



ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S. TIMES

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

Message from the Prez...

The meeting Friday evening is the best meeting of the entire year; we have our first boat draw of the 2006 season. We will actually draw for both the Rouses Point and the Saratoga Lake tournaments. The report from Steve Bosely who spent three days at Rouses last week was that water temperatures were in the low 50's. It sounds as if we may hit them just right again this year. The "Big Mommas" were busy building nests on Lake Bomoseen last week as well. Water temperatures there were in the high 50's.

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Everyone should review the Club's tournament rules before the tournament, members new and veteran alike. If you can't find your copy of the rules, shame on you, but we will send you a copy if you let us know.

A brief observation on tournament fishing: This weekend I was happy to find bluegills and sunfish bedding heavily in front of our camp at Cossayuna. Happy because I knew my two favorite fishing partners, Kaitlyn (5) and Lauren (almost 3) were going to have some fun. Kaitlyn is already a veteran angler and so she was eager to help her little sister catch some fat pan fish. After landing a few of her own and then helping Lauren land a few which were duly cheered, Kaitlyn turned to me and softly said, "mine were bigger, Pop". I guess we are all born with that competitive nature in us. And we all quickly realize that one of the best ways to measure our skills is the weight of the bag!

Bring it on. Good fishing for everyone!

AABM 2005 Tournament Committee & Officers

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Mike Ellrott

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Bill Swinton

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Paul Pflieger

Secretary
Bill Pigott

Weighmaster
Charlie Curcurito

Timekeeper
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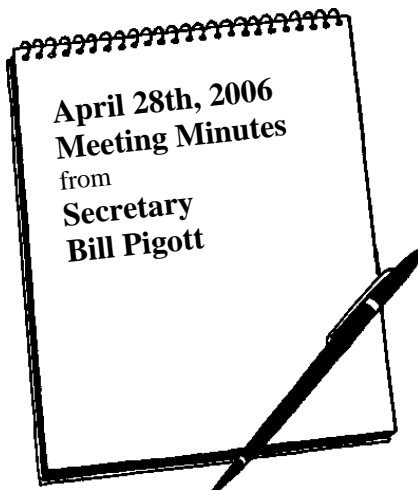
Measurer
Al Dickinson

Bill Swinton & Al Dickinson Capture Pike Tournament



Bill Swinton (l) and Al Dickinson captured the tournament as well as the Lunker. Photos courtesy of Bev Locke.

Albany Area Bassmasters kicked off the 2006 tournament season with the annual Pike, Pickerel and Walleye Tournament. This year we found ourselves on Lake Champlain instead of Saratoga Lake. Another change this year was the eight fish limit instead of last year's ten. The weather forecast didn't look good, but it wasn't too bad of a day, when all was said and done. Fifteen teams launched their boats that morning in anticipation of some big weights coming to the scale. And some nice fish were definitely caught. :) A repeat performance by Bill Swinton and Al Dickinson who brought 39.48 lbs to the scales included in that bag (excuse me, two bags) of fish was a 10.37 lb. Pike that took Lunker. Second place was the team of Jim Underhill and Bill Pigott with 32.72 lbs. Third went to George Locke and Brady Moy with 26.18 lbs. For complete results see page 5.



The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Mike Ellrott.

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

Mike's opening remarks

Mike started the meeting by welcoming the members and also let us know prospective member Trista Hughes has accepted a teaching position down south and will not be fishing with us. Mike also asked how many of us have been out illegally stinging bass — there have been various reports from Saratoga from good to poor fishing. Mike said one thing he's learned after a year of retirement is that it is just as easy to procrastinate when you are retired as when you are working. He finds himself staring at his boat as he tries to catch up on things he has put off all winter.

Mike then asked for acceptance of the April 7th meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted by Charlie Curcurito and seconded by Bill LaRose.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Paul reported a checkbook balance of \$4,641.53

Membership Report - Jamie Dickinson

Jamie was unable to attend the meeting, so Mike asked the prospective members to introduce themselves to the club. First up was Dominic Wade, followed by Trista Hughes who will be moving down south. Dominic is making his 4th function. Rick Martens has made 3 functions.

Conservation Committee—Greg Allen

Greg had no report at this time. Mike reported about an article in Thursday's Gazette on Sacandagua Lake's water level.

Safety Committee - Tim Bantham

Tim had nothing to report at this time.

Banquet Committee—Tony Curcurito

Tony has nothing to report at this time.

