

ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S. TIMES

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

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Message from the Prez...

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The last two meetings we talked about my concerns over membership and participation. The turnout in November and December was very encouraging. I reassured me that we still have a strong base that will keep this Club vital and strong. I am confident we will weather a temporary drop in membership and remain as strong as ever.

I look forward to 2008. We have a challenging schedule, but one that has the potential to produce record setting weights. Your Tournament Committee is strong and diverse; that was shown at the Tournament Committee in December. I am also very happy with the slate of officers you elected and look forward to working with them. Finally, I know there are a number of you willing to step up and take on some leadership roles on committees and with our website. I think we are going to have a great year.

See you February 1st.

**AABM 2008
Tournament Committee
& Officers**

President
Mike Ellrott

Vice President
Al Maher

Treasurer
Paul Pflieger

Secretary
Rich Bishop

Weighmaster
Charlie Curcurito

Timekeeper
Bill Pigott

Measurer
Al Dickinson

2008 AABM Tournament Trail

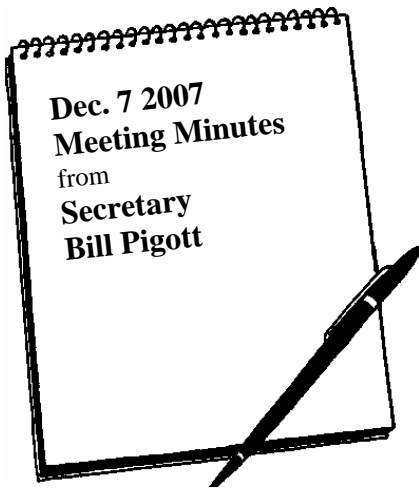
June 14, 15	Lake Champlain Rouses Point	5:30-1:30 PM
June 28	Saratoga Lake	5:30 - 1:30 PM
July 19,20	Oneida Lake	5:30 - 1:30 PM
Aug 16, 17	Lake Champlain Ti Bay	6:00 -2:00 PM
Sept 20,	Saratoga lake	6:00 - 2:00 PM
Oct 18	Mohawk (Schoharie)	6:30-2:30 PM

Non-points Tournaments

May 10	Pike Tournament—Lake Champlain Ti Bay
Aug 30	Partner's Tournament—Saratoga Lake
July 26	He/She Tournament—Cossayuna Lake

NY Federation 2008 Tournament Trail

Date	Event	Launch
Jun 22	Lake George	Hague
July 13	Tentative	
Aug 3	Henderson Harbor	TBA
Aug 21 & 24	Chautauqua Lake-CTE	TBA
Sept 7	Oneida Lake	Oneida Shore Park



Meeting called to order at 7:45 PM by club president Mike Ellrott

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

Mike's opening remarks

Mike welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting and with that said he recommended the club invest in club rocking chairs for our aging membership. J Mike also asked that we make sure our BASS and Federation dues are paid before the first so that we can continue our insurance coverage. Last month Mike told us the November meeting was one of the most important of the year. Tonight IS the most important meeting of the year, we elect the members who will run the club and manage our 2008 Tournament season. Also Mike said there is some important information from the Federation to discuss. And you need to let the new Tournament Committee know what you thought of the schedule for the season just ended. Mike then asked for a motion to accept the November 9, 2007 meeting minutes. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim Underhill and seconded by Tony Curcurito. Minutes were

accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Paul reported we have a checkbook balance of \$1,372.27.

Membership Report - Gene Lavigne

Gene reported that Ted Underhill is making his second function tonight.

Fund Raising — George Leibach

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

Conservation Committee — Mike Ellrott

Mike reported on an article in the daily Gazette about Saratoga Lake. Excerpt from Article follows:

“A mid-level appeals court has ruled in favor of the city and reversed a lower court, finding that the city adequately studied the environmental impacts of taking drinking water from Saratoga Lake.

‘We conclude that [the city] took the requisite hard look at the impact of the project on the water shed area,’ the Appellate Division of state Supreme Court in Albany wrote in a unanimous decision issued Thursday.

That reverses a 2006 decision by state Supreme Court Justice Thomas D. Nolen Jr. of Ballston Spa that the city's environmental impact statement hadn't sufficiently looked, in particular, at the impact its project would have on land use and development around the lake.

The city's \$17 million plan to draw from the lake as a new drinking water supply has been controversial since it was first proposed in 2000.

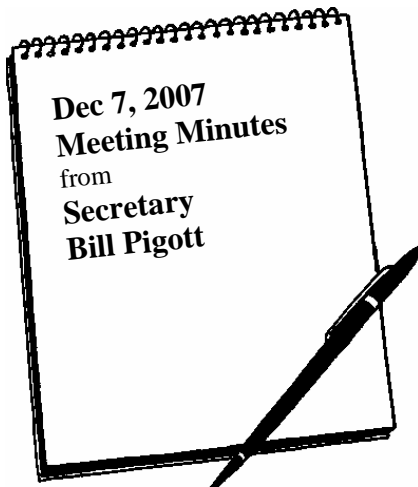
While court acceptance of the environmental impact statement would appear to clear the way for the city project to go forward, the Republican takeover of the City Council in January means it isn't certain what will happen next. The next step would be applying to the state Department of Environmental Conservation for a water supply permit, if the city pursues the project.

