

Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation

Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2010

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

Normal Business was suspended temporarily to allow a presentation by Craig Mergins of Riverfront Recapture. Craig briefly outlined a calendar of events this summer sponsored by Riverfront. Craig also formally asked for the CBFN's support once again for Riverfront's sporting chance for youth day. Some of the upcoming projects Riverfront is collaborating on this summer are:

- Cabelas rod and reel trade in sale, April 10th and 11th
- A sporting chance for youth day, June 19th 10am – 2pm at Riverside Park
- Travelers Golf Championship / Wounded Warrior project fishing night, June 23rd 5pm-9pm at Weathersfield Cove
- Riverfest / Wounded Warrior Project fishing morning (tentative) July 10th 7am-12 noon
- Connecticut Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project, August 6th and 7th at Riverside Park

If anyone is interested in volunteering at anyone of these events, please contact Dave Santos or Sylvia Morris for more details.

Roll Call: No clubs absent.

Correspondence:

- The Federation received a Birthday card honoring the late Bob Malloy's birthday. The card contained a \$125.00 donation to the Robert S. Malloy scholarship fund in honor of Bob. The donation was made by Bob's Mom Sylvia, sister Deb, and brothers Craig and Brian.

Announcements:

- Dean Beckstein and Chris Simons are both doing well following their respective medical procedures.
- Congratulations to Al Gambardella and family for the birth of their daughter Sophia Noel, on St. Patricks day 2010.
- The ESPN2 Bassmaster Classic show has once again been nominated for an Emmy award.
- Stacey Twiggs of Bassmaster has extended his thanks for the club profiles that have been arriving from the Federation Nation clubs and asked that future profiles be submitted electronically if possible. His e-mail address is stacey.s.twiggs@bassmaster.com
- Pachaug Area Bassmasters annual "ICE BREAKER" will be held on April 11 on Pachaug.
- Heart of Connecticut Bassmasters will hold their annual spring tournament on April 11 on Lillinah.

- Housatonic Valley's annual Brian Kerchal memorial tournament will be April 25 on Candlewood.

The minutes from the previous month were presented, then accepted

Report of Officers

Treasurers Report: Sue Weeks

Conservation Report: Dave Santos

- On March 17, 2010 Members of the CBFN participated in the 2nd annual Sportman's Day at the Capital. It was well attended, and had the opportunity to ask Legislators if they support SB Bill 207 which is the bill to roll back sportman's licenses. Every Legislator we spoke with support the bill. We also had the opportunity to sit in on the Environmental Committee session where the joint favored the bill out of Committee. It is now more important than ever to keep calling, writing, and emailing your Legislator urging their support of the bill.
- Thank you to the following who attended the Sportman's Day at the Capital:
 - Sylvia Morris
 - Sue Weeks
 - Carl Pedersen - brought his boat
 - Mark Levesque - brought his boat
 - Dave Santos
- On March 18, 2010, I attended the UCONN Scholarship. The Robert S. Malloy Memorial Scholarship went to Nick Pastore, and he wants to join a CBFN club to fish both club tournaments and the CBFN tournament trail. Let's all welcome Nick with open arms.
- During the month of May we have the opportunity to take a Legislator fishing. You can take the Legislator on any body of water you want. For those interested, names will be given to Rep Minor. Together with the CBFN, we will match CBFN boaters with a Legislator during the month of May. Once matched up, it will be up to the angler and Legislator to work out where and when they will fish. Anyone interested please contact Sylvia Morris (203- 877-0280) or Dave Santos (860-869-7722).
- On June 19, 2010 we will again partner with Riverfront Recapture for their Sporting Chance for Youth. We are asking for volunteer boaters and non-boaters to help assist

with taking the youth fishing, both on boats and from their dock. For those interested in volunteering your time please contact Dave Santos at 860-869-7722.

- Lastly, I'd like to say thank you goes to all members of the CBFN. Because of the success of the Sure-Life program and anglers purchasing Keep Alive, Tony and Lane Gergley have invited me down to Texas to fish Lake Amistad, all expenses paid. Without the support of our members this would not have happened for me. Thank you.

- Respectfully submitted

David A. Santos
Conservation Director

Boating Advisory: None

C.L.A. Report: Dave Gilbert

- Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Jerry Murray with 14 people present .
- Jan. 13th meeting minute's were read and accepted . There will be a Rec. seminar at the Westconn. In Danbury on march 11th . CLA banquet will be voted on in DEC. to give more people access to going . The DEP will be giving total control of lake patrol to the CLA Marine patrol .The CLA will have a total of 25 officer's patrolling the lake this year.
- All officers will be completing a First Aid course-CPR course - 3 hour Law review - Boating Law Review. Hazmat buoy's and speed limit buoy's will be put out by the CLA, deadline for comment's is March 24th . There is some talk that folk's would like to go to the old fashion type draw down . CLA clean-up date is May 22nd this year . CLA is looking for opinion's on putting up a new building for there meetings .Thinking of 2 sites in Danbury and or one Sherman .They mite ask another Club or Organization to share the cost and building .The new engine that was bought for the work boat has been put on. There will be 2 testing days for shoreline land owner's to have there fertilizer's tested and to receive suggestion's what fertilizer they should use.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm .

Tournament Report: Harry Gordon

- Applications for the first Federation are now on the web site. **Please note the \$15.00 increase for parking only for the first tournament.**
- Tournament Committee will be meeting at Sylvia Morris's home on Sunday March, 28
- The Brakes for the trailer will be installed next Tuesday.

