

ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S. TIMES

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

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Message from the Prez.....,

Bass Pro Shops is in the midst of its Spring Fishing Classic. Paul Pflieger and I drove out for the New York BASS Federation meeting on Saturday and Charlie, Al, Blasé and Frank P. drove out Sunday to hear Tim Horton, Brent Chapman and Terry Baksay. It does get the juices flowing until you turn on the TV and see forecasts for more snow. It's been a long winter!

The Northeast Outdoors Show is scheduled for March 20-22, 2009 at the Empire State Plaza. The Federation will have a booth at the show and if you are interested in helping staff the booth just stop down and introduce your self. Be sure to wear your Albany Area Bassmasters gear and be ready to talk up the Club. It may be an opportunity to recruit some new non-boaters. It will also give you a chance to meet some of the Federation's leaders. Tim Morrison, the Federation Treasurer, will be managing the booth.

Our Club was offered "free" space at the Show and your Officers were planning a booth that would give us some exposure. When I talked to the show planners who offered us the space, "free" came with a price. In exchange for space which costs exhibitors about \$600, we were being asked to staff the Trout Pond. That would involve collect fees, bait hooks, taking trout off hooks, and untangling lines, etc. After talking to a couple of the other officers I decided to make an executive decision and decline the offer.

I have heard that we lost another non-boater. I have been told Joe Curcurito has purchased Bill Swinton's Champion. I guess Charlie will be looking for someone new to tow his boat to tournaments for him this season. Another membership note: Bill Pigott told me he will be fishing the Northeast Bass Trail with Frank Maher this season as Charlie Herzig will be taking the season off. Bill will do as much as he is able with the Club, but will miss most of our points tournaments this season.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting March 6. I will have an interesting Federation report for you.

**AABM 2009
Tournament Committee
& Officers**

President
Mike Ellrott

Vice President
Frank Rossetti

Treasurer
Paul Pflieger

Secretary
Rich Bishop

Weighmaster
Charlie Curcurito

Timekeeper
Frank Polomaine

Measurer
Gene Lavigne

AABM 2009 Tournament Schedule

May 9: Saratoga (Pike) 6:30-2:30 PM

June 13-14: Rouses Point (Points) 5:30-1:30 PM

June 20: Cossayuna (Kids) TBA

June 27: Sacandaga (points) 5:30-1:30 PM

July 18-19: Ticonderoga (Points) 5:30-1:30 PM

July 25th: Cossayuna (Husband/Wife) TBA

August 2: Ticonderoga (Partners) *Sunday* 6:00-2:00PM

August 22-23: Oneida Lake (Club Team Event) TBA

August 29: Saratoga (Points) 6:00-2:00PM

September:19-20: Oneida Lake (Points) 6:30-2:30 PM

October 3: Ticonderoga (Points) *One Day Event* 6:30-2:30 PM

2009 NYBCF Schedule

June 21: Lake George (Mossy Point)

July 12: St. Lawrence (Ogdensburgh Town Launch)

September 13: Cayuga Lake (Union Springs Town Launch)

Places To Stay

Rouses Pt.

The Anchorage (518) 292-4211

Ticonderoga

Circle Court (518) 585-7660

Stonehouse (518) 585-7394

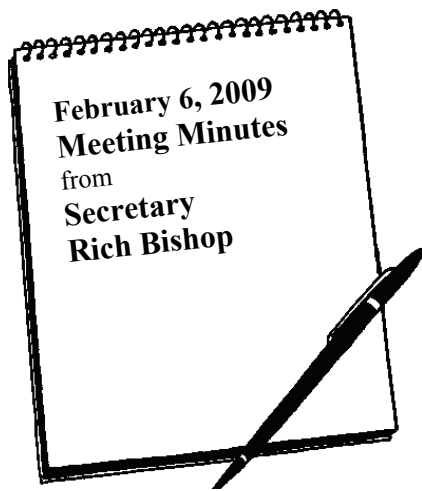
Super 8 (518) 585-2617

Oneida Lake

Belair (315) 699-5991

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM by club president Mike Ellrott

Officers present: Mike Ellrott, Paul Pflieger , Frank Rossetti, Rich Bishop



Motion to accept minutes from last meeting-Charlie C.-Leo G.

Mike Started the meeting by introducing the clubs 2009 officers and tournament committee. Also a few members (2) accepted positions as Committee chairmen. Dominic Wade is now our Safety and Membership chairman, and Jim Greeley is our Conservation chairman. Many thanks to Dom and Jim for stepping up and accepting these positions.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Paul reported we have a checkbook balance of **\$1351.09**. Paul Provided the club with the 2008 Financial Report. Motion to Accept. 1st-Charlie C.-2nd Leo G.

Membership Report - Gene Lavigne

Jim Steiner attended his first meeting.

Fund Raising — George Leibach

As always, thanks to George for taking care of the 50/50 raffle. The proceeds of the 50/50 help offset the cost of our meeting place.

