

ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S. TIMES

New York State B.A.S.S. State Federation

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**AABM 2005
Tournament Committee
& Officers**

President
Mike Ellrott

Vice President
Bill Swinton

Treasurer
Paul Pflieger

Secretary
Bill Pigott

Weighmaster
Charlie Curcurito

Timekeeper
Frank Polomaine

Measurer
Al Dickinson

Message from the Prez...

Happy New Year to everyone. In spite of the snow and subzero temperatures, I am starting to hear from guys who have made their first tackle orders for the upcoming season. I mentioned to Gail that retailers such as Dick's and Sports Authority and others really miss the mark when it comes to sales. They fail to realize that the shopping season for anglers is now, not when we're out there fishing. It irks me that summer clothes are on the racks in department stores, yet the sporting goods retailers have not begun to restock their shelves yet.

Mr. Swinton will be **formally** announcing our schedule for 2005 at our February meeting. I certainly hope everyone has seen it before then, and your comments are welcome...but beware, they may cost you a buck!

I will be looking for volunteers to chair several committees this year. Chairmen will be needed for Conservation, Membership, and Safety committees. I certainly want to encourage the guys who did such a good job last year to serve again. Anthony has already got a tentative contract in place for next year's banquet and no one else takes care of fund raising like George Leibach. If anyone is interested in being the Club's Federation representative, please let me know at the meeting.

One change I would like to see in 2005 is more participation from you at the meetings. I am doing too much of the talking and sooner or later you will stop listening to me. I encourage you to present your ideas, concerns, etc. at meetings. I also invite you to participate in discussions. They are your meetings.

We have some other ideas and requests we will be discussing in February, so I hope everyone can attend the first meeting of the year. Lets get this season off to a rousing start..

Our Thanks

The club wishes to extend our warmest thanks out to our 2004 officers who will not be serving on the committee this year. They are as follows:

- Jim Underhill—Former VP
- Al Maher—Former Secretary
- Greg Allen—Timekeeper

We appreciate all your hard work, and good luck to our new officers!

Our Condolences

Warren Barrett, Bob Simek's father in law and Bobby's grandfather, passed away last month. Our deepest sympathies are with their entire family at this difficult time.

Al and Frank Maher recently lost their father, Frank B. Maher. He was 82. We extend our condolences to both of them as well as to their family.



2005 Albany Area Bassmaster's Tentative Tournament Schedule

May 21	Saratoga—State Ramp	Pike Tournament	6:00 AM-2:00 PM
June 11-12	Rouses Point—Chazey	Points Tournament	5:30 AM-1:30 PM
June 25	Sacandage-Sunset Day Campground	Points Tournament	5:30 AM-1:30 PM
July 2	Cossayuna—State Ramp	Kid's Tournament	7:00 AM-1:00 PM
July 9	Saratoga Lake—State Ramp	Partner's Tournament	5:30AM-1:30PM
July 23-24	Oneida Lake—Oneida Shores Park	Points Tournament	5:30AM-1:30 PM
August 6	Cossayuna—State Ramp	He/She Tournament	6:00AM-1:00 PM
August 20	AlCathy's-Mohawk River-State Ramp	Points Tournament	6:00AM-2:00 PM
Sept. 24	Lake Bomoseen-Edgewater	Points Tournament	6:30AM-2:30PM
Oct. 15-16	Ti Bay-State Ramp	Points Tournament	7:00AM-3:00 PM

Schedule is tentative until all permits/permissions have been received.

2005 NY State B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sun, June 19	Seneca Lake—Susan Johnson Opener Points Tournament	Stivers Seneca Marine, Inc. Bloody's Hill Road, Waterloo, NY
Sun, July 17	Lake Champlain Points Tournament	Plattsburg Boat Basin 5 Dock Street, Plattsburg, NY
Sun, July 31	Oneida Lake Points Tournament	Oneida Shores County Park Bartell Rd., Brewerton, NY
Sun, Aug 14	Cayuga Lake Partner's Tournament	Frontenac Park Village Launch Union Springs, NY
Aug 27 & 28	Cayuga Lake Rosemary Murphy Memorial Club Team Championship	Frontenac Park Village Launch Union Springs, NY
Sun, Sept. 11	Lake Champlain Points Tournament	Fort Ticonderoga Boat Launch, Rt 71 East at Ft Ticonderoga Road, Ticonderoga, NY

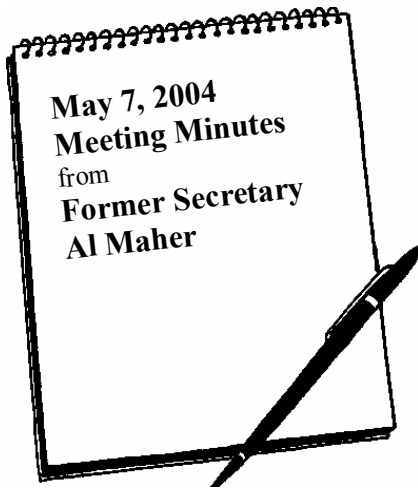
Places To Stay

Rouses Pt.
The Anchorage (518) 297-4211

Ticonderoga
Circle Court (518) 585-7660
Stonehouse (518) 585-7394
Super 8 (518) 585-2617

