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AABM 2003 Tournament Committee & Officers:

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Diameter, 18 pitch, asking \$140

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GOT "ICE-OUT"?

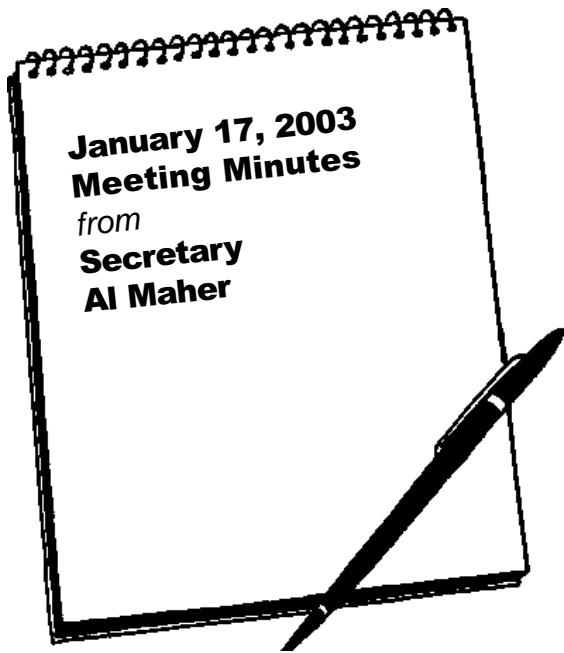
Now this is winter! Dead batteries, ice dams, snow banks so high you gotta have a jacked-up 4X4 to see over them and boats buried under four feet of snow. I bet Brother Frank won't be fishing in March this year. Ain't that right, Mister "I already burned five gallons of oil by St Patrick's Day"?!? The worst thing is this next (insert your overcharging utility company here) bill will be dipping into our "disposable income" for bassing supplies. Better fire-off an order now before that bill comes in.

USUAL REMINDERS

It's that time of year again. Even though Charlie was not at our rescheduled January meeting, he (or Sandy) will be collecting money for Lunker of the Year 2003. \$15 will get you into the pool and it pays for the biggest & second biggest bass to be weighed in during the 2003 tournament season. I don't know for sure yet but I'll bet we need a Vermont license. So, renew that if you haven't already done so. Don't miss our February meeting and the unveiling of the 2003 tournament schedule.

STATE FEDERATION 2003

June 22	Points	Lake George	Hague
July 13	Points	Oneida Lake	?????
August 3	Points	Sackets Harbor	Lake Ontario
Aug 16&17	Club Team	St Lawrence R.	Ogdensburg
Sept 7	Points	Niagara R/Lk Erie	Buffalo



The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Mike Ellrott.

Officers Present: Mike Ellrott, Bill Swinton Jr., Paul Pflieger and Alan Maher.

Motion to accept the Minutes from the December 6th meeting by Leo Godin and 2nd by Bill Pigott.

Mike introduced/announced our 2003 tournament committee.

The tournament committee meeting will take place on Feb 2nd and we will have our regularly monthly meeting for Friday, Feb. 7th.

Mike asked that all members take care of business such as paying entry fees, dues, etc. before the start of the meeting.

It was also announced that all committee chairman from the past year were returning. Membership-George Locke & Joe Curcurito, Fund Raising-George Leibach, Conservation-Frank Maher, Safety-Tim Bantham & Banquet-Tony Curcurito.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Paul reported that the Club has a balance of \$4,074.52

Paul also went over the 2002 financial report with the members present.

Conservation Report - Frank Maher

Frank's report was in-depth and was related to four studies done on the Hudson River, Mohawk River black bass and Canadarago & Oneida Lake walleyes. The report on the Hudson revealed what all of us already knew, the black bass population was way down from the 1980s. However it did show an increase form the 1990s to the present. There was alot of interesting data, especially on the Hudson River. The report is posted on the NYS DEC website.

Federation Report - Frank Maher

Frank attended the December meeting. Sharon Green is taking over the position of tournament director from Pam Bliss. Wayne Tomassi went over the high points of 2002 for the state federation, which included Bill Alexander qualifying for the Nationals.

The state federation has a cash balance of \$14,694 with an active membership of 816 and 54 clubs.

The Hudson River event was moved to Oneida Lake.

There was a discussion regarding "power loading" your boat. At some state park launch sites this could get you a ticket if done. Frank's info from the meeting claimed there is no law or laws prohibiting us from loading our boats in the usual manner. So, line it up, trim it & goose it!

Old Business

Club dues-one person had not paid yet. It was also the last night to pay the federation dues.

New Business

A catalog was passed around for club jackets.

New Business, cont.

Greg Allen suggested that we make a donation to the server owner where our website resides. The membership present OK'd \$120.

- 10 Minute Break -

Tournament Discussion - Mike and the Tournament Committee were looking for suggestions and to hear about likes and dislikes regarding last years' schedule. Things to consider for the upcoming committee meeting were travel expenses and hitting the waters in their peak. \$22 was the total collected for the various fines levied against members that did not show proper respect to their fellow anglers.

50/50 won by Bob Simek Sr. \$32.

Motion to adjourn by Leo Godin, 2nd by Al Dickinson.

Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Friday, February 7th** at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

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