

ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S. TIMES

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

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**AABM 2007
Tournament Committee
& Officers**

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Mike Ellrott

Vice President
Al Maher

Treasurer
Paul Pflieger

Secretary
Bill Pigott

Weighmaster
Charlie Curcurito

Timekeeper
Frank Polomaine

Measurer
Al Dickinson

Message from the Secretary...

Mike has just returned from his vacation and will tell us all about it at the meeting. In the meantime...

Sometimes at tournaments (and in life) stuff happens. Sometimes you're lucky, and there are no witnesses. Other times, you aren't so lucky. I figure it's not ratting anyone out if I don't publish the names. Plus it's really funny when it's not you. **"I don't want to mention any names, but..."** So, if anyone has information or humorous stories from this year's tournament trail to share about other members (without names!!) please contact me and we'll get them in print!

2005 Pike Tournament

Saturday May 12th will be the annual pike tournament. There is an off limit period starting the Saturday prior to the event. \$60 is the entry fee per team which includes luncheon. There is a \$10 fee for the Calcutta. Note: Please let Al Maher know if you still do not have a partner. There are members still looking for someone to fish with. Additionally make sure you have a copy of your boater's insurance and license at the meeting.

Boat draw for the Pike Tournament will be held at the May Meeting

Meeting Reminder

The April meeting will be held
Friday, April 13, 2007

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

May Meeting will be Friday, May 4th 2007

Federation Boat Auction

The New York Bass Federation is accepting bids on a 2007 Skeeter SX180 with a 115 HP Yamaha motor. The bidding is only open to New York Federation members and there is a \$12,000 reserve bid. Highest bid accepted is based on email timestamp (with contact information) when received at skeeterbid@nybassfed.com by midnight on 4/28/07. For more information see the Federation website.

2007 AABM Tournament Trail

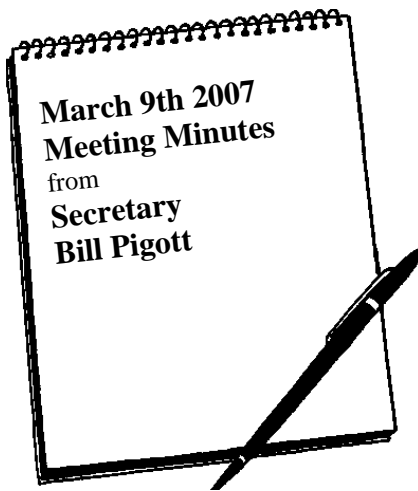
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| June 9, 10 | Lake Champlain Rouses Point | 5:30-1:30 PM |
| June 23 | Sacandoga Lake | 5:30 - 1:30 PM |
| July 14 | Saratoga Lake | 5:30 - 1:30 PM |
| Aug 11, 12 | Oneida Lake | 6:00 -2:00 PM |
| Sept 15, 16 | Lake Champlain Ti Bay | 6:00 - 2:00 PM |
| Oct 13 | Lake Bomoseen | 6:30-2:30 PM |

Non-points Tournaments

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| May 12 | Pike Tournament—Lake Champlain Ti Bay |
| July 15 | Kid's Tournament — Cosseyuna Lake |
| July 28 | Partner's Tournament—Saratoga Lake |
| Aug 18 | He/She Tournament—Cosseyuna Lake |

NY Federation 2007 Tournament Trail

| Date | Event | Launch |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Jun 17 | Susan Johnson Opener | Oneida Shores |
| July 29 | Mohawk River | Schoharie Crossing |
| Aug 12 | Upper Niagara River | TBA |
| Aug 25 & 26 | Rosemary Murphy Memorial | Ticonderoga, NY |
| | Club Team Championship | |
| Sept 9 | Lake George | Hague, NY |



The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Mike Ellrott.

Officers present: Mike Ellrott, Al Maher, Paul Pflieger and Bill Pigott.

Mike's opening remarks

Mike started the meeting by welcoming everyone to the March meeting, then Mike thanked Bill Pigott (me!) preparing the 2007 roster and distributing the tournament rules. Mike then asked for acceptance of the minutes of the February 2nd meeting. The minutes were accepted by Brady Moy and seconded by Jim Underhill.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Pal reported a checkbook balance of \$2,212.53. Also Paul reviewed the 2006 Financial Report with the club.

Membership Report - Gene Lavigne

Gene Lavigne reported that prospective member Will Perdieu was unable to attend.

Fund Raising — George Leibach

As always, thanks to George for taking care of the 50/50 raffle.

Conservation Committee

Mike asked if anyone is interested in chairing the conservation committee to let one of the officers know. Mike then went on to report the "Viral Hemorrhage Septicemia" or VHS—see attached article on following page.

Also in response to the VHS problem in New York State all walleye stocking programs in the state have been suspended. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has banned the removal of live fish from Lake Erie.

