

# ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S. TIMES

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

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Message from the Prez.....,

Well it looks like Spring is finally trying to take hold around here. I have heard that at least one Albany Area Bassmaster has been on the water and catching fish. It was very hot and very windy in Florida, but the Lake Okeechobee largemouth cooperated to some extent. No monsters to report, a 5 lb 13 oz. largemouth was my best fish. It was good to get out on the water and even better to complain about how hot it was.

At our March meeting one possible topic for discussion that was identified was swimbait fishing. I am happy to announce that Mike Zasuly has agreed to join us to talk about swimbaits. When the swimbait rage first took hold, Mike went west, as in California, to learn what he could about the technique from the guys who pioneered it. Mike has agreed to share some of that knowledge with us.

I have also lined up a visit from DEC for the June or July meeting. Rob Fiorentino, Senior Aquatic Biologist, from Region 5 has agreed to come to our meeting to discuss the impact of the milfoil eradication project on Saratoga Lake and to hear our experiences as well. I had a nice conversation with Rob and look forward to his visit. He sounded sharp and was really interested in what we are observing.

Our pike tournament is just a few weeks away and need to get ready for that.

Frank wants to check licenses and boat insurance as we prepare for the new season.

I look forward to seeing everyone Friday night.

Mike

**\* I was just informed that our guest speaker for the April meeting will not be able to attend\***

**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: Ticonderoga (Pike) 6:00-2:00 PM \*Change from original schedule\*

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

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## 2009 NYBCF Schedule

June 21: Lake George (Mossy Point)

July 12: St. Lawrence (Ogdensburgh Town Launch)

September 13: Cayuga Lake (Union Springs Town Launch)

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## Places To Stay

### **Rouses Pt.**

The Anchorage (518) 292-4211

### **Ticonderoga**

Circle Court (518) 585-7660

Stonehouse (518) 585-7394

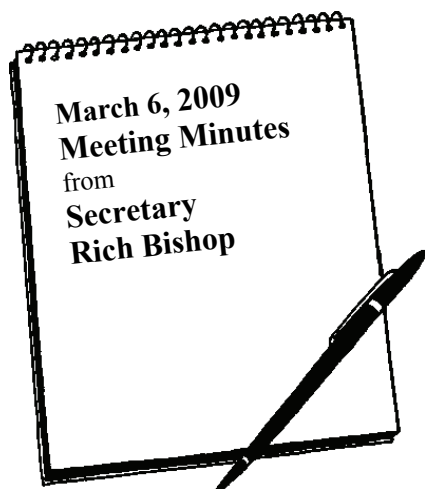
Super 8 (518) 585-2617

### **Oneida Lake**

Belair (315) 699-5991

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM by club president Mike Ellrott

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



**Motion to accept minutes from last meeting-George L.-Blaise R.**

**Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger**

Paul reported we have a checkbook balance of **\$2049.26**

**Membership Report - Dominic Wade**

Jim Steiner attended his second 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-Dominic Wade-No Report**

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

**Conservation Report-**There appears to be an issue with the smelt population on lake Champlain. The increase in the Alewife population could be the cause. **Jim Greeley** spoke about the Hunting/Fishing/Trapping Stakeholders meeting he attended. Some items shared were comments by Commissioner Grannis " Sportsmen/Women must provide the funding for the conservation fund (CF) without the aid of the general fund. With the state of economic affairs in NYS as they are today it will be difficult to find any extra monies. If the sporting community does not do this it is likely programs will not be funded. Grannis said it was unfortunate to lose programs such as the Pheasant Farm but there is only so much money to go around". There was also discussion on the proposed License increase. It is proposed to raise the fee for a fishing license to \$29 (\$10 increase). N.Y. BASS was against the fee increase since they felt many issues previously presented to DEC had not been fairly addressed.

**NYSBCF Report-**Mike And Paul attended the State Federation meeting in Auburn on February 28th. Some of the items that were discussed: The Federation has not yet signed a contract with Lowrance or the Alliance. Also Lowrance has or will be discontinuing their LCX and LMS units. The Federation Nation Championship for 2009 and 2010 will be on the Harris Chain of Lakes in Tavares Florida. Also Kistler is no longer a sponsor of the Federation.

**Tournament Committee Report-Frank Rossetti-** Frank informed us that due to a conflict with the launch at Saratoga we will be having our Pike Tournament out of Ticonderoga. The Date is May 9th 6:00-2:00. \$60 per team and a \$10 Calcutta. If anyone needs a partner please let Frank know.

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**Old Business- Club Dues \$50, Federation Dues \$20, Lunker Pool \$15**

**New Business-Mike informed us that the State Federation will have a booth at the Empire State Plaza Outdoor Show, anyone wishing to go is invited to visit the booth and talk up the club!**

**Also noted was the meeting Change to April 17th.**

**Mike also brought up if there was any interest in forming a Junior Bass Club. The consensus seemed to be no.**

**An open discussion was started on fishing Lines.**

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**50/50-\$29 (One of these times I am going to get Both the amount and winner)**

**Motion to adjourn-Tony C.-Bill P.**

# Important Club Info & Reminders

**If you have not already, please have your license and boat insurance information no later than the May meeting. For those that have inquired about needing a Vermont license for the Pike tournament, only if you plan on fishing any of the Vermont tributaries, so if you are a Non-Boater make sure you know if your boater plans to fish Vermont Waters. And as always you will need a Vermont license for the Rouse's Tournament.**

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be

**April 17th, 2009**

At the  
American Legion Melvin Rd Post

7:30 PM

*200 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush*

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