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THIS IS IT!

This is it. No more reminders, no more talk about what needs to be done by the June meeting.

You must have the following done: 1) You need your Vermont license. 2) You need your certificate of insurance to use your boat in a tournament. And 3) God help you if you catch the biggest or second biggest bass of the year and you're not in the "lunker pool". That's worse than not buying yourself in the calcutta.

MEETING CHANGE

The *June* meeting has been changed to *Thursday, June 3rd*. It's going to be an important one, so plan on attending. Along with the Rouses Point draw, we will have our Sacandaga draw.

ROUSES POINT

Our opener is right around the corner! June 12th & 13th will find us rockin' & rollin' on the often treacherous waters of Lake Champlain @ Rouses Point. With the possibility of a 17lb limit of Smallies, it's worth the risk. 5:30AM - 1:30PM at the state launch on the Great Chazy River. Call the Anchorage Motel for accommodations. (518) 297-4211

KID'S TOURNAMENT

Mother Nature managed to hold off the heavy rain and allowed us to have our annual kid's tournament without a bunch of soggy, wet kids. This year, we broadened the limit to include all species that were "in season". A competitor could weigh 5 pike, 5 pickerel & 5 walleye, along with 15 panfish if they could catch them. Check out these weights. I think some of the 10 - 15 year olds are ready for the next step. Great job by all the anglers and thanks to everyone that helped make it an enjoyable event for the kids.

Ages 0-9

	<u>Weight</u>		
Michael Curcurito	10.91	1st	place
Richard Mullins	10.16	2nd	place
Kevin Bantham	9.91	3rd	place
Nicole Maher	9.67	4th	place
Robbie Richards	7.55	5th	place
Shane Richards	7.34	6th	place
William Charbaneau	7.17	7th	place
Brendan Maher	6.88	8th	place
Ian Sager	6.58	9th	place
Emma Dickinson	5.43	10th	place

Ages 10-15

	<u>Weight</u>		
Anthony Curcurito w/a 6.24 Northern Pike	19.24	1st	place
Amanda Blake	14.50	2nd	place
Robert Swinton	13.27	3rd	place
Kyle Wengler	12.47	4th	place
Samantha Blake	11.90	5th	place
Gary Swinton	8.15	6th	place

Top 3 finishers from each age group received a trophy and all received "goodie bags". There was also plenty of pizza, brownies and soda for all to have.

SACANDAGA

After our Rouses opener, we'll be on the Great Sacandaga Lake launching out of Sunset Bay Campgrounds on Saturday, June 26th. 5:30AM - 1:30PM. The Smallmouth ought to be biting here too.

IT'S 'DA LAW!

It was brought to Mike's attention after the pike tournament that some of our members have been bending or breaking one of our rules that is in place to ensure the safety of our members. You technically are not cheating but failure to obey the rule is grounds for disqualification. Our rule, which is adopted from National BASS, states that you and your partner must have their lifevest on and zippered any-time the combustion engine is running. Mike was informed that members were seen, during the pike tournament, with their outboard running but did not have their lifevest on. A small discussion occurred regarding this at last month's meeting. In defense of the perpetrators, it was said that some start their motors and then stash their gear to allow their outboards to warm up before changing areas or heading back for the day. Sounds like a very logical reason but still it is breaking the rule.

What we seemed to agree on was this: You may start your outboard but you and your partner must be wearing your lifevests. If you need to rearrange your gear or put it away, you may disconnect your kill switch lanyard to allow you freedom to move about your boat. However, before you put the motor in gear, you must reattach the lanyard to your lifevest. This rule applies during the actual tournament hours. If anyone feels the need to further discuss this, it can be brought up at the June meeting.

OTHER STUFF

Since we're heading to Vermont in a couple of weeks, keep in mind that there is a "no wake" zone under all bridges on Lake Champlain. They especially like to hide on either side and make sure you slow down for them. It gives them a nice excuse to check your vessel for necessary safety items and depending on how badly you neglect them, you could get told to leave Vermont waters!