Sponsorship Report: Bob Nelson

- Leon Dykas, from *The Tackle Hut*, is giving, a JB Custom's Thundershad Crankbait Rod and an Ardent C400 reel to the CBFN. The Tackle Hut has also offered a special opportunity, exclusively for CBFN members. See your Club rep for details or contact Bob Nelson or Sylvia Morris.
- CBFN members will be 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.
- -*Kistler Rods* has given us VIP Cash Cards for all of the participants in the Eastern Divisional Tournament. These cards will be distributed during registration for the tournament.
- -The Kistler Rods for the Co-Angler Reward Program have been ordered. We will have them before the first tournament
- -Bob Nelson spoke to the new representative at Guest chargers. A presentation was made and the new representative is showing it to the company. A decision should be made very shortly.
- -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 and DUE APRIL 1!

Bob Malloy Scholarship Committee: No Report

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

Membership Committee: Carl Pedersen

- Perspective members from all the winter shows are currently being contacted and directed to clubs in their areas.

- THANK YOU TO ALL THE FEDERATION MEMBERS WHO HELPED WITH THE MEMBERSHIP BOOTH AT ALL THE WINTER SHOWS THIS YEAR.

Raffle Committee: Armand Fortier

- Drawing to be held this Saturday at Reynolds Marine open house

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: Sylvia Morris

We held our First Annual Casting Kids Finals today at 11:00 at Cabelas. We had our daily winners from the January and February Shows arrive at 10:30 to register and practice. At 11:00 we started the competition. We had 6 children in the 7 to 10 age group, they were:

Douglas Lacombe
Kienan Giller
Paisley Kostick
Murphy Gruninger
Kyle Langlois
Paul Guglietta

Our winner in this age group was Douglas Lacombe of West Greenwich, RI., winning a 500.00 US Savings Bond ,provided by the CBFN Juniors and a Lucite encased Bryan V Kerchal Bassmaster Classic Medalion, provided by the Bryan V Kerchal Memorial Foundation.

We had 7 Children in the 11 to 14 age group, they were:

Matt Delbuono
Anthony Pacheco
Haley Mossa
Damien Nadeau
Mike Scuderi
Benjamin Gould
Brandyn Balzano

Our winner in this age group was Matt Delbuono of Newington, Ct., winning a 500.00 US Savings Bond,

provided by the CBFN Juniors and a Lucite encased Bryan V Kerchal Bassmaster Classic Medalion, provided by the Bryan V Kerchal Memorial Foundation.

All the contestants received a Rapala Lure, compliments of Rapala. They also received a Bryan V Kerchal Whistle, Pin, and full set of Bryan V Kerchal Collector Trading Cards compliments of the Bryan V Kerchal Memorial Foundation.

We also had a Membership Booth from 11:00 to 2:00 and met quite a few great potential members!!

I would like to thank the following people for volunteering there time:

Ed and Sue Weeks
Carl Pedersen
Dave Santos
Armand Fortier
Jim Morris
Terry Baksay

We had Bill Decoteau there taking great pictures and he will write an article about us For BassEast.com. He will send them to Armand to put on our website. Thank You Bill!!!

A special Thank You to our CBFN Juniors , The Bryan V Kerchal Memorial Foundation and Rapala.

Thank All of you!!!

Sylvia Morris

Finance Committee: None

State Team Report: Sylvia Morris

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

Winter shows Report: Sylvia Morris

- Bass Times has said they will be doing an article on how the CT Federation Nation is carrying on the casting kids program on our own.
- This years shows were a success, the federation had sold 742 raffle tickets, had 260 total casting kids contestants, successful sales of CBFN patches , and a generous amount of donations to our J.R. Federation.

- You can see more details on the CBFN members forum.

Motion made and seconded to accept reports as given

Old Business

- Tom O'Connor of the Mohawk Valley Basscasters has accepted the Aztec Bass fishing trip to Mexico.
- Larry Barnes of the MidConn Bass Anglers gave a very nice presentation to the board of directors regarding his trip to Texas to fish with Jeff Kriet. This trip was courtesy of LONGHORN Tobacco. Larry said he had a phenomenal time, Jeff Kriet was awesome and LONGHORN picked up the entire tab.
- A roll call vote was held regarding the proposed change to standing rule # 18. The proposal passed, 16 yes to 10 no votes. The first place Co-angler from the trail will now gain a spot on the state team as the 12th man on the team.
- **Just a reminder: An additional \$15 will be required with the normal entry fee for the first tournament, May 16.**
- Excused absences: None

New Business

- Barbara Neff contracted the CBFN about possibly hosting a casting kids event at the upcoming first annual New London boat show on June 19, 2010. The CBFN agreed to decline this invitation due to our standing commitment to the RiverFront Recapture Sporting chance for youth day, on the same date. Terry Baksay will be notified and asked if he would like to attend with the juniors.
- Joe Kowalski is once again requesting volunteers for the "Wounded Warriors" event in Hartford this year. The event will be held in Riverside Park on August 6th and 7th. He needs 8 boats per day, if interested please contact Joe Kowalski for more info.
- Motion made and passed to supplement the recent Robert S. Malloy (UCONN) scholarship by \$50 to make up for the \$50 fee charged by UCONN.
- Motion made and passed to donate \$750 to Riverfront Recapture for their "Sporting chance for youth day".
- Motion made and passed to loan out the CBFN's back-up scale to Housatonic Valley Bassmasters for their annual Brian Kerchal memorial tournament.
- Paul Carter brought forth an amendment to standing rule #8. After much discussion, a roll call vote was held and the proposal was voted down. 3 yes and 23 no votes.
- Talcott Mountain Bassmasters requested \$125 for upcoming Kids fishing derby on June 12,2010.

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

Next Meeting: March 25, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Pedersen

CBFN Secretary