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KIDS TOURNAMENT

Albany Area conducted it's first kids tournament in quite a few years on Saturday, May 20 at South Shore Marina on Saratoga lake. The rain held off until late in the day and it never got quite as nasty out as predicted making the day a success. Third place in the breathing to 10 age group went to Robert Swinton fishing with his dad. Second place went to 9 year old Corey Siegel fishing with Robbie Richard. Corey also had the lunker pike of the tournament; a 6 lb 10 oz fish. The winner of the division was Ryan Loffaro (fishing with Greg Allen) who had a mixed

bag weighing 13 lbs 14 oz. In the 11 to 15 age group 3rd place was taken by Elijah Flint fishing with Joey Curcurito. Elijah had 8 lbs 1 oz. Second place went to Anthony Curcurito, fishing with his Dad, with 5 pickerel weighing 10 lbs even. The winner, fishing with Frank Maher, was Nick Marini with 10 lbs 15 oz. Nick had a mixed bag of pike, pickerel, walleye and assorted panfish. Every child participating not only caught some fish, but they got a certificate made up by Rich Bishop, and got to pick a new lure out of our grab bag. The top 3 each received a medallion to keep.

SPECIAL MEETING WITH DEC

Some snags have been encountered in the attempts to organize a meeting with D.E.C. representatives and other clubs in the summer. Summer is a busy time, and tournaments are traveled to on Friday nights not to mention vacations. No club, including ours, could guarantee how many of their members would turn out for such a meeting. Instead, a representative from The DEC central office will address our

club at a meeting in the fall or winter when things aren't so hectic. Frank is attempting to organize a meeting with a representative each of the area clubs, the federation, and with the DEC in Region 5 in July during business hours. We'll keep you posted.

A.A.B.M. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2000

June 10 & 11

Lake Champlain @ Rouses Point
Bass (Points)

June 24

Saratoga Lake @ South Shore Marine
Bass (Points)

July 8

Canadarago Lake @ State Ramp
Bass (Points)

July 29

Mohawk River @ Arrowhead Marina
Bass (Points)

August 5

Cossayuna Lake @ State Ramp
He/She (No Points)

August 19 & 20

Lake Champlain @ Ticonderoga
Bass (Points)

October 7

Lake Bomoseen @ Edgewater
Bass (Points)

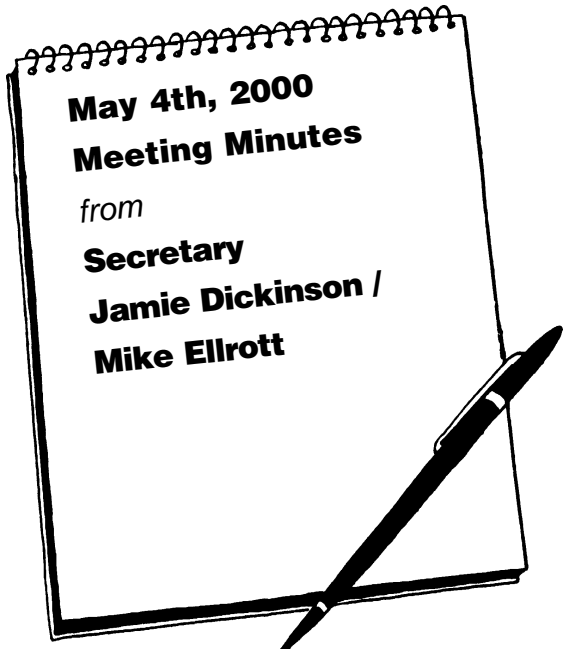
October 21

(DATE CHANGE)

Mohawk River @ Schoharie Crossing
Partners (No Points)

LUNKER OF THE YEAR

Charlie Curcurito is once again collecting \$15 per member for the lunker of the year pool. Remember \$10 goes to 1st lunker and \$5 goes to 2nd lunker. So you have 2 chances to win some bucks.



The meeting was called to order by President Maher. Paul Pflieger and Tim Bantham were the other officers present, Mike Ellrott acted as secretary in Jamie Dickinson's absence.

The reading of the minutes of the April 7 meeting were dispensed with; motion made by Charlie Curcurito, seconded by Al Maher.

Charlie Curcurito gave a status report on the Lunker of the Year Pool. To-date 32 members have entered. Based on 32 participants the payback would be \$320 for the lunker bass and \$160 for runner-up. Charlie once again read the list of members who entered and reminded those present they had until the first points tournament to enter.

Copies of the Club Roster, Bass Club Digest, and New York State Bass Club Federation entry forms were made available to the membership.

Brian Tanner (not present) thanked the members through Frank Maher for their cards and the Club card and gift. His recovery process is a slow one, it will be three

weeks before he can put any weight on his leg.

Frank Maher reported that the Bass Club Digest has its own website. The Albany Area Bassmasters will be featured on the website this summer.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Paul reported that the current balance of the treasury is \$4,488.43

Youth Committee - Bill Swinton

Bill Swinton, Jr. gave the Kids Tournament report. The tournament will be held May 20 from 7 AM until 12 PM out of the South Shore Marina on Saratoga Lake. To-date there are 16 kids entered, 12 in the under 11 age group and 4 in the 11-15 age group. The participants will be limited to a total of 15 pan fish in addition to the 5 pike, pickerel or walleye. Refreshments will be served. Hot dogs have been donated by Tanner's Market, soda by Mike O'Brien. Frank Maher and Bill Swinton will bring grills for cooking. Medallions will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each age group. Certificates of Achievement were printed by Rich Bishop. Members were reminded to bring a new lure in its package for each kid. The launch fee of \$8 will be collected by Joey Curcurito.