Safety Committee-Paul Pflieger-No Report

Banquet Committee-The 2009 Banquet is scheduled for November 14, 2009 at the Best Western Sovereign 6PM-11PM

Conservation Report-No Report

NYSBCF Report- Mike attended the NYSBCF Meeting in Auburn. A few of the details Mike reported was that the Federation averaged 78 boats per tournament. There will again be only three points tournaments this year. There will be no off limits. The Divisional will be at Lake Simco in Canada July20-24th. Also this will probably be the last year for the "Casting Kids" competition, And that New York is now the largest federation in the country. The complete meeting minutes can be found at nybassfed.com.

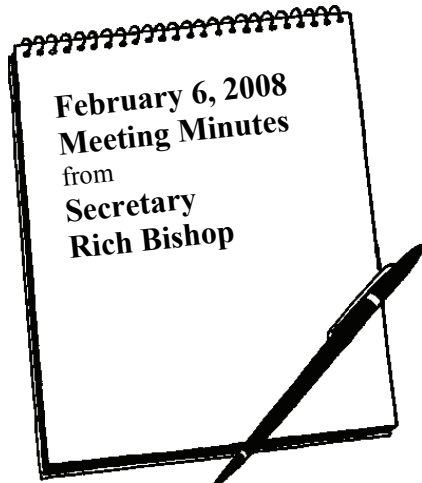
Tournament Committee Report-Frank Rossetti

Frank Presented the 2009 schedule, and discussed some of the difficulty's that came up when trying to put together a schedule. Notably the Elite Series going out on Oneida the weekend we had originally planned on being there. BASS changed the event to a later date and then changed back to the original due to a conflict with some of the "Pro's" fishing another trail. Frank also went over a few rule changes.

1- If you are picked to fish alone, you have to have fished the previous tournament, if not then you will be put back in the draw and fish with a partner.

2-For two day tournaments, if day one is cancelled it will count as a one day tournament and you will be refunded your day one entrance fee. If day two is cancelled it will stay the same and be paid out as a two day tournament.

3-we are changing to a five place payback (same amount) just eliminating the 6th and 7th place monies. This could change if participation or membership increases.



50/50-Gene Lavigne

Motion to adjourn-Leo G.-Tony C.

**2009 Bassmaster Classic
TOP 25**

Pl.	Name	DAY 1		DAY 2		DAY 3		TOTAL	
		Fish	Weight	Fish	Weight	Fish	Weight	Fish	Weight
1	Skeet Reese	5	15- 8	5	22- 9	5	16-12	15	54-13
2	Michael Iaconelli	5	15- 5	5	18-10	5	20- 3	15	54- 2
3	Brian Snowden	5	15- 9	5	19- 4	5	18- 1	15	52-14
4	Mike McClelland	5	13-14	5	16- 8	5	21-11	15	52- 1
5	Edwin Evers	5	17- 0	5	19- 3	5	15- 2	15	51- 5
6	Bryan Schmidt	5	15- 5	5	13-11	5	22- 1	15	51- 1
7	Kenyon Hill	5	9- 0	5	16-12	5	24- 2	15	49-14
8	Jami Fralick	5	19- 3	5	19- 6	5	10- 9	15	49- 2
9	Aaron Martens	5	18- 1	5	17- 9	5	13- 7	15	49- 1
10	Kelly Jordon	5	15-10	5	20- 5	5	12-13	15	48-12
11	Mark Davis	5	11-11	5	22- 7	5	14- 2	15	48- 4
12	Boyd Duckett	5	20- 3	5	13-12	5	13- 9	15	47- 8
13	Casey Ashley	5	9-13	5	22-11	5	14- 7	15	46-15
14	Alton Jones	5	13- 5	5	12-12	5	20-10	15	46-11
15	Kevin Wirth	5	15- 3	5	15- 2	5	13-13	15	44- 2
16	Bobby Lane	5	13- 2	5	18-12	3	9- 1	13	40-15
17	Terry Fitzpatrick	5	18- 0	5	9- 6	5	12- 9	15	39-15
18	Dean Rojas	5	15-13	5	16- 2	4	7-15	14	39-14
19	Shaw E Grigsby	5	8-11	5	16- 7	5	14- 8	15	39-10
20	Greg Hackney	5	12- 9	5	13-13	3	12- 0	13	38- 6
21	Greg Pugh	5	14- 0	5	16-11	2	6-13	12	37- 8
22	Dave Wolak	5	17- 6	5	17- 0	2	2-12	12	37- 2
23	Bill Lowen	5	14-12	5	14-14	3	7- 1	13	36-11
24	Randy Howell	5	16- 3	5	9- 2	2	9- 2	12	34- 7
25	Jay Evans	5	9-12	5	15- 9	4	6- 2	14	31- 7

Important Club Info & Reminders



The next meeting of the Albany Area
Bassmasters will be

March 6, 2009

At the
American Legion Melvin Rd Post

7:30 PM

200 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush

Place
Stamp
Here

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