

Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation

Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order June 24, 2010 at approximately 7:30 by Sylvia Morris.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: Thayers Marauders

Correspondence:

- The CBFN received a thank you card from Catherine Gage, thanking the CBFN for her 2nd place scholarship award.
- The CBFN also received a thank you letter from the CLA thanking the CBFN for the \$250 donation to their annual Dragon Boat races.
- The CBFN also received a thank you letter from the Pachaug Area Bassmasters, thanking the CBFN for our donation to their annual Kids fishing derby. Ken Dzurenka stated that they had 30 kids fishing their derby both from shore and on boats. All of the kids received trophies and "large" amounts of fishing lures. The derby concluded with a picnic for all participants and the additional 70 to 100 family and friends cheering on the kids.
- Paul Carter has had the Evan Williams contest forms filled out, notarized, and mailed in to Evan Williams. The CBFN should receive our winning check soon.

Announcements:

- It was announced that Sylvia Morris will be hosting a meeting at her house for the executive board and all committee chair people. This meeting will be July 15th at 6:30, coffee and... will be served.
- The CMTA boat show in Hartford will be held January 28, 29, and 30 next year.

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

Report of Officers

Treasurers Report: Sue Weeks

Conservation Report: Dave Santos with additional "LLA" report by Jon Puhalski

- Thank you to the following who volunteered their time at this years "A Sporting Chance for Youth" hosted by Riverfront Recapture.

Sylvia Morris Sue Weeks Ed Weeks Ken Dzurenka Paul Dingee Joe Kowalski Dan Monroe
Fred Wilson

- The DEP is working on several conceptual plans to provide refunds to those who purchased fishing and hunting licenses prior to the roll back. The plan they are giving serious consideration is to establish 7 locations throughout the state where outdoorsmen can purchase 2011 license and be given a credit towards their license purchase. More to follow as details are provided by the DEP.
- Change to Statute 15-1866 - This is the statute whereby boater can be fined for not cleaning any vegetation from their trailer. Instead of getting a court date they will be given a citation to mail in the fine. Any law enforcement agency can give out citation.

Lake Lillinonah Authority Fisheries meeting

June 03, 2010

Representatives of the LLA, First Light Power, Friends of the Lake, CT DEP Fisheries, and the CBFN attended this meeting. The LLA had invited interested stakeholders to discuss various strategies to enhance fishing at the lake. Items on the agenda covered,

- 1) A long term goal for Lake Lillinonah fishing
- 2) Stocking Programs
- 3) Fish harvest
- 4) Habitat management
- 5) Water level management
- 6) Water quality
- 7) Housatonic River Bleachery Dam in New Milford

Friends of the Lake, represented by Jim Ball, and myself were able to offer a lot of historical fishing information while the DEP biologist offered up scientific data. A nice exchange of ideas and perspectives ensued for the 2 hr time period.

The LLA has been stocking Northern Pike into Lilly for the last 5 yrs with approximately 1000, 12" to 15" fish stocked to date. The DEP has worked in co-operation with the DOT for reconstruction of pike spawning marshes in Kent. DEP is hopeful to have these operational by spring 2011.

Habitat management was likely the "hottest" topic with both fishermen and the DEP in agreement that the single best thing the LLA could do to enhance fishing is to back off on their weed eradication. The LLA currently only applies diquat for milfoil control to three areas in the lake, covering about 1.5 mile of shoreline, every two years. This year they will be spraying. The Power Company does not see any issues for them with increased aquatic vegetation. And, the LLA reps, who fish, also felt that it may be a good idea but their toughest job would be to convince the other homeowners that milfoil actually can be beneficial. As to wood cover in Lilly, First Light has a responsibility to remove floating wood and has removed shoreline wood in the past. Discussion of

anchoring downfalls to the bank was discussed and First Light seemed receptive to looking into this with the DEP.

In regards to water level fluctuations, the power company stated that daily fluctuations are 196 ft to 193.8 ft above sea level. This is all the lake moves with the exception of flood control and scheduled maintenance.

Water quality in Lillinonah was discussed. Being a riverine system, the lake does not thermally stratify but oxygen levels appear OK with the exception of late summer. First Light has installed 3 oxygen diffusers in the lake approximately 3700 feet northward of the dam. Algae is a summertime concern and has been being dealt with by applications of Copper Sulfate every two weeks at about 1000' out from the mouth of the Shepaug River and Lovers Leap.

Lastly, the Bleachery Dam was discussed. The Town of New Milford actually owns the dam and currently sees no value in removing it.

Boating Advisory: Sue Weeks

C.L.A. Report: Dave Gilbert

- Please contact Dave Gilbert for more details.

Tournament Report: Harry Gordon

- Tournament #2 was held on June 20th at The CT River out of Haddam Meadows Park. There were 63 boaters and 43 non-boaters.
- Harry Gordon would like to thank the tournament committee for another job well done and Robert Kileen for his help cleaning things up after.
- The Juniors collected \$250 in donations for cooking and Terry stated that they will be donating their proceeds to the Michael Greenhill Fund
- **Harry Gordon also stated that any tournament angler who is reported giving any of the tournament committee members a hard time may be disqualified. These committee members work very hard to ensure that we have a smooth running event and DO NOT deserve to be disrespected.**
- **Due to the shortage of boaters on the tournament committee this year, some members might be paired with non-committee members. If you are a boater paired with a tournament**

committee member, your boat will be launched by that member with the rest of the committee after all other participants have been launched.