The city water plan is opposed by three other towns around the lake, the Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District, and the lake residents' association.”

(By Stephen Williams, Gazette Reporter)

Safety Committee - Paul Pflieger

Paul had no report at this time but Mike added as we move from the tournament season to the shopping season he thinks safety committee reports are more important than ever. This is the time of year we are most likely to hurt ourselves.



Banquet Committee—Tony Curcurito

Mike thanked Tony for all his hard work to make the annual banquet a success. Tony reported our awards banquet will be November 8, 2008 at the Best Western for the upcoming Tournament season.

Tournament Committee Report - Al Maher

Al had no report at this time, but did not say when we review last year's schedule speak up if there was something you didn't like or if there was something you did like.

Federation Report—Mike Ellrott

Mike reported the Federation's annual banquet is January 19, 2008 starting at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$30 per person. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Sue Good at 585-343-3765. Mike also attended the Federation meeting held December 2, 2007 at the Gander Mountain store in Cicero. Mike said he almost stayed home.

We seem to have little interest in the Federation and the weather forecast for the trip

was not good. Because we are an affiliated club Mike felt an obligation to participate. Contrary to what Mike read on the Federation's message board, it was not worth the trip but he felt better about doing his part. Mike then reviewed with the club some of the highlights of the meeting.

Old Business

Club and Federation Dues need to be paid.

Lunker Pool—Charlie Curcurito

Once again Charlie is collecting for the Lunker Pool. Cost to get in is \$15.00.

Club hats—Gene Lavinge

Club hats are available for \$10.00 They are tan and feature the club logo. See Gene if you would like to purchase one.

Dominic Wade –

Mike reported our first package of books, movies, magazines, etc. was delivered.

New Business

Nominations for officers and Tournament committee members for the 2008 season were followed by the elections.

December Nominees –

Bill Pigott was nominated for Time Keeper by Paul Pflieger and seconded by Jim Underhill.

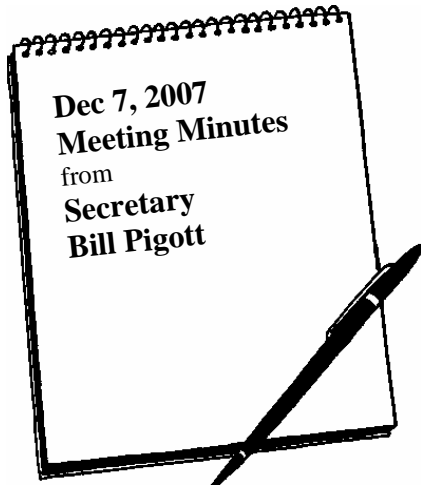
Elections were held. Results as follows:

President – Mike Ellrott
 Vice President – Al Maher
 Secretary – Rich Bishop
 Treasurer – Paul Pflieger

Results for Tournament Committee were as follows:

Weighmaster – Charlie Curcurito
 Measurer – Al Dickinson
 Time Keeper – Bill Pigott

10 Minute Break



Fish Talk –

The club reviewed the 2007 tournament trail. We discussed what members liked and disliked about the '07 season. The new tournament committee will take this information into consideration when putting our 2008 tournament trail together.

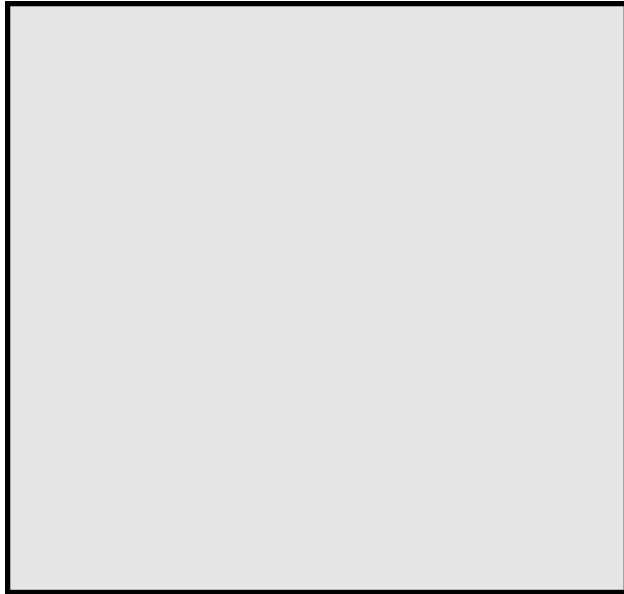
50-50 Raffle

\$27.00 won by George Leibeck.

Motion to Adjourn

Mike then asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Leo Godin and seconded by Bob Richard. Motion was accepted and meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Important Club Info & Reminders



The next meeting of the Albany Area
Bassmasters will be

February 1st 2008

At the
American Legion Melvin Rd Post

7:30 PM

200 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush

Place
Stamp
Here

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