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Al Maher Wraps Up The Tournament Season With His First Win Of The Year.

Finish	Member	Weight	Lunker
1st	Al Maher	19.92lbs.	5.30lbs.
2nd	Tim Bantham	15.27lbs.	5.83lbs.
3rd	Bill Pigott	14.83lbs.	
4th	Charlie Curcurito	14.54lbs.	5.21lbs.
5th	Frank Maher	13.05lbs.	5.04lbs.
6th	Bill Swinton Jr.	11.15lbs.	3.70lbs.
7th	Don VanTassel	10.53lbs.	
8th	George Locke	9.72lbs.	
9th	Bob Simek Jr.	9.42lbs.	4.98lbs.
10th	Greg Allen	9.32lbs.	4.52lbs.

The fall classic at Lake Bomoseen turned out to be another record breaker.

Al Maher walked away with this tournament thanks to the largest one day weight brought to the scales all year which nearly broke the 20lb. mark! Al's 4lb+ advantage over the 2nd

place finisher was also the largest margin of victory all year.(Including 2 day tournaments)

It was just two years ago this tournament produced the largest fish ever caught in an Albany Area tournament, a fish that weighed almost 7-1/2lb.

Now the new mark 8.13lbs. was set by gentleman Jim Greeley in the chilling waters of central Vermont.

Tim Bantham rebounded from a disappointing finish at Ticonderoga to place 2nd at Bomoseen which reserves him a place on the Club Team.

Bill Pigott turned in his best performance of the year with his 3rd place finish at Bomoseen.

Charlie Curcurito and George Locke earned their positions on the Club Team with solid performances at Bomoseen from both anglers.

Frank Maher's 5th place weight was enough to hold off George Locke in the Bassman of the Year race, which proved to be one of the closest in years.

Final Bassman Standings

and Club Team Representatives

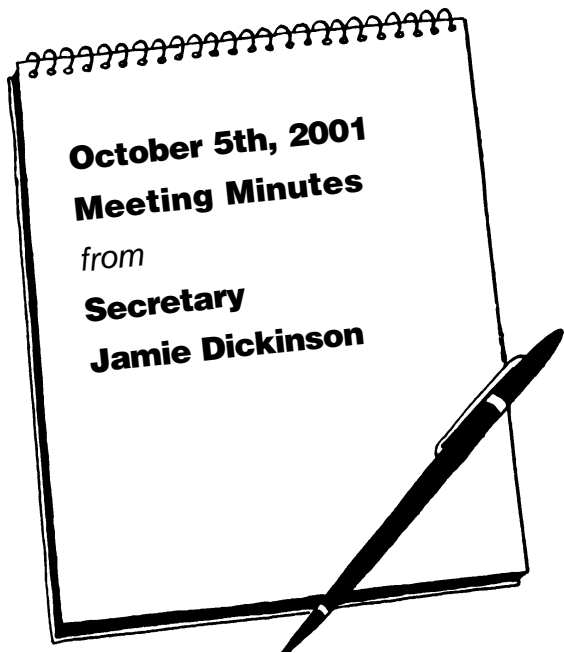
Place	Member	Total Points
1st	Frank Maher	554
2nd	George Locke	542
3rd	Greg Allen	514
4th	Charlie Curcurito	510
5th	Tim Bantham	508
6th	Allen Dickinson	484
7th*	Bill Swinton, Jr.	474

*1st Alternate club team representative.

Club Donation to a Sept. 11th relief fund.

The club voted at the October meeting to place a donation on behalf of the club to one of the charities supporting the Sept. 11th. disaster relief effort.

Please bring any information you may have on a charity you feel is worthy to be voted on at a future club meeting.



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

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

Minutes from the September meeting were read by the secretary because many of the members that receive their newsletters via e-mail were not able to open it due to a technical problem. The minutes were accepted as read by Wayne Price 2nd by Bill LaRose.

Club News

Tim informed the club that he had purchased some get well fishing gifts on behalf of the club and sent them to Don Spain who is recovering from leg surgery. Don told Tim he is doing well and he asked Tim to thank the club for the gifts, they were appreciated.

Tim reminded the club that elections are almost here and asked club members to consider running for an office this year.

Tim then explained to the club his reasons for stepping down as club president. Tim is going to be taking on new responsibilities at work and does not feel he would not have the time required to be the president. This was a difficult decision for Tim and he shared with the club how much he enjoyed this past year as president.

Tim then reviewed the top ten finisher's for the Lake Champlain tournament and the current Bassman standings. Tim also made a \$5 dollar side bet with Charlie that he would whop his ass at the final Lake Bomoseen Tournament.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Paul reported that the Club has a balance of \$7243.67.

Tim then asked the members for a quick head count on who would be attending the year end banquet. You must be paid by the November meeting or mail a check to Tony Curcurito. Any member wishing to stay at the Quality Inn can call 438-8431 and tell them your with the club and you will receive the special rate.

Frank Maher then made a motion due to the excessive funds in the club treasury, for this year only, that the all the members banquet dinners be paid from club funds. Wayne Price seconded the motion and the club voted and passed the motion. Club members will only have to pay for their guests dinner. That cost will be \$25 per guest.

Tim then reported that the scholarship fund the club was interested in contributing to was to be posted on the Federation web site the Sunday before September 11th. Due to the events of Sept. 11th he does not yet know when they are looking for the contributions to be paid.

Tim asked the club if they were interested in making a contribution to one of the Sept. 11th funds on behalf of the club. It was agreed that we would take a vote for the club at a future meeting to decide which one of the funds we would contribute to.

Membership Report - Tim Bantham

Tim reported that perspective member Frank Polomaine was attending his 2nd club function.

Break

Tournament Committee - *Bill Swinton Jr.*

Bill reviewed the rules and safety precautions for the Lake Bomoseen tournament and the boat draw was completed.

The Raffle Committee conducted the 50/50 raffle. Bill Swinton Jr. won \$31.

Motion to adjourn was made by Frank Maher and seconded by George Locke.

Albany Area Finale 2001

by Beverly Locke

The morning started rainy
and got colder, it would seem
As the Club began their last event
on Vermont's Lake Bomoseen.

Trout were flying through the air,
the sky began to clear;
Some bass were caught, the race got taut,
for Angler of the Year.

Al Dickinson's huge largemouth
held lunker for awhile,
Til Jim Greeley weighted his monster
which shattered the club record by a mile.

Tim Bantham netted second place
Bill Pigott reeled in third,
Charlie was the last to weigh in
and secured fourth spot, it was heard.

But the Maher brothers dominated the day
one fished deep, and the other wouldn't say.
Al won the tournament with 19+ pounds,
and Frankie "you are the man"
took 5th place and the 2001 Crown.

REMINDER: Tony Curcurito **MUST** have the money for your guest at the November Banquet at the November meeting. The cost will be \$25 per guest.

*The club voted to pay for all the members banquet tickets at the October meeting.

Meeting Reminder...

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

Place
Postage
Here

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