

ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S. TIMES

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

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Message from the Prez.....,

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5:30 AM Rotterdam, NY: the temperature is 66 degrees and the wind is calm.

7:30 AM entrance to Ft. Ticonderoga: the temperature is 63 degrees, winds calm and lake lying before us looks like glass. A glance to the north reveals heavy dark clouds just coming over the mountains near Port Henry.

7:35 AM State Boat Ramp at Ticonderoga: the temperature is 52 degrees, winds 20 mph+ out of the north. The glassy surface is now frothing as waves break over the docks at the ramp.

Thus ends my first fishing adventure of 2009 in New York State.

Actually Paul and I had a hearty breakfast at the Wagon Wheel, the site of past "blown out" fishing trip to Ti. We ventured back to the launch only to learn the wind was blowing harder, so began the trek home. When we did get home it was already in the low eighties, sunny and bright.

It was truly incredible how fast things can change. There would have been some debate if it were May 9 instead of April 26, but I think after a split vote we all would have been meeting for breakfast at the Wagon Wheel.

We were not alone either. We were followed into the launch by a new Bass Cat out of Schroon Lake. They too left without getting their trailer tires wet. Another angler in a big aluminum boat, not Anthony C big but a good size fishing boat, bounced his way back to the launch and back on his trailer.

We meet again this Friday. It should be another brief meeting. We do not have any guest speakers and not a lot has happened in our world of fishing in just two weeks. I do think we need to make the final arrangement for our pike tournament and perhaps discuss starting time for the event. The pike tournament is supposed to be a fun event and we try to minimize costs. The first year we fished our pike tournament out of Ti we moved the starting time back so that everyone could drive up that morning. For our Massachusetts members and a few others living south of Albany 6 AM means a pretty early start. I think we should discuss moving the start time back a little.

I urge everyone to show up for this meeting and promise to get you out of there early.

**AABM 2009
Tournament Committee
& Officers**

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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

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

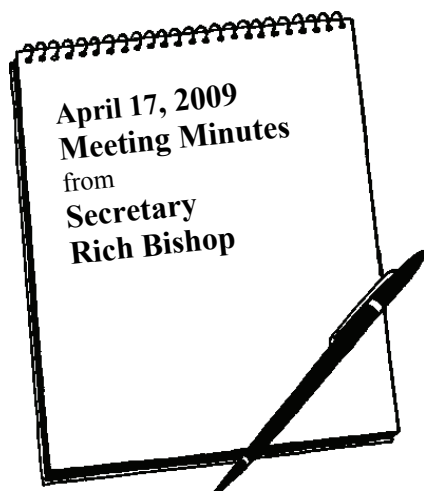
Super 8 (518) 585-2617

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-Bill Pigott-George Leibach.

Mike started off by informing all that our scheduled guest speaker was unable to attend, but plans on rescheduling. Also A representative from DEC will be speaking in June or July.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Paul reported we have a checkbook balance of \$2851.26

Membership Report - Dominic Wade

Jim Steiner has moved out of state. Bill Swinton is back with the club and will be fishing as a non-boater.

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-Governor Patterson has budgeted a 10 percent reduction in the DEC workforce. Forty two jobs will be lost to attrition. With the possibility of 250 jobs lost between layoffs and attrition. Also discussed was that the dredging of the Hudson is will begin soon.

NYSBCF Report-It appears that the NYBCF will not be able to fashion a sponsorship deal Lowrance. The Federation has announced some very favorable discounts on Humminbird Electronics. Discounts on the units can run from \$100 up to \$500. The only people that are eligible to receive this pricing are 2009 NYBCF Members. If you are interested contact Dom@nybassfed.com. The MINN KOTA purchase program is still in effect as well. Optima Battery is offering a \$20 rebate available through April 30.

Tournament Committee Report-Frank Rossetti-The Pike tournament on May 9th was discussed, It will be from 6:00-2:00(We will discuss if we should change for those driving up that morning). There will be an eight fish limit. Pike 20", Pickerel 15" and Walleye 18". Also remember that lead sinkers over 1/2 ounce are ok, but nothing under is allowed. You can have them in your boat but you cannot use them.

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

New Business-Bob Gilligan passed away April 16, 2009. Mike passed out copies of Bass Club Digest. Mike has asked for a volunteer to weigh fish on July 11, at the Cossayuna Lake open tournament. The Vermont Federation will be holding three open tournaments on Champlain. June 28, July 26th and August 16th. Not sure on entry fee's? If interested contact Frank Scalise at 802-654-8721.

The Bergen Bassmasters and the New Jersey Bass Federation will be holding a USO pen tournament and a raffle to have the chance to fish fish with a pro(Mike Iaconelli, Terry Baksay, Pete Gluszek or Big Fred Contaoi) If anyone is interested I can email you the information. Or you can see the information at [www. Bergenbassmasters.com](http://www.Bergenbassmasters.com) or www.usonyc.org.

50/50-\$28 Pat Camadine

Motion to Adjourn- 1st Bill P.-2nd Jim U.

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

May 1, 2009

At the
American Legion Melvin Rd Post

7:30 PM

200 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush

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