

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order February 28, 2008 at 7:32 p.m., by the President.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: None.

Excused Absences from the previous month: None

The minutes of previous month's minutes where accepted.

Correspondence

Berkley, Abu Garcia, Fenwick, Stren and Spiderwire in support of the Federation Nation are offering a web discount purchase program. The program is only on purchases from the websites. All purchases are for personal use only. Product may not be resold or purchased for friends, family, etc. The sites are:

www.berkley-fishing.com
www.abugarcia.com
www.fenwickfishing.com
www.stren.com
www.spiderwire.com

Purolator has offers as well where purchases can earn money back for the club.

Toyota has some significant promotional offers as well.

Evan Williams has granted us the \$250.00 in purchases with receipt for the banquet again this year.

Reports of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Sue Weeks
Presented and accepted.

Scholarship Report: Sylvia Morris
- 1 student from UConn was selected.
- No applications as of yet. April 1, 2008 is the deadline for scholarship applications.
Motion made to made the scholarship recipient from UConn an Honorary BASS member, getting him set up to fish this year. Motion Approved.

Conservation / Environmental Report: Dave Santos
On February 7, 2008 I attended the Connecticut Sportsmen Caucus reception at Cabela's. The Connecticut Sportsmen's Caucus is a member of the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), whose mission is to unite state legislators to support hunting, fishing and trapping in America. Attending the reception gave me the opportunity to meet with key State Legislators to discuss legislative matters we as a fishing organization have an interest in. I was able to establish a dialogue with them with which to build a solid relationship. For more information on the NACS visit
<http://www.statesportsmenslink.org/About/mission.cfm>

Raised Legislative Bills:
[HB-5137](#)AN ACT CREATING A CONSERVATION TAX CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS
[HB-5142](#)AN ACT CONCERNING THE MOTOR BOAT FUEL TAXES AND THE CONSERVATION FUND
[HB-5147](#)AN ACT CONCERNING INVASIVE PLANTS

[HB-5454](#)AN ACT CONCERNING HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL

[HB-5828](#)AN ACT CONCERNING CANDLEWOOD LAKE BOAT USE PERMITS

[HB-5831](#)AN ACT CONCERNING NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

[SB-224](#)AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FUELS TAX BY BOATERS

[SB-226](#)AN ACT CONCERNING HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES AND HONORABLY DISCHARGED NONRESIDENTS

[SB-362](#)AN ACT CONCERNING RIVERFRONT PROTECTION

[SB-371](#)AN ACT INCREASING MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONSERVATION OFFICERS

2008 B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Conservation Workshops Greenville, NC

Topics of discussion included the following:

1. Funding for State Conservation initiatives
 - Dobyys Freshwater Conservation Rod Program
 - Sure-Life Conservation Team
2. Marine Protected Areas (MPA) and inland implications
3. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations for recreational boaters
4. Update on Louisiana Access Case
5. Bass 'n Grass relationship – A discussion on aquatic vegetation management
 - Selective control of aquatic weed control
 - Methods of aquatic weed control
 - Why aquatic herbicides
 - Pesticide registration and permits
 - Aquatic plant identification

Discussion on the Candlewood Sticker issue, for more information regarding the current status of the issue you can go to CTFisherman.com.

Youth Committee: No Report.

Tournament Committee: Al Guite

The 2008 C.B.F.N. Tournament applications will be available on the web site within the next week. The mailing address has been changed to the following:

Connecticut BASS Federation Nation
P.O. Box 321
Kensington, CT. 06037

Please remind all members to read the application thoroughly and provide all requested information. Last year Jack had to make numerous phone calls throughout the season in an attempt to obtain information that should have been provided with the application.

The new permit applications required by the United States Coast Guard were mailed on February 13, 2008. These additional permits are required for any tournament over 50 boats on the Connecticut River.

I spoke to Nick Kaplanis from the Danbury Park and Rec. Dept. earlier today. We have obtained verbal approval to use Candlewood Lake Park for the first trail event on May 18, 2008 and for the State Championship on September 27-28, 2008. Nick asked me if we would be receptive in having the concession stand open in the morning selling coffee and breakfast sandwiches. I told him that I thought it

would be a great idea and assured him that we would get the word out prior to the event. I requested that he ask the concession manager to open by 5:00AM.

In attempt to build participation on the co-angler side of the trail, I would like to hear some ideas from the membership. Please give me a call or send me an e-mail with your suggestions.

As we discussed last month, I will be requesting funding in order to purchase some new items for the tournament trail. I will make these proposals under new business.

Fishing Advisory Report: No Report

Boating Advisory Report: Sue Weeks
Next Meeting is 3/12/08.

State Team Report:

The next team meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 9, 2008.

N.H. Boaters Card for tournaments. Boating Certificate, Insurance, Federation Nation Card; copies of all must be submitted. Anglers' responsibility to ensure we have current versions of all.

Raffle Report: Armand Fortier

We doubled our sales over last year. Two clubs still have not picked up their tickets. All ticket sales must be turned in by 4/24/08. Drawing is 5/12/08.

Financial Committee: No Report

Audit Committee: Lewis Schaller

Schedule for audit is being worked on.

Membership Committee:

Approximately 25 people were looking for clubs as either boaters or non-boaters. We were able to set them up with their local clubs.

Sponsors Committee: Ed Weeks

All Reports approved as given.

Old Business

Participation at the shows was excellent. Sylvia Morris, THANK YOU to all who supported the efforts. We ended up with 48 workers and 12 juniors.

Special Thanks to: Reynolds Garage, CT Marine Trade & CT Dodge Truck Show.

Triton boat is ready for delivery.

March 8 & 9 there will be a Casting Kids at Cabela's. Two State Team members are needed for the 8th.

New Business

Motion was made to approve the purchase of two new 15' X 10' tents to include the set up pieces. Motion Approved

Motion was made for purchase of new 12' V-nose dual axle aluminum trailer. Motion Approved Unanimously.

Motion was made for CBFN to defray the cost for the Heart of CT Junior Bass tournament scheduled for 4/12/08 on Lilly. 10% of proceeds will go to the Youth program. Motion Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.

Announcements

MidConn Anglers 2nd Annual New & Used Fishing Tackle Sale – Saturday March 22, 2008

Heart of CT Bassmasters - 10th Annual Team Open on Lake Lillinonah, Saturday, April 12, 2008

Housatonic Valley Bassmasters, 14th Annual Open Team Tournament in Memory of Bryan V. Kerchal. April 27, 2008

Next Meeting: March 27, 2008

Jamie Vinyard
CBFN Secretary