

**Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation was called to order January 23, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. by the President.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: Bass Busters, CT Outdoors, MidConn Anglers

Excused Absences from the previous month: N/A

The previous month's minutes were accepted with the following amendment:

A \$100 donation was made to the Youth Group from the Mohawk Valley Basscasters towards "Adopt a Youth Angler", the challenge was made by Dan Nitkowski to all other clubs to do the same.

Correspondence

Yamaha & Skeeter Partnership Announced.

Reports of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Sue Weeks
Presented and accepted.

Scholarship Report: Sylvia Morris
- UConn interviews scheduled for Jan 31st. A permanent account has been created at UConn.
- April 1, 2008 is the deadline for scholarship applications.

Conservation / Environmental Report: No Report.

Youth Committee: No Report.

Tournament Committee: Al Guite
There will be a tournament committee meeting on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at Jim and Sylvia Morris' house in Milford. The time of the meeting has not been determined yet. If anyone is interested in joining the Tournament Committee please contact Sylvia Morris or Al Guite.
The Tournament Committee is in desperate need of additional tents for this years trail. A proposal will be made under new business.

Fishing Advisory Report: Dave Santos
- Connecticut online licensing scheduled to be up and running by the end of January.
- Coast Guard permits are required on all navigating waters for 50 boats or more.

Boating Advisory Report: Sue Weeks
- Updated bi-laws were available during the last meeting.
- Marine Conservation Proposal presented – Available for all to sign off.

State Team Report: The 2008 State Team held their first meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2008. Eleven of the fourteen members were present and signed the new contract developed by Al Guite, Paul Carter and Sylvia Morris. This year's state team will be held to a higher level of responsibility than any of the past teams in accordance with the contract. A team captain has not been chosen as of yet. The team administrators will be Sylvia Morris and Al Guite. Al will also serve as the second alternate on the team. The 2008 Eastern Divisional Tournament will be held in New Hampshire on Lake Winnepesaukee, September 17-19, 2008. The location was finalized earlier this week. The next team meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 9, 2008.

Raffle Report: Armand Fortier
2008 CBFN RAFFLE

After the audit we received from the state last year, we found out we had many tickets that were improperly filled out. This year any ticket not filled out properly will not be drawn from. It is up to each member to have all tickets being submitted to be filled out properly.

- All tickets must have **all lines on the ticket filled out completely** including name, address and phone number.
- All tickets may only have **1 name** on the ticket. No Mr. & Mrs. or Jane and Joe Smith will be accepted on a ticket.
- No ticket shall be submitted with only a club name on the ticket as the buyer.
- Please bring any unsold tickets and a check to the meeting. **No cash will be accepted.** All checks must be made out to CBFN.
- It is required that each member on the roster sell 10 tickets.
- Each ticket is \$5.00
- If you lose any tickets or need more to sell, please call Armand or see him at the next meeting.

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Financial Committee: No Report

Audit Committee: Lewis Schaler

Schedule for audit is being worked on.

Membership Committee:

Anyone who is contacted at the shows by any individual/s who are looking for a club either as a boater or non-boater, we should get their information so we can direct them.

Sponsors Committee: Ed Weeks

All Reports approved as given.

Old Business

The updated By-Laws are available on the web site.

New Business

- Westfield Mall is requesting photos from the Toys-4-Tots drive.
- **TR186 Triton** was purchased by Dave Pierson. Proceeds to be divided up for state team members.
- CBFN needs to purchase new tent to replace old tent for fish care system which needs to be in the shade, will research over next month.
- CBFN trailer needs to be cleaned up and updated. Ideas were taken to rejuvenate the trailer.

Motion was made to allocate cost for 4 additional coolers. Approved.

Skeeter Owners – Reel Money – Time to fill out and enroll again. Tournament can be sanctioned if you do not own a Skeeter boat.

Housatonic Valley Bassmasters presented the entry form for the Bryan Kerchal Tournament. Entry form is available on the website Home page.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Announcements

Dodge Truck Northeast Fishing & Hunting Expo 2008 – Feb 15 – Feb 17

Next Meeting: February 21, 2008

Jamie Vinyard
CBFN Secretary