Paul Pflieger reported on the Club shirt purchase. Orders are being taken. A sample shirt was on display. Paul reported he was waiting for a printed copy of the Club logo. The cost of embroidery is \$15 per shirt and the cost of the shirt is \$15.

Federation News - Frank Maher

Frank Maher gave a brief New York State Bass Club Federation Report. Joe Matt represented the Federation in the Nationals and did well. He caught one bass the first day of competition and two the second day, He finished around 38th overall. Official results are posted on the federation website.

Membership Report - Bill Swinton

Bill reported that the Club has five prospective members, four were present. In attendance were: Don Weber (5th function), Bill Backus (3rd function), Bill Swinton, Sr. (2nd function) and Mike Bouchey (1st function). Don Weber was elected to membership.

Conservation Report - George Locke

George Locke did not give a Conservation Committee report, but indicated he was looking at information Don Weber had given him regarding the use of Sonar on Saratoga Lake.

Technology Committee - Greg Allen

Greg Allen gave the Technology Committee report. He reported that no progress had been made since the last meeting.

More Club News...

Frank Maher gave his monthly "nostalgia report". He highlighted statistics related to previous pike tournaments.

Frank Maher reported that he was invited to attend a meeting sponsored by the Capital District Bassmasters that was to include representatives from the State Department of Environmental Conservation. However the meeting was cancelled due to snow. Capital District does not meet again until fall. Frank asked the membership if the Club would like to host a special meeting and include the Encon representatives. Area clubs would be invited. The membership agreed. There was some discussion and the consensus was that this would not be a regular monthly meeting. Topics for discussion will include but not be limited to instituting a catch and release season in New York State prior to the open season.

Break

Safety Committee - Bob Richards

Bob Richard gave a Safety Committee report. He reminded the members present that the good weather forecast and opening day would put a lot of boats on the water, pleasure craft as well as fishermen. He reminded everyone of the 45 mph speed limit on the lake and urged everyone to be careful.

Tournament Committee - Tim Bantham

Tim reported that 18 teams were entered in Saturday's pike tournament. The tournament hours are from 5:30 AM until 1:30 PM. The South Shore Marina on Saratoga Lake will be the tournament site. This is a partners tournament with a ten fish limit per boat. Size limits of 18 inches for Northern Pike, and 15 inches for pickerel and walleyes are in effect. Launch order was drawn.

The Raffle Committee conducted the 50/50 raffle. Charlie Curcurito won \$32.

The June meeting will be moved to a Thursday to accommodate the Rouses Point Tournament.

The meeting was adjourned following a motion made by Don Weber and seconded by Jim Underhill.

Federation's 2000 Tournament Schedule

6-18-00

Lake George @ Hague

7-16-00

Lake Champlain @ Chazy Landing

8-13-00

Cayuga Lake @ Cayuga State Park
- North End

8-26 & 27-00

CTE @ Mohawk@Schoharie Crossing

9-17-00

Hudson(Catskill)

10-15-00

Hudson River-Partners-Charity

SUGGESTED MOTELS FOR OUR CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Rouses' Point:	Anchorage, 164 Lake St., Rouses' Pt., NY 12979	518-297-4211
	Super 8 (Plattsburgh)	518-562-8888
Canadarago Lk:	Glimmerglass Hotel	315-858-2777
	Fountain View	315-858-1360
	Village Motel	315-858-1540
	Stoney Brook	315-858-9929
Ticonderoga	Circle Court	518-585-7660
	Super 8 (Ticonderoga)	518-585-2617
Lake Bomoseen	Edgewater	802-468-5251



JUNE TOURNAMENTS

ROUSE'S POINT TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

Date: Saturday and Sunday June 10 & 11, 2000
Hours: Safe Light to 1:30
Location: Lake Champlain out of the Chazy Ramp on the Great Chazy River
Entry fee: \$40 per member participating
Lunker: \$5 Optional (There will be a 1st & 2nd lunker each day)
Calcutta: \$10 Optional (There will be a 1st & 2nd Calcutta)
Ramp Fee: None

SARATOGA LAKE TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2000
Hours: Safe Light to 1:30
Location: Saratoga Lake out of South Shore Marine
Entry Fee: \$20 per member participating
Lunker: \$3 per member
Calcutta: \$10 Optional (There will be a 1st & 2nd Calcutta)
Ramp Fee: \$8 per truck and trailer, \$5 per car. (Please pay at the June meeting so we don't have to chase you down on the morning of the tournament)

GPS DEVELOPMENT

Anyone using GPS devices in the club should be interested to know that the Government has shut off the "Selective Availability" interference on the signal bounced back from space.

It was decided that the 100 million a year it cost for the system was not worth the small threat to national security.

The accuracy of your GPS used to be a variable of 15 to 100 meters. Now the only interference that can effect your systems accuracy is atmospheric conditions which never cause more than a 15 meter variable. (That's less than 2 boat lengths)

Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Thursday**, June 1st at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

Place
Postage
Here

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