Oneida Lake
Belair Motel (315) 699-5991

Bomoseen
Edgewater Inn (802) 468-5251



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. Motion to accept the Minutes from the November 5th meeting by Charlie Curcurito, 2nd by Bill Larose.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Checkbook balance is \$4,206.90. The adjusted balance will be \$3,255.90 after dues are paid (\$270) and checks are written for the Toys for Tot's program (\$325) and our gift to Beth Spain (\$356).

Membership - Jamie Dickinson

There were 3 prospective members in attendance. Nick Fantasia, Anthony Curcurito Jr. & Mike Waitehus were all making their first functions.

Conservation - Mike Ellrott

Mike had an article regarding the possible clean up of Onandaga Lake, near Syracuse.

Safety - Tim Bantham

Tim again had good advice, informing the membership that there was an unknown puddle in the men's room and for God's sake, stand closer to the urinals.

State Federation - Mike Ellrott

The State has released their 2005 schedule. Charlie needs your \$20 by January if you plan on joining the State Federation. Mail your check to him.

Lunker Pool - Charlie Curcurito

Only four guys have paid so far.

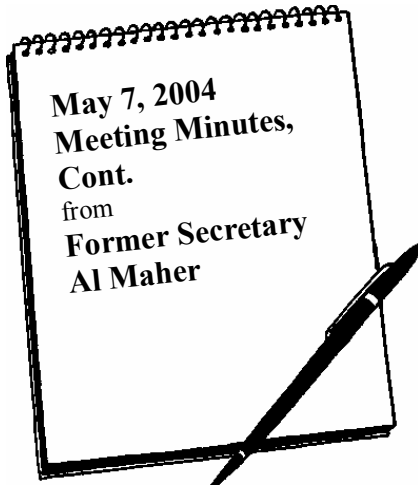
New Business

Paul Pflieger had a "Bill Henry Report". Bill recently moved to Connecticut and is hoping to back in the area. He sends his "best" to all the guys.

Ralph Sommers thanked the members of our Tournament Committee and Officers for serving the club.

--TOURNAMENT DISCUSSIONS--

We had a lively discussion on last years tournaments and possible sites for 2005. Mike had numerous stats that enabled us to compare our success to previous years. New bodies of water were brought up as possible sites for 2005. Even after suffering on Schroon Lake in 2004, the Hudson River was brought up as a place to return to next year.



-Nominations for Officers were again opened-

-PRESIDENT

(Mike Ellrott) Nominated by Bill Pigott, 2nd by Blase Regina.
No further nominations

-VICE PRESIDENT

(Jim Underhill) Nominated by Charlie Curcurito, 2nd by Bill Pigott.
(Bill Swinton) Nominated by Al Dickinson, 2nd by Paul Pflieger.
No further nominations

-TREASURER

(Paul Pflieger) Nominated by Ralph Sommers, 2nd by Frank Polomaine.
No further nominations.

-SECRETARY

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

Al respectfully declined the nomination at the December meeting.
No further nominations.

-WEIGHMASTER

(Charlie Curcurito) Nominated by Jim Underhill, 2nd by Paul Pflieger.
(Joey Curcurito) Nominated by Tony Curcurito, 2nd by Bill Larose.
No further nominations.

-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.
No further nominations.

-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.

Bob Richard declined at the December meeting.
No further nominations.

-Nominations were closed.

Elections took place. Our Officers and Tournament Committee for 2005 are as follows:

PRESIDENT - Mike Ellrott
VICE PRESIDENT - Bill Swinton
TREASURER - Paul Pflieger
SECRETARY - Bill Pigott
WEIGHMASTER - Charlie Curcurito
TIME KEEPER - Frank Polomaine
MEASURER - Al Dickinson

50/50 won by Bev Locke (for the Lockes' friend Dan) \$35

Motion to adjourn by Ralph Sommers, 2nd by Joey Curcurito.

Club Reminders

Meeting Reminder....

The next meeting of the Albany Area
Bassmasters will be

Friday, February 4th

at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00
PM sharp.

Charlie Curcurito is still collecting monies for the
lunker pool. If you have not gotten your money
in, please see Charlie as soon as possible.

Remember that you can pre-pay for the points
tournaments—\$180.00 pays for the year, and if
you do not fish some of the tournaments, you will
get that money refunded.

Also, be sure to have your Vermont and New
York licenses and proof of boater's insurance
before the first tournament.



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