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A.A.B.M. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2001

May 5th

Saratoga Lake @ South Shore Marine
Pike/Pickerel/Walleye

May 19th

Saratoga Lake @ South Shore Marine
Kids Tournament

June 9th & 10th

Lake Champlain @ Rouses Point
Bass (Points)

*June 24th(23rd-Practice)

Sacandaga Lake @ Launch TBA
Bass (Points)

July 7th & 8th

Lake Champlain @ Ticonderoga
Bass (Points)

July 28th

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

August 4th

Mohawk River @ Schoharie Crossing
Bass (Points)

September 8th

Lake Champlain @ South Bay
Bass (Points)

October 20th

Lake Bomoseen @ Edgewater
Bass (Points)

*The tournament committee will be meeting before the February meeting to discuss the issue of the open practice the day before this tournament.

State Federation's 2001 Tournament Schedule

6-3-01

Partners - Candlewood Lake

6-17-01

Seneca Lake, Geneva, NY

7-22-01

Lake Champlain, Ticonderoga, NY

8-18&19-01

Club Team Event - Chautauqua Lake

9-16-01

Niagara River, Small Boat Harbor

10-14-01

Lake George, Silver Bay

DEC to Visit Club at February Meeting.

Doug Stange from the DEC will be attending Albany Area's February meeting.

Doug will be answering questions from club members.

Please try to forward any questions prior to the meeting to Tim Bantham. Tim can be reached at Home: 8844-8069 or at Work: 884-6580. You can also e-mail Tim at toph2obyte@empireone.net. This should be a very interesting meeting.

Scale Purchase Made to Avoid Price Increase

President Tim Bantham was forced to make an executive decision regarding the purchase of a new scale. Tim had to give to approval to purchase a new scale before the club could vote on the issue to avoid a substantial price increase (From \$275 to \$350). Based on the feedback at the January meeting Tim purchased a new scale similar to the one we own now (Pounds and ounces)with no remote readout.

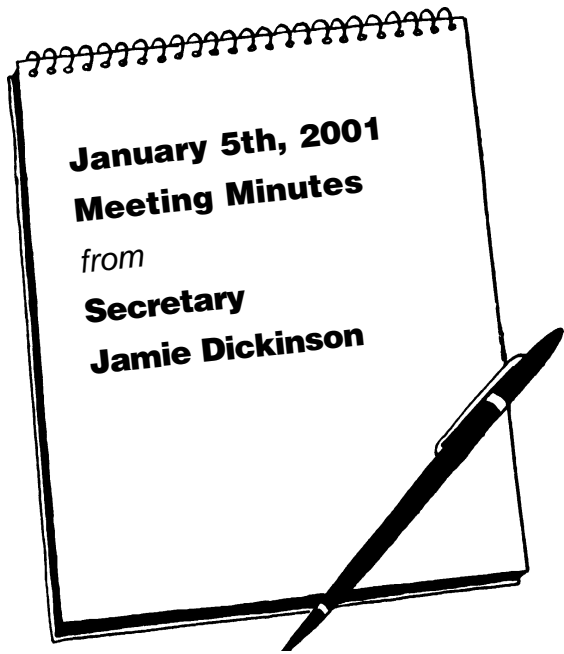
If the club chooses to purchase a remote readout in the future this can be done, but it would require converting our scales to decimal weight.

Pizza Night Postponed Until March Meeting

Our annual pizza night is being moved to allow the representatives from the DEC to have the floor for as long as they wish without interruption.

They will be taking the floor as our first order of business at the February meeting.

We will have our pizza at the March meeting as always during the break in our meeting.



The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Tim Bantham

Officers Present: Tim Bantham, Bill Swinton Jr., Paul Pflieger and Jamie Dickinson

Minutes from the December meeting were accepted as written by Charlie Curcurito 2nd by George Leibach.

Club News

Tim extended the clubs condolences to Mike Ellrott on the passing of his sister.

Tim welcomed all the officers, new and old and the new members of the tournament committee.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Paul reported that the Club has a balance of \$4125.38.

More Club News...

Dues were collected by all members present. (The dues are \$45 dollars not \$42 which was incorrectly printed in the last newsletter) Any member that has not paid by now is not on the roster or insurance and will not be receiving "Bass Times". If you have not paid please due so by the next meeting to avoid interruption of your subscription to "Bass Times".