Sportsman from around the state are rallying to try to block the appointment of Pete Grannis as Commissioner of DEC. There are online petitions that can be signed. If you're interested see the Federation Website and the Forum.

Safety Committee - Paul Pflieger

Paul Pflieger recommended that boaters and non-boaters check safety equipment before we get on the water. Items such as flares, life vest, flash lights to name a few. Good advice.

Banquet Committee—Tony Curcurito

The 2007 Albany Area Bassmasters Banquet will be November 10, 2007 at the Best Western Sovereign 6:00 PM-1:00 AM.

Tournament Committee Report - Bill Swinton

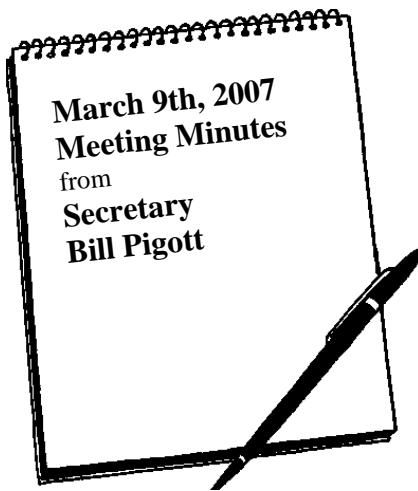
Al Maher will be checking licenses and boat insurance. He also reminded everyone that we will be on Lake Champlain soon for our Pike Tournament. If anyone needs a ride please let us know.

Federation Report—Mike Ellrott

Mike reported at the last Federation meeting, members voted that the Federation should continue to use the Club Team Event to place two members on the State Divisional Team. Members present also voted that the Club Team Event should be used to help fund the cost of those two State Team participants.

Mike then asked the club to vote whether clubs should be allowed to send more than one team to the Club Team Event? Albany Area Bassmasters voted 'no.'

Mike also encouraged members to make an effort to fill out the Federation Angler's Survey on the Federation Website.



10 Minute Break

Old Business

Lunker Pool—Charlie Curcurito

See Charlie if you're interested in getting in the Lunker Pool at a cost of \$15.00, it's a good deal. Worth noting, if you don't get in and catch a lunker you will get rode like a dime store pony. :O)

Club hats are available for \$10.00 each. See Gene Lavigne if would like one.

New Business

Former member Bob Fortin's mother passed away. Simone Fortin was 92.

The club received a thank you letter from the James' kids' grandparents.

The Jerry Simons Memorial Tournament on Cossayuna Lake is scheduled for June 30th.

Fish Talk

Don Van Tassel was unable to attend. Don was going to talk about the BFL finals.

50-50 Raffle

50-50 won by Wanda Rifenburg. Wanda took home \$30.00.

Motion to Adjourn

Mike then motioned to adjourn. Motion was accepted by Al Dickinson and seconded by Tony Curcurito.

NEW YORK DEC EXTENDS EMERGENCY REGULATION TO HELP PREVENT SPREAD OF VHS

Sunday, February 25, 2007

New York DEC Adds 21 Day Extention Thru March 9th

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced that the emergency regulations to help prevent the spread of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) to additional waters in the state have been extended. The 21-day extension took place on February 16, 2007, and will continue the existing provisions which were enacted on November 21, 2006, that limit the release, possession, and taking of certain bait and other live fish species.

The extension of the current VHS emergency regulations is necessary to prevent a gap in protecting the state's fisheries resources while the DEC addresses the public comments submitted on the proposed permanent rulemaking that was also announced on November 21, 2006. This extension of the emergency regulation will be effective through Friday, March 9, 2007.

DEC expects to issue new, revised emergency regulations soon, which would take effect immediately. DEC will also soon propose revised permanent regulations that reflect the public comments received during the initial comment period that ended on January 22, 2007. The revised regulations are in the process of being developed and it is anticipated that they will incorporate many of the public comments received to date. In order to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions, DEC will commence another public comment period, with details available when the revisions are announced.

VHS is a serious pathogen of fresh and saltwater fish that is causing an emerging disease in the Great Lakes region of the United States and Canada. VHS is a pathogen of fish and does not pose any threat to public health. VHS can be spread from waterbody to waterbody through a variety of means, not all of them known at this point. One known mechanism is through the movement of fish, including bait fish. Text of the emergency regulation is available at <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/propregs/#10e> on the DEC website. Additional information on VHS can be found at <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/fish/vhsv.html> on the DEC website.

Important Club Info & Reminders

Pike Tournament Partners Wanted

Will Perdieu and Joey Curcurito are both still looking for rides for the pike Tournament. Also Al Maher will be checking NY and VT licenses and boat insurance.

Also...

Don't forget you can prepay for your tournaments to make life a little easier.

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be

Friday April 13th

At the
American Legion Melvin Rd Post

7:30 PM

200 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush

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