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## Nominations For Tournament Committee & Officers:

### TIMEKEEPER

Greg Allen  
George Locke

### MEASURER

Al Dickinson  
Tom Haley

### WEIGHMASTER

Charlie Curcurito

### TREASURER

Paul Pflieger

### SECRETARY

Al Maher

### VICE PRESIDENT

Jim Underhill

### PRESIDENT

Mike Ellrott

## 2004 ELECTIONS & DUES

Don't miss the December meeting. We need your dues money (\$45) and of course you should vote in the very important elections. As you can see, there is not much competition for most of the positions but the floor will be open for further nominations at our December meeting. Please be present. If for any reason you can't make it, please let Paul Pflieger know and mail him a check (payable to the Albany Area Bassmasters) for \$45 to cover your membership dues. It is important that we get the membership roster updated in a timely manner to National BASS. If you are interested in joining the NYS BASS Federation, you can see Charlie Curcurito. Membership is \$20.

We'll also have another round of collections for the Toys for Tots program, so you better come with a fat wallet.

## NEW & IMPROVED

Good luck and a speedy recovery to George Leibach who underwent knee replacement surgery on November 26th. We all wish him the best and hope he has good looking nurses with warm hands. Only a true "basser" would put up with the pain until after the season is over before going in for surgery. I'm sure he'll be springing off the back deck come May with that new piece of hardware.

## STATE FEDERATION 2004 (tentative)

June 20	Points	Cayuga Lake	?
July 11	Points	Hudson River	Catskill
July 25	Partners	Canandaigua Lk	State launch
Aug 8	Points	Mohawk R.	Scho. Xing
Aug 21&22	Club Team	Canandaigua Lk	State launch
Sept 12	Points	Tupper Lk	?



Get Out And  
**VOTE**

# **A Message From the “Prez”**

The season is over, the weather is miserable and you're in a pre-hibernation mood. There are a lot of reasons to stay home, just kick back and relax. In truth, that's what I would like to do too. But December is an important meeting month for us!

First and most important, we will be electing Officers and Tournament Committee members at the December meeting. The floor will be open for nominations, so if you think there is someone out there who will do a great job and he has not been nominated yet, there is still time. We always laugh a little about our elections, since most of the positions stand with only a single candidate. But I can tell you from experience, those one or two positions where there is a competition can have a huge impact on discussions at the Tournament Committee meeting. It can be the difference in whether or not your ideas ever get raised.

We are also moving our discussion about scheduling to the December meeting. Each year it is has become more important to get a schedule in place early. Competition for sites has become more intense. I am sure there are already permits issued for some launch dates. If we can critique last year's schedule and collect some “new” ideas for next year's schedule, the Tournament Committee could meet in late December or early January to put together next year's schedule.

Don't forget Christmas is a few weeks away. If our gift to the Toys for Tots Program is going to be of any value, we need to make our donation soon. We'll reach into our pockets one more time at the December meeting, if you feel so moved, and together with the money we collected at the November meeting and the proceeds of the 50/50 banquet raffle we should be able to make a significant contribution to the Toys for Tots Program.

Your Club dues are due at the December meeting. We need to submit our membership to B.A.S.S. to be sure our insurance remains in tact.

So get out of your favorite chair and join us for the last meeting of the year. Your ideas are important and everyone's opinion is valued (our treasury grows when they're not). You won't have to go to another one of these stupid meetings until next year...

## **LAST YEAR.....**

Just in case you can't remember or maybe just need a little refresher, here is where & when we went last year for our points tournaments. Think about what you liked and didn't like. If you didn't fish a body of water for a certain reason (too far, expenses too high) let us know. We take all comments into consideration when we are making a tournament schedule. However, we do look at other things like, time of year, fishing pressure, quality of the fishery and I've always been an advocate of hitting a body of water during its “peak”.

**Saturday & Sunday  
June 14th & 15th**

**Rouses Point, Lake Champlain**

**Saturday, June 28th**

**Great Sacandaga Lake**

**Saturday & Sunday  
July 26th & 27th**

**Oneida Lake**

**Sunday, August 10th**

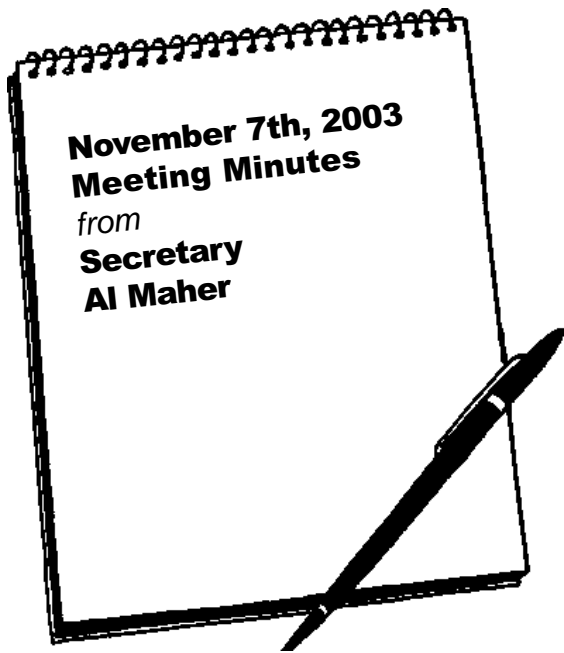
**Saratoga Lake**

**Saturday & Sunday  
September 27th & 28th**

**Ticonderoga, Lake Champlain**

**Saturday, October 18th**

**Lake Bomoseen**



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.

