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## **AABM 2003 Tournament Committee & Officers:**

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Frank Maher

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Charlie Curcurito

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Paul Pflieger

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## **MORE PLACES TO STAY**

For Oneida Lake:  
Town & Country (315)668-6751

For Port Henry:  
Family Fun Cabins & Motel  
(518) 546-7127

## **SPRING IS HERE!**

After this winter, I never thought I'd see my boat free of ice and snow this early but it is. As of Friday, there was still ice on Saratoga Lake but I think it's safe to say that we should have open water by mid April. So, unless we get in a sustained deep freeze, we'll have our pike tournament on Sunday, May 4th. Now is a good time for boaters to contact non-boaters to pair up for that event. If you know who you are going to fish with, then pay up at the April meeting...before it starts. \$60 is the entry fee and it covers lunker also. Don't forget to get in the calcutta too. If you still don't have a partner yet, you have until the May meeting to find one. Boaters should not pair up with other boaters unless everyone that wants to fish has a ride on the water.

## **LOST??**

You finally get a good boat draw and after three minutes of running you abruptly shut down because your compass is spinning, only to realize that you're in 10 inches of water with cows staring at you. Damn that fog! Well don't fret. At our April meeting, Greg Allen will go over the finer points of GPS usage that will leave you putting a price tag on your compass at the next neighborhood garage sale. GPS units are also great for marking treacherous shoals on certain lakes and finding your way back to the weigh-in on big water like Rouses Point. I wish I had one years ago, I probably wouldn't have had to listen to so many cows.

## **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**

Without getting too political, I think we should take the time to think about what our brave members of the armed forces are going through in their efforts to fight terrorism. Be thankful they are willing to do a job that most people would run away from. Fly the flag, say a prayer but don't ignore them. I'm sure there is more than one bass fisherman in the ranks that would rather be pitching worms into the reeds in Florida or getting his boat ready for the upcoming season.

# **A Message From the "Prez"**

It is amazing what a few consecutive days of sunshine and warm temperatures will do. The snow banks I thought would be here until May are all but gone. We may get to fish before July after all.

Don't forget that Team Allen will be providing some tips on how to get the most out of that GPS you invested in. Bring your questions and notebooks to the April meeting. Oh yeah, Charlie, bring your crayons so you can draw in your notebook. We'll take care of all our business first so that anyone who doesn't own a GPS or who thinks they know all they need to know about its operation may leave.

Please give some thought to who you will be fishing with in the May 4<sup>th</sup> pike tournament. Talk to the guy you plan to partner with and firm up those plans. Don Yarter is now a member and we have several prospective members who will be looking for rides too. Your preparations before the meeting will help us find rides and riders for those that don't have one.

We'll also talk about parking at the Saratoga Launch; the State requires us to pre-pay parking. I guess too many people have slipped in before the launch is attended and then out again without paying. Prepaying is a nuisance, but it sure beats having the launch closed until an attendant is present. If you think Oneida was bad, just imagine what Route 9P would look like at 5 AM!

The Federation has found still more ways for Clubs to help the NYSBCF while putting some money in their own bank accounts. Frank will have more on that opportunity.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and remember, every one of these meetings we get behind us, puts us that much closer to being on the water.

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## **STATE FEDERATION 2003**

<b>Sunday, June 22</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Lake George</b>	<b>Hague</b>
<b>Sunday, July 13</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Oneida Lake</b>	<b>Marion Manor</b>
<b>Sunday, August 3</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Sackets Harbor</b>	<b>Lake Ontario</b>
<b>Sat &amp; Sun Aug 16&amp;17</b>	<b>Club Team</b>	<b>St Lawrence R.</b>	<b>Ogdensburg</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept 7</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Niagara R/Lk Erie</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>

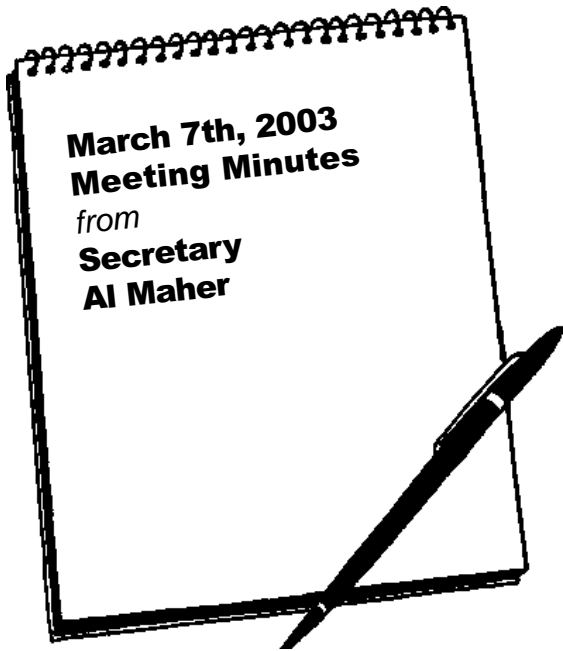
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Keep in mind that you have until the June meeting to get into the yearly lunger pool. \$15 will cover the cost and will pay out for the biggest bass and second biggest bass caught during the 2003 tournament season.

