



ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S. TIMES

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

Message from the Prez...

March is here and by the time we meet the annual Outdoor Shows will have come and gone. Just to remind us Mother Nature has a sense of humor she slapped us with zero degree temperatures and a little white stuff.

One of the reasons we meet through the winter is to take care of "business" so it doesn't interfere with our fishing season. Following last month's meeting it became evident that not everyone understood the new tournament rule that was announced at the meeting. The rule changes how we deal with boat-to-boat situations and impacts boaters who choose to fish less than a full schedule. I have asked the Tournament Committee to explain the new rule and its origin at the March meeting. We will entertain an open discussion of the rule so that everyone clearly understands the rule, it's impact and effect.

We will also discuss a proposal that significantly affects the State Federation Trail. A Pro-Am format has been proposed for the Federation trail in which non-boaters will compete against non-boaters and boaters will compete against boaters. There may be different entry fees, different paybacks and will be different seats on the 12-Man team to compete for.

I am looking for suggestions of topics and/or volunteers to present some "fish-talk" at our Spring meetings. It's time to get fishing back on the agenda.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting. We will impose "brain storming" rules to the discussion, so bring your dollar bills. We may pay for the banquet at this meeting!

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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

NY BASS Chapter Federation Public Statement

In early February, the New York BASS Chapter Federation, Inc. comprised of 48 clubs and nearly 1000 members, voted overwhelmingly to continue its affiliation with BASS. BASS and NYBCF have had a good working relationship in the past, and the established youth and conservation programs are very important to our organization. We are very disappointed in the way that both organizations have handled this situation. The intentional attempt to split each state organization by the people that should want the best for the fishing industry is disappointing. NYCBF is holistically in support of BASS and its programs. As members of BASS and as a stockholder of The Bass Federation Inc., we expect that both organizations will act in a professional manner in the future.

Albany Area Bassmasters 2006 Official Tournament Schedule

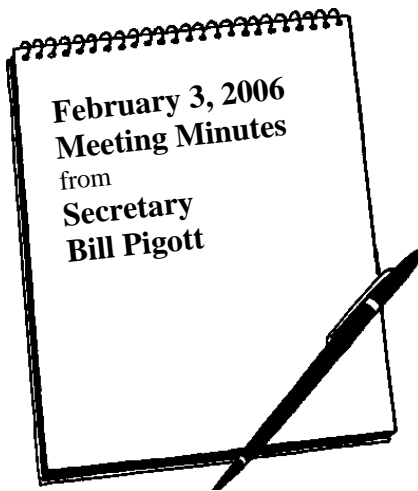
Partner's Pike Tournament Lake Champlain Ti-Bay State Ramp	<i>Sat. May 13</i> 6:30 AM-2:30 PM
Rouses Pt (Points Tournament) Lake Champlain	<i>Sat & Sun June 10 & 11</i> 5:30AM-1:30PM
Saratoga Lake (Points Tournament) State Ramp	<i>Sat. June 24</i> 5:30AM-1:30PM
Kid's Tournament Cossayuna Lake State Ramp	<i>Sat. July 8</i> 7:00AM-1:00PM
Rouses Pt (Points Tournament) Lake Champlain	<i>Sat. & Sun. July 22 & 23</i> 5:30AM-1:30PM
He/She Tournament Cossayuna Lake State Ramp	<i>Sat. Aug 5</i> 6:00AM-1:00PM
Partner's Tournament Saratoga Lake State Ramp	<i>Saturday Aug 19</i> 6:00AM-2:00PM
Mohawk River (Points Tournament) Schoharie Crossing State Ramp	<i>Sat. Sept 9</i> 6:00AM-2:00PM
Lake Bomoseen (Points Tournament) Edgewater	<i>Sat Sept 23</i> 6:30AM-2:30PM
Lake Champlain-Ti-bay (Points Tournament) State Ramp	<i>Sat. & Sun Oct. 7 & 8</i> 7:00AM-3:00PM
Scott James Memorial Partners Tournament Mohawk River Schoharie Crossing State Ramp	<i>Sat. Oct. 28</i> 7:00AM-3:00PM

Places To Stay

Rouses Pt. The Anchorage (518) 297-4211	Oneida Lake Belair Motel (315) 699-5991
Ticonderoga Circle Court (518) 585-7660	Bomoseen Edgewater Inn (802) 468-5251
Stonehouse (518) 585-7394	
Super 8 (518) 585-2617	

Emergency Numbers

NY STATE POLICE (518) 563-3761
VT STATE POLICE (802) 655-3435
COAST GAURD (802) 864-6791



The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Mike Ellrott.

Officers Present: Mike Ellrott, Bill Swinton, Bill Pigott & Paul Pflieger.

Mike's opening remarks

Mike welcomed everyone back and introduced the Tournament Committee for 2006. Mike also talked about what has been going on inside and outside the club since we last met in December. At the club level, we have a new tournament trail to discuss, a rule change and a proposed entry fee increase. On the Federation level Mike talked about the vote that will be taking place—whether we should remain affiliated with BASS or switch affiliation to the TBF/FLW organization. Mike then thanked Tim Batham and Jamie Dickinson for representing us at the Federation meeting and will be separating the fact from fiction for us in the Federation Report.

