

Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order February 25, 2010 at approximately 7:30 by Sylvia Morris.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: Bass Attack

Correspondence:

- The CBFN received a letter from Riverfront Recapture thanking our organization for our recent contribution to them. They have stated we will be once again recognized on their "Wall of Fame" , located at the juncture of Constitution Plaza and Mortensen Riverfront Plaza.

Announcements:

- B.A.S.S. has requested club profiles to be completed by each club and then mailed back to them as soon as possible. The profile sheets were handed out to reps at the Feb. meeting. The information should be mailed to:
 - BASS, LLC
Bruce J. Mathis
Director
P.O. Box 10000
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
- Minn Kota has come on board as a national sponsor
- Humminbird has also come on as a national sponsor
- Save Phace face shield club offer information was also passed out to the reps
- Berkley is also back on board with a program. Ask your club representative for details, or contact Sylvia Morris at (203)877-0280
- The Evan Williams commercial contest is underway and Two of our members will be submitting entries on behalf of the Federation (Armand Fortier and Carl Pedersen). If selected as one of the top five, all CBFN members will be eligible to go online and vote for their favorite commercial, obviously ours! You will be able to vote at: <http://www.evanwilliams.com/contest> Username: ewadmin, Password: ewadmin0911. You may visit this site and vote as many times as you like once they choose the top five. We will keep you posted.
- Pachaug Area Bassmasters will once again be hosting their annual ICE OUT Tournament on Pachaug Pond, April 11, 2010. For more information contact: Paul Mallett, Tournament director, 860-859-2456.

The minutes from the previous month were presented, then accepted

Report of Officers

Treasurers Report: Sue Weeks

Conservation Report: Dave Santos

- The following are Bills to date for the 2010 Legislative session. Bills can be tracked via the The Connecticut General Assembly website. Just click on the Bill tracking tab, set up your account and track the Bills. Once you're tracking a bill, you will receive emails anytime there is an update to a Bill you track. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/>

Bill Number	Title
HB-5038	AN ACT CONCERNING SPORTSMEN AND CAMPING FEES.
HB-5080	AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCREASE IN HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES.
HB-5241	AN ACT CONCERNING CANDLEWOOD LAKE.
SB-26	AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE BOATING ACCOUNT.
SB-82	AN ACT REPEALING INCREASES IN HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES.
SB-115	AN ACT REDUCING THE RECENT INCREASE IN HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES AND INCREASING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE FEES.

You can find your CT legislator at <http://www.cga.ct.gov/maps/townlist.asp> or in the Blue pages under "Connecticut, State of" then "Legislators".

- Date for this year's Sportsman's Day on the Capital is March, 17 2010. All are encouraged to attend.

Boating Advisory: None

C.L.A. Report: None

Tournament Report: Harry Gordon

- Applications for the first Federation trail event were handed out at the meeting and will be up on the web site soon. **Please note the \$15.00 increase for parking only for the first tournament.**

Sponsorship Report: Bob Nelson

- -Leon Dykas, from *The Tackle Hut*, has promised his support of the CBFN for 2010. He is speaking with Bob Nelson regarding this year's sponsorship. The Tackle Hut will be offering specials exclusively for CBFN members. More information to follow.

- -Kistler Rods will be a CBFN Gold Level Sponsor for 2010. They will also be donating VIP Cash Cards to all of the participants in the Eastern Divisional Tournament.
- -The Kistler Rods for the Co-Angler Reward Program have been ordered.
- -There is still more space for advertising on the Divisional T-Shirt.
- -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.
- -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: Applications are online for anyone interested.

Bob Malloy Scholarship Committee: Dave Santos

- Banquet is to be held in March

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

Membership Committee: Carl Pedersen

- Some names were collected at the January Boat show and many flyers were handed out. The membership committee will be contacting perspective new members in the upcoming weeks.
- We will also have a booth at the February Hunting/ Fishing show, the casting kids finals at Cabelas (March 14), Sportsmens Day on the Hill (March 17), and Tom Reynold open house (March 27)

Raffle Committee: Armand Fortier

- All tickets have been handed in.

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: No Report

Youth Report:

- Casting Kids finals will be held March 14, 2010 at Cabelas.
- New casting kids targets and signs were purchased with monies from the youth account from Bi-Design, (Jamie Verab).
- The casting kids champions from each age group will receive a \$500 savings bond.

Finance Committee: None

State Team Report: Sylvia Morris

- Rain gear has been ordered. Shirts are all done, now working on jackets.
- Stor's it Rod covers has come on board to sponsor the state team. They will be supplying each team member with 6 rod covers each.
- All team members had volunteered at the January show.

Boat show Report: Sylvia Morris

- Raffle ticket sales were slower than last year, but we still managed to sell almost 250 tickets
- We were also successful selling our CT Federation patches.
- Casting kids was also a huge success with lots of participation.
- Thank you to all that volunteered their time at the CMTA boat show, we had plenty of help.
- You can see more details on the CBFN members forum.

Motion made and seconded to accept reports as given

Old Business

- A meeting has been set for March 7, 2010 for the core tournament committee members to learn the operation and set up of the new scoreboard.
- New sponsorships for the Eastern Regionals are still being sought. There are still a few spots left on the T-shirt. **With the help of Doree Jeffrey and Sue Weeks, over 350 potential sponsors have been contacted.**
- Order forms were handed out to each club rep to bring back to their clubs. We would like to get an estimate of how many shirts will be needed for our members to purchase. Purchase price will be in the \$12-\$15 range.
- **Just a reminder: An additional \$15 will be required with the normal entry fee for the first tournament, May 16.**
- Excused absences: North Eastern Bassmasters

New Business

- A motion was passed to waive the first years state dues for potential UCONN fishing club members wishing to join our federation.

- Armand Fortier proposed a change to standing rule 18. He is proposing that we change standing rule 18 to include the 1st Place Co-Angler of the year as a member of the following years state team (The 12th position on the team). The 12th position on the CT state team would be as follows: FIRST PLACE CO-ANGLER FROM THE CBFN TOURNAMENT TRAIL. The motion was tabled until the March meeting to give representatives a chance to bring this back to their clubs.
- A Youth club financial report was asked for by the board of directors
- Steve Savhtski, a photographer who lives on Candlewood Lake would like to take pictures during our tournaments and put them on his website, smugmug.com for purchase by our membership. In return, he will give all pictures taken to Sylvia in October to be used in our slide show at the Banquet. He has promised to ask permission before taking your picture and you have the option to say no. <http://inphocus.smugmug.com>

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 25, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Pedersen

CBFN Secretary