By now, everyone should have their New York fishing license. Of equal importance is having a Vermont license. Contact the Vermont Dept of Fish & Wildlife, 103 So. Main St. Waterbury, VT 05671 The cost is \$41 for a non-resident seasonal fishing license. Licenses are checked by Bill before the start of the season. Make sure you have it or you won't be surfing the waves on Rouses Point.

# ALBANY AREA BASSMATERS - 2003 ROSTER

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Bill Swinton	121 Lowber Rd.	Greenwich	NY	12834	518-695-3650
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Don VanTassel	P.O.Box 554	N.Egremont	MA	01252	413-528-0117
Don Yarter	1429 First Ave.	Watervliet	NY	12189	518-266-9870



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

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

Motion to accept the Minutes from the February 7th meeting by Frank Maher and 2nd by Charlie Curcurito.

Mike announced that Greg Allen was on his Honeymoon in Italy and assured us that he should be back in time for his presentation regarding GPS usage at our April meeting.

One of our senior members, Charlie Curcurito, turned 60 since our last meeting. Members wished him a happy birthday and other heart felt sentiments that will not be repeated here.

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

Checkbook balance is \$3,857.79

#### **Membership - George Locke**

George announced that we had four prospective members in attendance. Mike Richard was making his 3rd function. Nash Alexander & Gene Lavigne were attending their 2nd and Gene Lavigne Sr. was present for his first function.

#### **Conservation - Tom Haley**

Tom informed the membership that cutbacks were or did hit the NYS Conservation Dept. There will be less funds for stocking, conservation officers and as a result possibly less enforcement.

The talk of turning Saratoga Lake into a reservoir has resurfaced. At the moment it is just talk, nothing definite.

Also, Lake George usage fees have gone up. A one day permit is \$7.50 and a season permit for boats under 21 feet is now \$30.

#### **Safety - Tim Bantham**

Nothing put together yet but he should have something by the start of fishing.

#### **Banquet - Tony Curcurito**

Same place as last year, November 15th is the date. He did not book any form of entertainment yet. Tony asked if we still wanted to go with a DJ. By "show of hands", the members present still wanted a DJ at the banquet.

#### **Tournament Committee - Bill Swinton Jr.**

Bill reminded everyone that we may actually have a tournament on May 4th providing the ice has melted and our boats are released from the glaciers that are holding them. \$60 will cover the entry fee and luncheon per boat. He also encouraged boaters to seek out non-boaters as their partners.

You can pre-pay your points tournaments for \$180. This covers the entry fees only and does not include any launch or parking fees.

## **Tournament Committee, cont...**

Bill was asked that we release our fish at least 100 feet from shore at our Oneida Lake tournament.

## **State Federation - Frank Maher**

Frank was reporting on two meetings. Sharon Greene was named tournament director.

The federation did have the draw for the boat raffle. Even though the minimum number of tickets were not sold, the federation made approximately \$2,000.

There is still a push within the state federation to have an early catch and release season in NY state. Only one conservation minded club (us) was opposed to the idea.

Doug Stange of the NYS Dept of Conservation was also present at one of the meetings. Doug informed the state & club reps that the 15" length limit on Black Lake has helped the fishery. There was also talk of delaying the opening day of bass season on the St. Lawrence River to be the 4th Saturday in June. This would line up with the opening day that is presently set for the Province of Ontario. The practice of "power loading" was brought up again. There is no intention of ticketing for driving your rig on the trailer and there still has been no proof that anyone has been ticketed for it.

The state Youth Division has obtained a permit for holding a "paper tournament" on one of the finger lakes prior to opening day.

The "off limits" has been changed. Obtain the new ruling in writing to avoid a misunderstanding.

Also, if you break the record of 20.56 lbs for a 5 fish limit you may earn yourself \$1,000. The federation will be holding another boat raffle, there are no details yet. And there are numerous Sonar programs going on throughout the state.

## **Lunker Pool - Charlie Curcurito**

Charlie read off the names of the people that have paid to date.

- 10 Minute Break -

## **New Business**

Bass Cat will sponsor our 2003 club team by providing shirts for the team members.

Serious stuff: The boater survey has indicated that we have an equal number of boaters to non-boaters. At least 3 boaters do not intend to fish all the tournaments and only 3 of the non-boaters with tournament ready boats are willing to use their rigs if necessary. There was much discussion regarding limiting our non-boater membership, awarding BOBA points if a non-boater was required to use their boat and who should "stay on the shore" if there was no ride for a non-boater.

We will use the following as a template to deal with the situation:

1. Freeze membership for non-boaters.
2. Allow non-boaters to receive BOBA points if his boat is required for a tournament.
3. Seniority will dictate who will be eliminated in the event that we are short a boat. We will not put 3 in a boat.

The membership indicated by a show of hands, that these points were acceptable.

We then had a very informative Fishing Talk Presentation by Frank Maher pertaining to Drop-Shotting.

50/50 was won by Paul Pflieger - \$37

Motion to adjourn by Jim Greeley and 2nd by Gene Lavigne.

# Meeting Reminder...

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

Place  
Postage  
Here

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