating a plan to manage the launch.

"I'm extremely disappointed," said Paradis, who described the lease as fair during the meeting. "Disappointed because it will be a cost to the town to make improvements at the launch and operate it."

Projections show the town spending up to \$15,000 a year to manage the launch, according to Paradis. It might have to spend more to repair potholes, stripe parking areas, and remove silt at the base of the launch.

The launch has been under the town's control and limited to residents since a town meeting last June decided not to pursue a new lease with the DEP.

The DEP leased the launch free of charge from 1980 until Dec. 31, 2008. After negotiations on a new lease reached a stalemate, last year's town meeting put the launch in the town's hands.

Under the DEP's control, the launch provided the only unrestricted public access to the lake. Paradis hopes the town's plan will allow non-residents to use the launch, likely for a fee to help

offset the town's cost.

"It's the state's lake and it should be open to anyone," Paradis said. Selectmen will take up the matter at their meeting next Tuesday, she said.

During last night's meeting, critics of the proposed lease said it is virtually the same as the last lease with the DEP and offers the town little of anything.

- Still looking for volunteer boaters and non-boaters to participate in Riverfront Recapture's Sporting Chance for youth. As in years past volunteers will be introducing fishing to Hartford Youth. Boaters will take kids out fishing from their boat, and non-boaters will assist youth in fishing from the docks. Location of A Sporting Chance for Youth is Riverside Park in Hartford.

Boating Advisory: None

C.L.A. Report: Dave Gilbert

- All bouys have been put out on the lake.
- The Dragon boat races will be held once again. The date will be August 21,2010. Members were asked to bring in ideas for posters promoting the race.
- It was reported that there are around 1300 private docks on Candlewood, 6500 structures below the 440 line, and about 60 communities around the lake.

Tournament Report: Harry Gordon

- The brake box has been installed on the trailer
- Permits and insurance for the first tournament is all set
- New weight in bags have arrived.

Sponsorship Report: Bob Nelson

- ***The Tackle Hut*** continues to offer an exclusive for CBFN members. Details have been posted on the members board.
- CBFN members are able to purchase items at reduced prices. If members do not see a particular item from a company that ***The Tackle Hut*** does business with, they should call Leon and he will get the item for them.
- If you would like a ***Kistler Rods*** VIP Cash Card, speak to Bob Nelson.
- The 4 ***Kistler Rods*** for the Co-Angler Reward Program have been received.

- Last month, I spoke to the new representative at **Guest Chargers**. A presentation was made for sponsorship of the CBFN. **Guest** is once again a sponsor the CBFN. We have since received a quantity of 6 (model 36202-12) chargers. These chargers retail for \$449 at Bass Pro Shops.
- **Boat US** has given the CBFN 7 Free memberships to be given away at tournaments and the banquet.
- **InvisaSwivel** is interested in becoming a sponsor of the CBFN. They have created a swivel that allows you to easily connect braid and fluorocarbon lines. The swivel is made from a material that is similar to fluorocarbon line. The swivel is also almost totally neutrally buoyant.
www.aquateko.com
- 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 for them.
- 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.

C.B.F.N. Scholarship Committee: Sylvia Morris

- The judging has been completed and the winners will be announced once they have been notified.

Bob Malloy Scholarship Committee: No Report

Banquet Committee: Banquet is November 6, 2010 at the Chowder Pot in Hartford

Membership Committee: None.

Raffle Committee: Armand Fortier

- The final financial results were given regarding the federations profits from this years raffle. If you would like any details, you can contact Armand for more info.
- Armand has also announced that after 5 years, he will be stepping down as raffle chairperson.
Thank you Armand!
- **A new raffle chairperson will be needed, please ask club members about potential candidates.**

Website Committee: Armand Fortier

- More updates to the site are on the way, if you would like anything special put on the site, contact Armand Fortier
- If you are having trouble getting on the forum, you may also contact Armand at
cbfnmember@sbcglobal.net

Audit Committee: Vinny Mucci and Lewis Schaller

- An audit report was given by the committee and Sylvia Morris was thanked by the committee for her hospitality regarding her hosting the meeting. If you would like any details regarding this report, please contact Lew Schaller.

Youth Report: None.

Finance Committee: None

State Team Report: Sylvia Morris

- Jackets have been ordered.
- Rain gear has arrived
- Regional T-shirt sponsor spots are almost full.
- Sylvia still needs clubs to submit numbers for t-shirt orders.

Motion made and seconded to accept reports as given

Old Business

- Copies of the newly changed standing rule 18 were handed out to reps so that clubs could update their By-Law copies.
- Evan Williams announced that they only two states submitted entries to their contest. They will forgo the voting phase and pick the winner themselves. The winner will be announced on May 10th.
- The Federation has declined an invitation to host a casting kids event at the upcoming boat show this June in New London. We are discussing plans to attend next year.
- A motion was made and passed to donate \$125 to the Talcott Mountain Bassmasters for their annual Kids fishing derby.
- The board discussed possible donating to the “Candlewood watershed initiative” and we have decided not to at this time. It was decided that it would not be a beneficial expenditure at this time.
- Excused absences: None

New Business

- Pachaug Area Bassmasters requested an donation from the board to help fund their annual youth fishing derby.
- Federation member Mark Carlin with the help of Tom Reynolds sold some of his fishing tackle and boat electronics on E-Bay. Mark generously donated half of the proceeds to the CT Youth Federation and Half to the Federation Scholarship Fund. **Thank you Mark!**
- Carl Pedersen announced that the organization “Take A Vet Fishing” is seeking volunteers to help out at their upcoming events through out 2010. A calendar of events will be posted on the members forum and anyone interested in volunteering can contact: Jeff Buggee at j.buggee@sbcglobal.net

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 27, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Pedersen

CBFN Secretary