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DON'T MISS THE DECEMBER MEETING!

Our December meeting will be the last time you will have to air your grievances about last years schedule while someone pretends to listen. Tell them what you liked and didn't like. It will help putting next years schedule together. Be sure to bring plenty of \$1 bills to cover the fines that will be levied against you when you mock another persons' idea.

Also on the agenda is the very important election. We will open the floor for nominations one last time before the vote. Please refer to the Minutes to see the members running for the various positions.

Pay your Club Dues of \$45. It is due at the December meeting and makes life easier to have everyone paid up by then. Charlie is also collecting for the State Federation Dues, which is \$20. He needs it by the January meeting, otherwise you are on your own.

There is a rumor that we will have food at the meeting. So bring your appetite.

Thanks to everyone that made the banquet a successful, fun time. Thank you Charlie for helping many of us relive times that we were trying to forget.

A Message From the "Prez"

You already know how important the December 3rd meeting is:
Nomination and election of Officers and Tournament Committee
Discussion of 2004 tournament schedule
Club Dues must be paid to continue our insurance

I want to thank everyone who helped pull this year's awards banquet together. I thought it was a great event. My thanks to Jim Underhill, Bill Swinton, Paul Pflieger, Nash Alexander, Charlie and Sandy Curcurito, Bev and George Locke for some last minute rearrangement of tables, and most of all Anthony Curcurito for his work and persistence on banquet arrangements.

I want to thank once again my Officers, Jimmy, Al, Paul, who made it possible for me to enjoy another year at the head table,

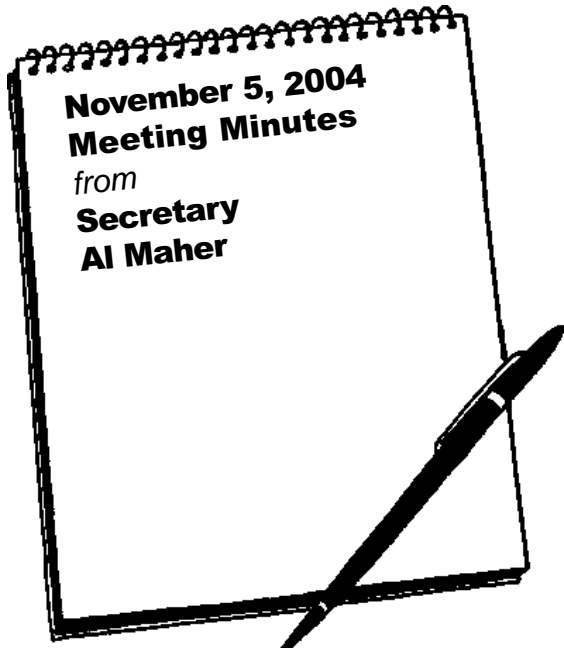
I also want to thank and commend the Tournament Committee for doing a great job. The schedule (including a once and only once Screwn Lake) was great, as were our weigh-ins.

My thanks to all of you for another great season in the Albany Area Bassmasters.

I wish all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, and if I don't see you December 3rd (shame on you) a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

OOPS.....

They say your memory fades as you get older but I didn't think mine would fade so quickly. I erroneously stated that Al Dickinson shattered George Lockes' 2 day record weight of 31 lbs. 8 oz. set in '91. Although that's true, I forgot about George's record 2 day total he set in 2003 on Champlain of 34.34 pounds. My apologies to George and to everyone else who read it and wondered what about last years weight?



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. Happy birthday to Sandy Curcurito & "Pops" Swinton. Motion to accept the Minutes from the October 1st meeting by Ralph Sommers, 2nd by Charlie Curcurito.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Checkbook balance is \$8,431.77.

Conservation - Tom Haley

Tom's report was sent via email and detailed the horror stories of "gender confusion" amongst the aquatic population. Stories of male largemouth bass producing eggs are common in some waters. Man made chemicals/hormones within our society appear to be the culprits. Manufacturing of pharmaceuticals and improper disposal are to blame.

Safety - Tim Bantham

Tim's report was short and to the point. Please do not vote in anyone that would support a tournament on Schroon Lake.

Banquet Committee - Tony Curcurito

The banquet is all set. He must know by Wednesday, the 10th who will attend. So far 55 people have signed up.

Tournament Committee - Jim Underhill

No report. However, there was some rumor being tossed around that a certain VP was practicing without a NY license. He did have one by tournament time.

State Federation - Mike Ellrott

Bev has the raffle tickets (\$20). Charlie is also collecting for State dues (\$20) and he needs it by the December meeting.

New Business

Dues for the club is due by the December meeting. \$45 will pay for the club and National BASS.

It's time for donations to local charities. Mike received a letter from the Toys for Tot's

organizer. We donated \$400 last year and he is requesting our help again this year. There was also discussion about doing something for troops in the middle east. Jamie's sister, Beth Spain, will be mobilized shortly. The hat was passed around for both.

- Nominations were opened -

-PRESIDENT (Mike Ellrott) Nominated by Bill Pigott, 2nd by Blase Regina

-VICE PRESIDENT (Jim Underhill) Nominated by Charlie Curcurito, 2nd by Bill Pigott

-TREASURER (Paul Pflieger) Nominated by Ralph Sommers, 2nd by Frank Polomaine

-SECRETARY (Al Maher) Nominated by Ralph Sommers, 2nd by Tony Curcurito.
(Bill Pigott) Nominated by Paul Pflieger, 2nd by Jim Underhill.

-WEIGHMASTER (Charlie Curcurito) Nominated by Jim Underhill, 2nd by Paul Pflieger

-MEASURER (Art Grant) Nominated by Tony Curcurito, 2nd by George Locke.
(Al Dickinson) Nominated by Frank Polomaine, 2nd by Blase Regina.
(Gene Lavigne) Nominated by Paul Pflieger, 2nd by Mike Ellrott.

-TIME KEEPER (Bob Richard) Nominated by Tony Curcurito, 2nd by George Leibach.
(Greg Allen) Nominated by Jim Underhill, 2nd by Bob Simek.
(Frank Polomaine) Nominated by Charlie Curcurito, 2nd by Al Dickinson.

-Nominations were closed and will reopen at the December meeting.

-FISH TALK-

George Locke, Blase Regina & Al Dickinson went on an excursion to Paradox Lake. Blase boated a largemouth that went 7.6 pounds on a hand held scale.

Schroon Lake: 31 anglers with only 44 fish caught. Total weight was 100.50 pounds, with a 2.3 pound average. The top three finishers elaborated on what they did to make their outing successful.

Mike read off the top ten of our Bassman standings. Blase Regina was done "sweating out" whether his lunker largemouth would hold up for the year. He will collect \$370 at the banquet.

The fishing was good on the Mohawk River for our annual partners event. Two members of the over-the-mountain gang won the tournament. Jim Underhill & Bill Pigott found the winning weight worth \$250. 11 teams competed, with an 8 fish limit. There were four teams that had over 23 pounds.

*Through generous donations, we collected \$238 for our Xmas gift slated for Beth and \$147 for the Toys for Tot's program. We will collect again at the banquet.

At the December meeting, we will discuss the 2004 schedule and ideas for next year. We will have food also.

50/50 won by Joey Curcurito \$28

Motion to adjourn by Tony Curcurito, 2nd by George Leibach.

Meeting Reminder...

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

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