

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation  
Meeting Minutes  
January 29, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order January 29, 2009 at approximately 7:52 p.m. by acting Vice President.

**Roll Call:** The following clubs were absent: CT Outdoors, Greater Hartford, Hartford County, Southern CT Bass Anglers

**Excused Absences from the previous month:** Tobacco Valley Bass Anglers

**The minutes of previous month's minutes where accepted.**

**Presenter**

Mike Ciammella received an award for his selfless act that resulted in saving the lives of two men on the Thames River in December 2008, presented by Mark Chanski of the DEP.

Cold Water Boot Camp presentation was facilitated by Mark Chanski of the DEP.

**Correspondence**

Thank You letter from CT Riverfront Recapture for the walk of fame donation made.

Don Corkran (Bass Federation Nation Director) letter was read to the body

Toyota bonus bucks check received.

Longhorn check for winning entry was received.

**Reports of Officers**

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Weeks  
Presented and accepted.

**Conservation/FAC/CAC Report:** Dave Santos

1. The DEP will be conducting creel surveys on Candlewood Lake this summer.
2. Spoke with Craig Mergins of Riverfront Recapture in an attempt to partner and take steps to attempt to have the Hartford no wake zone on the CT River removed. Craig made some call, one of which to the Hartford PD. The Hartford PD will not support an effort to remove the no wake zone. Therefore, we will not seek to have it removed. We can however get a waiver which lifts the no wake for our tournaments out of Hartford. I do believe that even with the waiver there is a 20 mph speed limit in the no wake zone.
3. DEP will be awarding angler of the year awards at the Northeast Fishing and Hunting Expo at the CT Convention Center. The awards are for big fish catches in 31 categories(species). They are selected from photos sent into DEP.
4. DEP is expecting major program reductions with the impending State budget deficit which could reach as high as \$800 million to \$1 Billion
5. Riverfront is asking the CBFN to partner with them this summer to take inner-city kids from the boys and girls club fishing one day this summer. No date has been discussed as yet, but I'm hopeful we can get 12-

15 volunteers to take the kids out.

**Legislation:**

The following are bills I will be following. I will add to the list as I get updates. To read any bill, go to <http://www.cga.ct.gov/> You can also track the bill. With tracking you will get email updates when there is action taken on a bill.

[HB-5085](#)AN ACT ELIMINATING PROPERTY TAXES ON RECREATION VEHICLES.

[HB-5095](#)AN ACT CONCERNING DEFICIT MITIGATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009.

[HB-5152](#)AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION.

[HB-5206](#)AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INLAND WATERS COMMERCIAL VESSEL OPERATOR'S LICENSE.

[HB-5274](#)AN ACT WAIVING FISHING LICENSE FEES FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL.

[HB-5276](#)AN ACT CONCERNING VESSEL REGISTRATION FEES.

[HB-5277](#)AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL.

[HB-5470](#)AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF FREE FISHING LICENSES FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PEOPLE.

[HB-5471](#)AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR DREDGING.

[HB-5505](#)AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN BOATING FEES.

[HB-5506](#)AN ACT ALLOWING COMMERCIAL FISHING FOR STRIPED BASS.

[HB-5647](#)AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PROPERTY TAX ON RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

[HB-5803](#)AN ACT PERMITTING RECREATIONAL SPEAR FISHING FOR STRIPED BASS.

[HB-5817](#)AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT ERADICATION AND CONTROL PROGRAM.

[HB-5823](#)AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECREATIONAL USE OF CANDLEWOOD LAKE.

[SB-272](#)AN ACT PERMITTING SPEAR FISHING OR THE USE OF A GAFF FOR STRIPED BASS.

**Tournament Committee:** Alan Guite

The 2009 Tournament Rules were discussed and approved by the Board of Directors.

**Scholarship Report:**

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

**Youth Report:** No Report

**Banquet Committee:** **Sylvia Morris**

Sylvia Morris is finding a location and will communicate to the Board of Directors when she makes the final decision on the location.

**Raffle Report:** Armond Fortier  
Tobacco Valley still needs to pick up their tickets.  
439 tickets sold during the Boating & Fishing Show.