Mike then reviewed the minutes of the Dec 2nd meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes. George Liebach accepted the minutes, which was seconded by Charlie Curcurito.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Paul reported a checkbook balance of \$3,470.28. Paul then reviewed the 2005 financial report. The club then reviewed the motion to increase the dues by \$5.00. The motion was voted on and passed. The club's by-laws will be amended to reflect the change.

Committee Report

Mike asked for volunteers to fill the committee chairs and as usual the club members stepped to the plate. Thanks guys!

The 2006 Committee Chairs:

Membership—Jamie Dickinson

Fund Raising—George Liebach

Conservation—Greg Allen

Safety—Tim Batham

Banquet—Anthony Curcurito

Saratoga Lake Watch—Tim Batham & Art Grant

Membership Report - Jamie Dickinson

Mike discussed the inactive members he has contacted and asked to step down in order to allow new prospective members to participate in the club. Jamie then reported that we have 4 prospective members making their first function: Rob Swinton, Trista Hughes, Dominic Wade and Rick Martens.

Conservation Committee—Greg Allen

Greg spoke about the Saratoga Lake issue regarding the treatment of millfoil. The DEC in region 5 has ruled that the application is incomplete at this time. Greg mentioned we should let DEC know our concerns and also forward information to the federation level to inform other clubs that they respond also.

Safety Committee - Tim Bantham

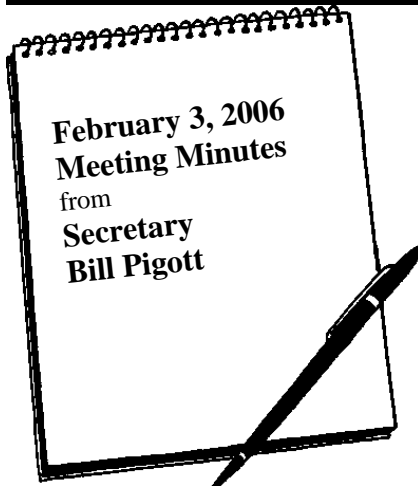
Tim had nothing to report at this time.

Lunker Pool—Charlie Curcurito

Charlie read who had paid so far.

Banquet Committee—Tony Curcurito

Tony informed us of a new banquet date. More information will follow.



Federation Report—Tim Batham

Tim handed out copies of BASS Federation National Proposal and the TBF/FLW proposal. Both proposals were then discussed in detail, pros and cons. The issue was then voted on by the club and was decided that the Albany Area Bassmasters will stay affiliated with BASS. Mike stated he would contact the federation and let them know our position.

Tournament Committee Report - Bill Swinton

Bill reviewed the tournament schedule for 2006. He also informed the club that the permits are back. Also Bill will be checking boat insurance and licenses for 2006 at the next meeting.

Bill then went over the proposed entry fee increase. He gave us some figures as to how the increase would improve the tournament payouts. The proposed \$5 increase would result in an additional \$150 per tournament day for paybacks, assuming there is 30-competitors per tournament. The payback schedule would be as follows:

<u>Current Payback</u>	<u>Proposed Payback</u>
1st—\$70	\$115
2nd—\$55	\$85
3rd—\$45	\$70
4th—\$35	\$55
5th—\$30	\$45
6th—\$25	\$40
7th—\$20	\$25
Total: \$285	\$435

Motion was then made to increase the entry fee \$5.00 per tournament. This was discussed and motion was then made to vote on the entry fee increase by Leo Godin, seconded by Bill LaRose. The entry fee increase was passed. Bill also discussed a new rule regarding the use of a boat after missing two tournaments.

50-50 Raffle

The raffle was won by Jim Greely. Jim took home \$40.00.

Items For Sale

If anyone is looking to buy a club hat, Terry Flemming is the "Mad Hatter". Hats are \$8.00 each.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 10:00 pm. Motion was accepted by Bill Greely, seconded by Bill Larose.

2006 NY State B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<i>June 18, 2006</i>	Chautauqua Lake Long Pt. State Park/Marina
<i>July 16, 2006</i>	Sackets Harbor Town Launch
<i>July 30, 2006</i>	Lake Champlain Plattsburg Boat Basin Marina
<i>August 13, 2006</i>	St. Lawrence Ogdensburg Ogdensburg City Boat Launch
<i>August 26-27, 2006</i>	St. Lawrence Ogdensburg Ogdensburg City Boat Launch
<i>September 10, 2006</i>	Lake George Town Launch
<i>State Divisional Championship Sept 18-24, 2006</i>	Lake Champlain, Plattsburg Boat Basin Marina

Club Reminders

Meeting Change

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be

Friday March 10, 2006

at the American Legion Melvin Rd Post at 7:30 PM.
200 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush



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