Watch the wind direction on Rouses Point and pay extra attention to the shoals. Keep in mind that you may need to take an alternate route back to the launch if winds and possibly high water make some railroad tressels impossible to get under. Make sure your bilge pumps are in good operating order, too.

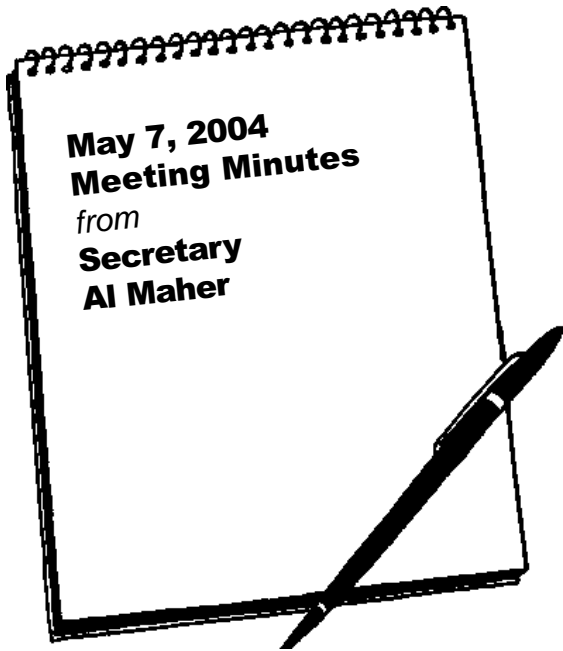
ROSTER UPDATE

Please update your Roster to reflect Al Dickinson's new address:

Allen Dickinson	P.O. Box 21	Middle Falls, NY 12848	Home Ph.	(518) 692-8237
			Cell Ph.	(518) 796-4898

NYS BASS FEDERATION 2004 SCHEDULE

Sun., June 20	Cayuga Lake	Union Springs Village Launch sponsored by: Cayuga Co Chamber of Commerce	Points
Sun., July 11	Hudson River	Catskill sponsored by: Greene County	Points
Sun., July 25	Oneida Lake	Oneida Shores County Launch	Partners
Sun., Aug. 8	Mohawk River	Schoharie Crossing	Points
Sat./Sun., Aug. 21&22	Oneida Lk	Oneida Shores Co Launch	CTC
Sun., Sep. 12	Canandaigua Lk	Canandaigua State Marine Park	Points



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

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

Mike's opening remarks. It appears that one of our members is so important that he needed to answer his cell phone while driving a school bus. Mike told of his misfortune which started with a ticket and snowballed into a suspension.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Checkbook balance is \$3,530.09

Membership - Jamie Dickinson

Andrew Zema was making his 5th function.

Safety - Mike Ellrott

Mike spoke of how much stricter the boat inspection was this year compared to years past. He also said how, as a club, we did very well. Some members were denied a "sticker" for some very minor infractions.

Kid's Tournament - Mike Ellrott

May 22nd. Possibly 10-12 boats. We have the necessary permit. Looking for coordinators, soda, pizza. 7am-1pm. two age groups 0-10 & 11-15. 15 panfish, 5 pickerel, 5 pike & 5 walleyes will be the limit.

Tournament Committee - Jim Underhill

Everyone must have their VT license by the June meeting! There will be two boat draws at the June meeting, which was moved to June 3rd. Mike reminded everyone that you must have your lifevest on & zippered when ever your gasoline motor is running. Failure to do so is grounds for disqualification. FYI: There is a 45 MPH speed limit on Saratoga Lake.

Federation Report - Mike Ellrott

Nothing to report. Mike is sending in the June lottery tickets.

Lunker Pool - Charlie Curcurito

The June meeting is your last chance to get in.

-5 Minute break-

More stories about Charlie but this time about catching freshly released stocked trout.

Mike went over the results of the pike tournament. 16 of 17 boats had limits. Al Maher gave a talk on how he and Leo won the event.

50/50 raffle won by Jim Underhill....\$29

Motion to adjourn by Art Grant, 2nd by Tony Curcurito.

Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Thursday, June 3rd** at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

Place
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