

# ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S. TIMES

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR 2001 OFFICERS AND TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Measurer  
**Bob Simek Sr.**

Time Keeper  
**Frank Maher**

Weighmaster  
**Charlie Curcurito**

Secretary  
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Treasurer  
**Paul Pflieger**

Vice President  
**Bill Swinton, Jr.**

President  
**Mike Ellrott**

## WTC Relief Fund

Donations were collected at the December meeting to be presented on behalf of the Albany Area Bassmasters to the World Trade Center Relief fund. Forty dollars was also added from the clubs treasury.

## Elections Held at December Meeting Did Not Yeld a New Secretary

The elections at the December meeting produced no member willing to run for the office of Secretary. Jamie Dickinson agreed to function as the interim Secretary for one month. He did so to provide the club with a newsletter in January and to turn our roster and dues in to B.A.S.S./ESPN on time.

We will be looking to fill this position next month. the Secretary is a vital part of the clubs functionality as well as a Tournament Committee member.

Any member interested in becoming the Secretary can contact Jamie Dickinson or speak to Mike Ellrott prior to the January meeting.

## Federation Dues

Charlie Curcurito is once again collecting the State Federation Dues. The January meeting will be your last opportunity to have Charlie collect your dues and pass them on to the State. You will be on your own after that.

## IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR CLUB DUES YOU ARE NOT ON THE CLUB ROSTER

The club dues were collected at the December meeting and the roster sent in to B.A.S.S.(ESPN).

ESPN is being far more diligent in collecting dues on time than B.A.S.S. Only 24 members paid their dues on time out of our 40+ members. Special forms have to be filled out and sent in for all members who did not pay by the December meeting. Therefore, almost half of our club members will see an interruption in their BassTimes subscriptions.

Please be prepared to pay your dues at the January meeting.

## State Federation's 2002 Tournament Schedule

**6-16-02**

Chautauqua Lake - Long Pt. S.P.

**7-14-02**

Oneida Lake-Marion Mannor Marina

**8-3&4-02**

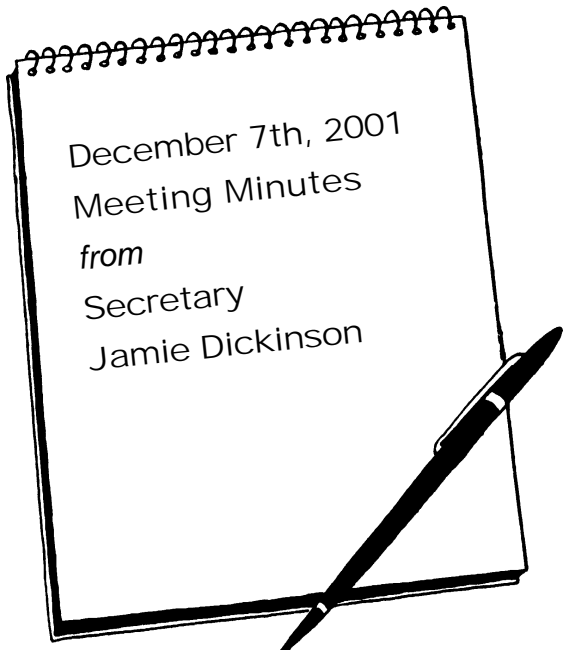
C.T.E. - Lake Champlain, Ticonderoga

**8-25-02**

Cayuga Lake-Cayuga Lake State Park

**9-15-02**

Lake Champlain - Chazy Landing



The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM by President Tim Bantham

Officers Present: Tim Bantham and Paul Pflieger. Jamie Dickinson arrived 45 minutes late. Frank Maher recorded the minutes in his absence. Bill Swinton, Jr. was absent due to test he was undergoing for back pain.

Minutes from the November meeting were accepted as written by Charlie Curcurito and 2nd by Al Maher.

Tim then present members Bill Pigott and Blase Regina cash awards from the banquet Bill and Blase were unable to attended the banquet.

#### **Club News**

Tim announced that club dues would be collected during the meeting. Also, Charlie was collecting Federation Dues and would also be collecting them at the January meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger**

Paul reported that the Club has a balance of \$3695.00.

Tim informed the club that we had made a \$100 donation to the Federation Scholarship Fund.

Donations were collected by members to WTC fund and after a show of hands from members \$40 was kicked in from the clubs treasury.

#### **Federation Report - Frank Maher**

Frank covered the following issues in his report: A bass boat raffle that is to be held. - ESPN's acquisition on B.A.S.S. and how they are interested in bringing the sport to the next level. - Financial losses due to having to pay insurance for the \$25,000 cash award. - Sharon Green will chair the committee for the Scholarship fund. - The disaster relief fund. - Membership up 12.5%. - The need to change the "unlimited alternates" rule for the club team events. - Offlimits period change. - Youth and club team event. - IRS, Some anglers did not claim 1099's.

Tim discussed the Casting Kids Event. He asked for a show of hands and the members expressed an interest in having the event in 2002. Tim suggested that the incoming officers be proactive in finding a location to have the event and that Chevy dealers are now more interested in supporting the events.

#### **Technology Committee - Greg Allen**

Greg promised to bring the pictures up to date on the clubs web site. Greg also asked all club members to convey any insulting or incriminating information about Charlie to him so he can keep the "Charlie Page" fresh and nasty during the upcoming tournament season.

#### **Membership Report - Joey Curcurito**

Joey reported that perspective member Frank Polomaine was attending his 5th club function and would be voted on during the break. Tim asked if the club was ready to vote before the break and the ballots were passed and Frank was voted in. Welcome to the club Frank

Nominations were re-opened for 2002 Tournament Committee and Officers. No new nominations were made. Bill Pigott and Jamie Dickinson asked to be removed from the ballot for secretary and Greg Allen removed himself from the Presidential ballot. They where no members willing run for Secretary at this time so Jamie agreed to act as interim secretary for one more month. The results of the Election are as follows:

TIMEKEEPER:

Frank Maher

MEASURER:

Bob Simek, Jr.

WEIGHMASTER:

Charlie Curcurito

TREASURER:

Paul Pflieger

SECRETARY:

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VICE PRESIDENT:

Bill Swinton, Jr.

PRESIDENT:

Mike Ellrott

50/50 was won by Charlie Curcurito earning him \$20. It should also be noted that Charlie (that scum sucking dog) picked his own number for the 50/50.

Motion to adjourn was made by Leo Godin and seconded by Al Maher.

# Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Friday**, January 4th at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

Place  
Postage  
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B.A.S.T.M.E.S.**