**Boating Advisory Report:** Sue Weeks  
Reviewed monthly meeting minutes, next meeting March 2009.

**CLA Report:** Lou Schaler  
Reviewed minutes from CLA meeting.

**State Team Report:** No Report

**Financial Committee:** No Report

**Audit Committee:** No Report

**Membership Committee:**  
Received information from 39 potential new members at the Fishing & Boat Show.

**Web Site Committee:** Dean Beckstein  
Dean is working on a few options. Options were tabled until next meeting for additional fact gathering opportunities.

**Sponsors Committee:** Al Guite for Robert Nelson

Current Sponsorships:

Newtown Bait and Tackle- Gift cards (12 @ \$50.00 = \$600) will be picked up on Saturday (1/31/09) or earlier. Distribution will be 8 for the Tournament Trail, 4 for the Award Banquet.

Reynolds Marine - Tom Reynolds promised continued support to the CBFN, although he did not know how he wanted to support the CBFN at this time.

Tournament Force- Mike Kane Made a proposal of giving 10% of the money spent at Tournament Force by the members of the CBFN. 5% would be cash and 5% would be in merchandise for the banquet. His proposal is being considered.

Guest – Ed Weeks is working on this. He has had the contact with them for approximately 4 years.

Proposed Sponsorships:

Yakima/Wordens Lures – Is currently reviewing the proposal made to the CBFN. A decision should be made by the time of the February meeting.

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

The Valley Anger – Is considering sponsorship of the CBFN.

Potential sponsorship opportunities/ideas, please contact Bob **Nelson**

## **CMTA Boat Show Report:**

I would like to thank the following members and non-members who volunteered their time at the CMTA Show January 22nd. to the 25th. 2009.

Jim Morris	Jordon Dziob	Lou Schaller	Jake Smith
Rich Gambardella	Chris Simons	Keri Kobryn	Jason Boileau
Alan Guite	Sue Deguzis	Joey Rodrigues	Johnathan Puhalski
Steve Spence	Steve Deguzis	Vinny Mucci	Zack Zina
Dean Beckstein	Armand Fortier	Gianni Roman	Dave Maiorano
Rob Pepe	Bob Antonio	Kelsey Kozikowski	Mike Ciammella
Carl Pedersen	Richard Makover	Sue Weeks	Bob Nelson
Jeff Janusonis	Matt Desimone	Ed Weeks	Paul Dinging
Clemente Rodriguez	Greg Carabillo	Dave Mathieu	Lee Housley
Scott Janus	Joe Kowalski	Dave Santos	Jamie Vinyard
Dave Gilbert	Garrett Kruger	Greg Paholsky	
Jon Puhalski	Al Gambardella	Chris Klepinger	
Ryan Malloy			

It was because of these people that we were able to sell 439 tickets.(last year we sold 376 at this show) We had 134 Kids for the casting kids.( Last year we had 184) We had a great Membership drive going!! Carl Pedersen, Clemente Rodriguez, Dave Gilbert, and Steve Spence worked hard and came up with a list of 39 potential members. Great Job!!! We were able to have our slide show set up there also. This added a great touch!! (Thank You Alan and Lee) We also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Don Barone, a sports writer for ESPN-BASS. He is the writer that did the story on Terry Baksay and Javier. His intention is going to be attending as many of our events as he can to highlight the CBFN and our interactions with Javier. This has been the best year for Volunteers. My phone has been ringing non stop! I am completely booked for the next show already! I have turned the list in on time for a change. I am very proud to be a part of such a great organization!! Thank You Sylvia Morris

All reports accepted as given.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Motion made to earmark checks to Tournament Trail. Approved.

Heart of CT requested \$110 for support of their annual tournament. Motion was made and Approved.

Applications available for Silver City Ice Derby 2/7/09.

Reynolds 150th Anniversary Customer Appreciation Team Tournament Applications were made available.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

## **Announcements**

**Next Meeting: February 26, 2009**

**Heart of Connecticut, 11th Annual Team Open, Saturday April 11th.**

Jamie Vinyard  
CBFN Secretary