Tournament Committee Report - Bill Swinton

Bill talked about the upcoming pike tournament. Bill reminded everyone to make sure their safety equipment is working and up to date, such as fire extinguishers, flares, life jackets, and any other equipment you might need to look over. Bill also told everyone who intends to participate there will be an 8-fish limit with a 20-inch minimum length for pike, 18-inch minimum length for pickerel and walleye and a 30-inch minimum length with 1-fish limit for muskey. Bill also reminded everyone that if you prepay for the tournament year and cannot make a tournament, that money will be refunded to you.

Federation Report—Mike Ellrott

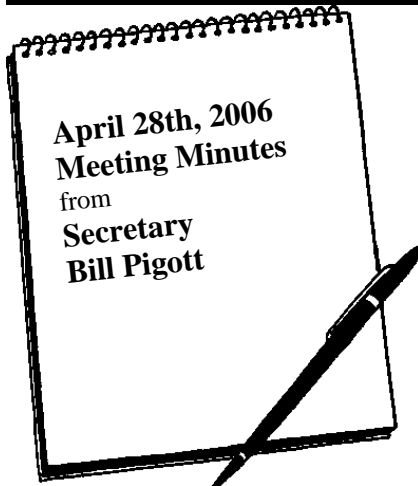
Mike had no report at this time.

Old Business -

Mike reported that the club received a thank you letter from Rose Dickinson for our donation to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Lunker Pool—Charlie Curcurito

Charlie read who was paid and reminded members you must be paid before the first points tournament if you want to get in the lunker pool.



New Business

The officers have decided to offer an incentive to get more members to prepay their entire entry fees for the season. We will raffle off a \$25 gift card at the June meeting. To be eligible for the raffle, you must have prepaid your entry fees.

Gene Lavigne has agreed to fill out the last remaining spot on the club team. Mike Ellrott will be listed as our alternate and will fish should someone not be able to compete.

Paul Pflieger will be taking orders for club shirts; \$28 for long sleeve and \$27 for short sleeve. We will also be ordering hats.

10 Minute Break

Fish Talk

Mike Ellrott gave a very interesting talk about his fishing trip to Florida this past winter. He had the opportunity to fish with former member Bob Simek. Mike and Bob fished Lakes Okeechobee and Kissimee. One of the points Mike made was how much the Lakes have changed from the first time he fished them in 1993 due to the devastation of Hurricane Wilma. Another factor contributing to changes is the use of herbicides to kill weeds. Mike explained that without the large weed mats to filter the water, the water color is now brown instead of clear. Mike and Bob did catch some fish although not the Florida monster we all hear about. Thanks to Mike for the stimulating conversation.

50-50 Raffle

The \$35 raffle was won by Anthony Curcurito.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:20 PM. Motion was accepted by Bill LaRose and seconded by Gene Lavigne.

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

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

**Partner's Pike Tournament
Ti-Bay
May 13, 2006**

Boater	Partner	Boat	Pike	Pickerel	Lunker Pike	Total Weight	Prize Money
B.Swinton	A.Dickinson	11	5	3	10.37	39.48	\$210.00
J.Underhill	B.Pigott	5	5	3	8.82	32.72	\$148.00
G.Locke	B.Moy	3	6	2		26.18	\$108.00
C.Curcurito	J.Gibson	10	2	6		23.27	\$84.00
T.Fleming	N.Fantasia	12		8		22.91	\$50.00
B.Richard	G.Leibach	4	1	7		22.5	
T.Curcurito	F.Polomaine	13	3	5		21.04	
R.Bishop	F.Rosetti	9		8		20.84	
N.Alexander	D.VanTassel	7	2	6		20.71	
J.Dickinson	R.Martens	2	1	4	9.28	18.19	
M.Waitekus	M.Richard	1		8		15.50	
M.Ellrott	B.LaRose	6	2	2		12.5	
P.Pflieger	R.Camadine	14	1	3		8.86	
J.Greeley	B.Greeley	8		4		7.35	
			28	69		292.05	
Lunker Pike:							\$140.00
B.Swinton	A.Dickinson				10.37		
B.Swinton	A.Dickinson	1st	Cal				\$72.00
J.Underhill	B.Pigott	2nd	Cal				\$48.00



Important Club Info & Reminders

Two Boat Draws

We will be having the Rouses Point and Saratoga Lake Boat draws at Friday's meeting.

Please be sure to bring your proof of insurance and fishing license to the meeting.

Important: If you are unable to attend the meeting, but intend on fishing, please contact a tournament committee member and let them know.

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be

Friday June 2nd

At the

American Legion Melvin Rd Post

7:30 PM

200 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush

There will be a drawing for a gift certificate at the June meeting. Anyone who has pre-paid for their points tournaments will be eligible for the drawing.



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