Mike gave opening remarks. A happy birthday wish went out to Sandy Curcurito & "Pops" Swinton.

Motion to accept the Minutes from the October 3rd meeting by George Leibach and 2nd by Greg Allen.

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

Checkbook balance is \$8,457.54

#### **Membership - Mike Ellrott**

No prospective members applying for membership. However Mike did receive a couple of inquiries through email.

#### **Conservation - Frank Maher**

None.

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

None.

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

November 15th at the Best Western on Western Ave. in Albany. Cocktail hour will be from 6PM to 7PM. Cost will be \$25 per guest, club members will be paid for by the club.

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

Bill thanked Sandy for all the work she has done at our weigh-ins. He also thanked the membership for their efforts in making our weigh-ins go smoothly. Also, the new traveling trophy has been ordered.

#### **State Federation - Frank Maher**

The tentative 2004 tournament schedule is out. Cayuga Lk, Hudson River, Mohawk River and Tupper Lake are the points tournaments. Canandigua Lake will be the site for their partners tournament and the club team event. There is also a federation meeting on December 6th that he will attend.

#### **Old Business:**

Lunker Pool - The 5.58 pound lunker largemouth caught by Bob Richard is gone. Getting knocked out of the top spot and also second place.

The "Mad Hatter", Bill Pigott, was at the meeting. \$8 will get you one of the most prestigious hats ever seen on the water.

## **New Business:**

Mike read an email he received from Bruce Hinsdale. Bruce makes spinners (in-line?). You can check out his product at [www.home.earthlink.net/~hinsdaleenterprises/](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~hinsdaleenterprises/)

There was discussion of supporting a local charity this Christmas season. Toys for Tots and a local family were mentioned. An envelope was passed around so guys could contribute (\$ amount not available at this time). Tom Haley also brought up the idea of having a 50/50 at the banquet to help raise money for a donation.

Mike read the thank you card received on behalf of the Maher family.

There was also a report of the locks on the Mohawk River being open until November 11th due to the excessive rain fall the past couple of weeks. The canal was closed a couple of days due to the high water.

Tom Haley cautioned everyone about the threat of Chronic Wasting Disease. This is a dangerous neurological disease that afflicts members of the deer family but they aren't sure if humans are completely immune to it. Carcasses of the infected animal must be disposed of through incineration.

The floor was open for nominations.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS:**

PRESIDENT: Mike Ellrott by Frank Maher, 2nd by Frank Polomaine  
VICE PRESIDENT: Jim Underhill by Bill Pigott, 2nd by George Leibach  
TREASURER: Paul Pfliger by Charlie Curcurito, 2nd by Frank Polomaine  
SECRETARY: Alan Maher by Frank Plolmaine, 2nd by Paul Pflieger

### **NOMINATIONS FOR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:**

WEIGH MASTER: Charlie Curcurito by Alan Maher, 2nd by Frank Polomaine  
MEASURER: Al Dickinson by Mike Ellrott, 2nd by Bob Simek  
Tom Haley by Charlie Curcurito, 2nd by Anthony Curcurito  
TIME KEEPER: Greg Allen by Tom Haley, 2nd by Anthony Curcurito  
George Locke by Charlie Curcurito, 2nd by Bill Pigott

Nominations were closed and will reopen at the December meeting.

- 10 Minute Break -

-Fish Talk-

Mike spoke of the statistics for the Bomoseen tournament. 102 bass were caught by 32 guys for a total of 197 pounds. There were 11 limits with 4 guys catching no keepers. Some limits were very small, just barely having a one pound average per fish. Art grant had the lunger of the tournament and the lunger of the year with a 6.75 pound largemouth. He was "tight-lipped" when it came to answering the question of what he caught it on. Frank Polomaine, who caught the 2nd biggest fish this year (6.67 lbs.), also on Bomoseen, was equally quiet when asked the same question. It was the tenth time since 1989 that Bomoseen has put up the "lunker of the year" for this club. Mike read off the top ten finishers of the Bomoseen tournament.

Al Dickinson then talked of his winning efforts on Bomoseen. Basically saying he had nothing special going. He just went fishing and things worked out for him.

Mike read through the top-ten finishers in the Mohawk Partners event held on October 27th and then through the top ten for the season after a brief talk of how he and Frank Maher won the Mohawk event. Also mention of Bobby Simek, again winning the Non-boater award for his third time.

50/50 won by Robert Swinton - \$30

Boat raffle ticket won by Alan Maher

Motion to adjourn by Greg Allen, 2nd by Tony Curcurito.

# Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Friday, December 5th** at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

Place  
Postage  
Here

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