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AABM 2004 Tournament Committee & Officers:

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FOR SALE

1996 Nitro Bass Boat. Contact
Tom Haley for the specifics.

CASTING KIDS EVENT

Dick's Sporting Goods has invited us to hold a casting kids event at their store in Crossgates Mall Sunday, March 21st. Volunteers are needed. Contact Greg Allen or Jamie Dickinson on how you can help. We'll also go over specifics at our upcoming meeting Friday.

UPDATES NEEDED

Before I go and update the club roster and have guys come up and tell me their info is wrong, please come see me and give me your current info, especially if you've moved in the last year or two. If I have your name spelled wrong, tell me that too. I think that is one of the reasons that a couple of you may not be getting the BASS Times. Please see me before the meeting or during the break to verify the info I have. It would also be helpful if you have your BASS membership number and expiration date. You should have received your BASS Federation Membership card by now, which is not to be confused with National BASS (the magazine). If you haven't, let me know. It is our and your proof that your \$15 Federation dues was properly applied.

DEATH IN OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Larry Hallenbeck, who was a member of our club back in the '80s & early '90s passed away in February. His obituary mentioned that he was a member of the Albany Area Bassmasters. Although it has been a number of years since he last participated, being a member of our club was obviously important to him. There was no wake or funeral but contributions could be made to the Cancer Society.

SOME REMINDERS

Don't forget your 2004 Vermont fishing license before the start of our Rouses Point tournament. Eventhough there is a reciprocal license agreement between NY & VT, it does not pertain to the entire lake. A copy of your certificate of insurance will be needed if it expired during the "off-season". Please provide Jim Underhill with the updated document.

A Message From the "Prez"

Seems like we just met...oh, we did. Well that shouldn't matter. Our March meeting should prove to be incentive enough to get you out of the house. The highlight of the meeting may be Greg Allen's presentation on his bass fishing trip to Mexico. Bob Simek will also be back from a week on Okeechobee with tales of some bigguns caught.

Our Casting Kids Event is scheduled for Sunday, March 21st so we will need to put those plans in action.

March is a great month to pay lunger of the year entry fee, show the Vice Pres. (who is that guy) your Vermont license and proof of boat insurance. You may even want to come up with \$180 to pay your entry fees for the season. March is a great time to get all the details out of the way so you don't have to worry about them when the ice goes out.

I'll be sneaking out early to get to the MAAC Basketball Tournament at the Pepsi Arena, so it won't be a late night.

The weather finally seems to be breaking, and I can report that I spotted a flock of Robins alongside the Thruway Thursday afternoon. Spring can't be far behind. See you at the meeting.

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PLEASE USE THE REST OF THIS SPACE TO UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND RETURN TO ME

Name: _____
(as it appears on your BASS Fed Membership card)

Address: _____

BASS Member #: _____

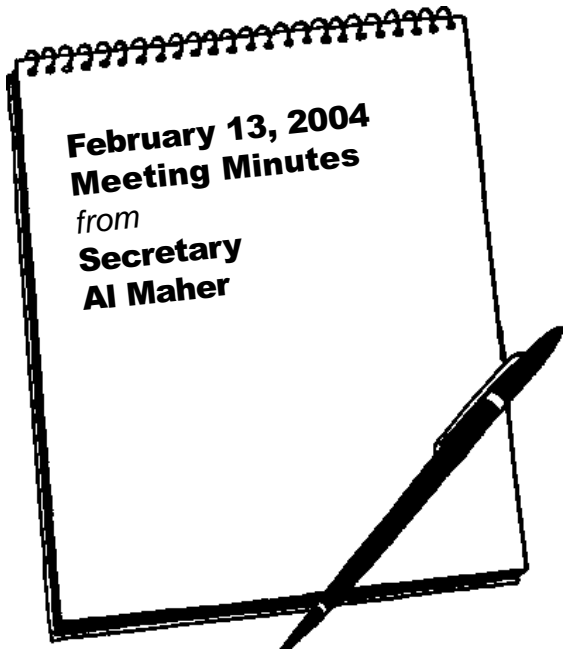
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If you don't already receive the newsletter via email, would you like to? **Y** **N**

Extra Credit
What is the atomic weight of Iridium?



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

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

Mike introduced our newly elected officers & tournament committee. We also had Tim Blodgett, owner of Saratoga Tackle, on hand to give a talk. Motion to accept the Minutes from the December 5th meeting by Bill Pigott and 2nd by Brady Moy.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Checkbook balance is \$4,804.52 Paul also went over the clubs' 2003 Financial Report.

We also had committee appointments/volunteers.

Membership - Jamie Dickinson

Andrew Zima was making a return. Tonight was his 1st

function.

Fund Raising - George Leibach

Conservation - Tom Haley

Safety - Tim Bantham

Banquet - Tony Curcurito

State Fed Rep - Mike Ellrott

Charlie reported (for Mike) that there is a new State Fed Tournament Director. Her name is Sharon Rice. Her mailing address: Sharon Rice, NYSBF
7126 Hardscrabble Rd.
Addison, NY 14801

New Business:

All tournament permits have been applied for to date. Discussed the changes that have already hit our 2004 tournament schedule. The Pike Tournament moved to Sunday, May 2nd. There will be an off-limits for the tournament. Oneida Lake will have a launch time change. We will be launching at 5AM for a 5:30AM start time.

The manager of Dick's Sporting Goods has asked if we were interested in putting on a "Casting Kids Event". Membership appeared to be interested and the event date is Sunday, March 21st. Contact Greg Allen or Jamie Dickinson for specifics on how you can help.

Tim Blodgett was present and asked the membership what he could carry in his store that would better serve us. He also mentioned the ban on the sale on 1/2oz lead sinkers. He has been phasing them out since last year.

50/50 won by Paul Pflieger - \$32

Motion to adjourn by Bill Larose, 2nd by Frank Polomaine.

Meeting Reminder...

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

Place
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