The issue of the purchase of a new scale was reviewed by Tim. Tim presented all the alternatives. 1)Purchase a new MS-40 scale with a remote read out in decimals for \$780.00 2)Purchase a new MS-40 without the remote readout for \$365 3)Purchase an MS-30(the only scale still available in pounds and ounces) for \$275.

A member of NYS DEC will be attending the February meeting the newsletter incorrectly stated that they would be at the January meeting. Any questions that members may have should be forwarded to Al Maher or Tim Bantham prior to the meeting so that the DEC rep can be prepared to answer the question. The club agreed (and Sandy Curcurito said it was okay) to have a pizza night at the February meeting so we could offer the person from the DEC something to eat during his visit.

Rich Bishop reported to the club on his attempts to find another location for the Casting Kids event this year. The boat show at Wilton Mall on March 2-11 seem to be the best choice we have. The club voted to have the Casting Kids at the boat show this year. Rich will be following up with the management at Wilton Mall. We will need all the help we can get from club members to make this event a success. The club also agreed to run a tackle raffle at the event to help pay for the Kids Tournament.

Tim then made the Committee appointments for 2001:

Conservation: Al Maher - Banquet: Anthony Curcurito and Al Dickinson - Membership: Joey Curcurito - Fund Raising: Scott James and George Leibach - Technology: Greg Allen and Bill Backus - Youth: Rich Bishop and Rob Richards - Federation Rep: Frank Maher - Safety: Art Grant, Jamie Dickinson and Paul Pflieger.

Tim polled the club to see if there was any interest by members to receive their newsletters via e-mail in the form of a pdf file. This would mean that they would be receiving their newsletters several days ahead of conventional mailing. There is also a savings in postage for the club. Many members signed up.. if you wish to receive your newsletter via e-mail notify Jamie at the next meeting.

Federation News - Frank Maher

Frank presented the club with all the information he gathered at the last State Executive meeting. Some of the topics covered were: Introduction of the new tournament advisory committee. - Apologies for the poor handing of the transfer of Treasury Funds. - Discussion of the "None" status for fishing State Tournaments. The main problem being people who are forever

fishing under the "None" category. - The use of a portion of collected late fees to help finance the State Representative to the Divisional. - The announcement of the Partners Tournament to be held on June 3rd at Candlewood Lake. - The use of a shuttle bus to bring anglers to and from the parking lot in town and the boat launch. - A change in the offlimits the day before a tournament from sundown to midnight. - Registration will be available at the boat ramps on practice days. - Boat to boat draws will be random, they will not always be in the last flight. - \$65 dollar for entry fees, lunger no longer an option. - Discount of \$10 for anglers who pay upfront for the tournament season. - A \$25,000 prize for anyone breaking the record weight of 20lb 7oz. by 2 oz. during a 2001 tournament. - Election process is being review to help the transition of new officers. - It is now a requirement to wear the uniform when fishing on the State Team. - The purchase of a laptop computer for the tournament director.

Frank also took a poll of the members who qualified to fish the club team event. We do have enough members fishing to field a team this year.

Break

Technology Committee - *Greg Allen*

Greg reviewed all the updates he has done to the web page and will continue to do so. Please forward any updated information and pictures to Greg when ever possible.

More Club News...

Charlie Curcurito has announced that he is done collecting State Dues. Anyone who has not given Charlie their dues by the January Meeting must send them into the State on their own.

Membership Report - *Joey Curcurito*

Joey introduced a new perspective member Bill Pigott. Bill is attending his first club function.

Tournament Committee - *Bill Swinton Jr.*

Bill announced that the Tournament Committee will be meeting on January 13th to plan our clubs 2001 tournament schedule.

He also asked club members not to pay for tournaments on the day of the event. If you miss the meeting that the draw and collection of tournament fees is done please mail your checks to Bill prior to the event.

50/50 was won by Mitch Mason earning him \$30.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tony Curcurito and seconded by Joey Curcurito.

FishingWorks.Com is One of the Best Fishing Web Sites on the Web

I thought I would share this web site with all club members that have internet access. It is one of the best sites that I've see on the web for fishing information. The site is designed to help fisherman locate fishing related information on the web.

This site has every tackle, rod & reel, electronics and boat manufacturer categorized and alphabetized with links to their web sights. The links on this sight include every major tackle company as well as people selling hand poured baits out of their basements. It also has extensive links to sites for maps, fishing licenses, regulations, guides and tidal reports from around the country.

If you have the time and the computer this one is worth the effort.

Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Friday**, February 2nd at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

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