- **PLEASE READ THE AGENDA BEFORE THE NEXT EVENT! TOURNAMENT #3 WILL BE 8 – 3. THERE WILL BE SEVERAL IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE WAY THIS NEXT EVENT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE MORNING. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE LAUNCHING FROM BOTH LATTINS COVE AND SQUANTS COVE BOAT LAUNCHES. PLEASE MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO CONTACT YOUR PARTNER BEFORE THIS EVENT TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION.**
- Mr. Bass applications will be mailed out to club presidents in July for the Angler of the Year from each club (previous year). **THERE WILL BE AN ENTRY FEE FOR THIS EVENT THIS YEAR. THE ENTRY FEE WILL BE \$100. THIS ENTRY FEE IS FOR THE MR.BASS QUALIFIER. EACH CLUB IS ALSO REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A CO-ANGLER FOR THIS EVENT. THERE WILL BE NO ENTRY FOR THE CO-ANGLER AND THEY WILL BE FISHING FOR A SHARE OF A \$600 PURSE.**

Sponsorship Report: Bob Nelson

- Bob Nelson spoke to the representative from *Johnson Outdoors/Minn Kota*. A presentation regarding sponsorship of the CBFN in 2011, will be made to *Johnson Outdoors/Minn Kota*, for their review, in the beginning of August.
- Our attempts to contact *Motor Guide* were answered. We were sent an application/contract to review. It was determined by the board that the application/contract had too many conflicts with previous sponsorship agreements.
- If you would like a *Kistler* VIP Cash Card, speak with 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 for them.
- We are looking to add to our list of sponsors. 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: No report

Bob Malloy Scholarship Committee: No report

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

Membership Committee: No report

Raffle Committee: No report

Website Committee:

- 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:

- Terry stated that he need boat captains for his next event on Candlewood next Tuesday.
- He also stated that he has 3 more events coming up and could use help for those as well. Anyone interested should contact Terry Baksay for details.

Finance Committee: No report

State Team Report: Sylvia Morris

- BASS has sent divisional entry forms and they have been filled out.
- Divisional shirts have also been given out with Yamaha hats
- A \$250 donation from California Paints was also given to the state team.
- Next team meeting will be July 18, following the next tournament.

Motion made and seconded to accept reports as given

Old Business

- The case for the new scoreboard has been ordered and will arrive any day now.
- New signs were made up by Armand Fortier to be used at our tournaments announcing boat ramp congestion during our tournament times.
- 2 heavy duty aprons were donated to the tournament committee by Ray Chagnon for the sink workers. On behalf of the CBFN, Thank you Ray.
- On June 5, 2010 Ken Dzurenka and Dave Gilbert attended an event held by the "Trailblazers Organization" at the Hebron Fairgrounds. Dave and Ken brought Dave's boat and some bass fishing tackle to display to the trailblazer kids, cub scouts, and boy scouts attending. They demonstrated bass fishing techniques and answered questions from around a thousand attendees. It was reported that over 10,000 scouts and trailblazers would attend this two day

event. Ken and Dave reported that they were approached by both Cabelas and the Rocky mountain Elk foundation to participate in future events. Many scout pack leaders also asked about availability to speak at upcoming scout meetings regarding bass fishing. Communication lines have been opened up between the CBFN and the Trailblazers organization regarding future events and with the proper notice, we will be attending future events. Thank you Dave and Ken.

- Reynolds Garage and Marine held their 2nd annual customer appreciation tournament on the CT River Saturday June, 12th. Tom Reynolds wanted to thank CBFN members: Ed and Sue Weeks, Jim and Sylvia Morris, Ken Ingham, Armand Fortier, Clemente Rodriguez, Harry Gordon, Ron and Travis Frisk, Dave Santos, and Carl Pedersen for their help setting up and cleaning up the weigh in. Tom gave each volunteer a shirt to show his appreciation for their help.
- U.S. Reels reported that all back orders will be filled by July 5th. Jack Pichel also stated that all members will have another chance to order discounted reels once the left handed models are released.
- Fish- e- Grips has asked for feedback from any members using his product whether good or bad. He needs your help to develop his product, feedback can be left at www.fish-e-grip.com
- EXCUSED ABSENCES from the previous month: Bass Blazers, Shoreline Bassmasters, and Candlewood Bassmasters.

New Business

- A motion was made and passed to initiate a \$100 entry fee for this years MR.BASS tournament. The vote was passed 20 yes to 5 no.
- A motion was made and passed to use \$600 from the Mr. Bass entries to fund the purse for the co-angler division of the tournament. The purse will be divide among the top 3 finishers on the co-angler side. The rest of the entry fees will go to the general fund. The vote was passed 15 yes to 10 no.
- Sylvia Morris announced that there will be a benefit tournament on September 12th at Candlewood lake out of Danbury Town Park 7-3. This tournament will benefit Michael Greenhill who is very ill with stomach cancer, and has amassed enormous medical bills. Entry fee will be \$150 per team before the event or \$175 at the ramp. The extra \$25 will go directly to the family. There will be 70% payout to 10% of the field and the remaining 30% will go to the family. A motion was made and passed to allow Sylvia Morris to use the CBFN tournament trailer and CBFN tournament committee help to run the event.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 22, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Pedersen

CBFN Secretary