

ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S TIMES

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hi, Guys! Hope everyone is enjoying this mild winter so far. I am amazed how different our weather can be from one year to the next. Our lakes and rivers will need some snow for their watersheds this spring, but hopefully not the floods we got last spring.

You are not going to want to miss this month's meeting, as we are going to have our pizza night and a "Fish Talk" given by our Angler of the Year, Al Maher. Al is going to show us how to deal with fluorocarbon line on our spinning reels, which most of you know can be a little trying if not done properly. Al is also going to give us some of his expertise on his approach to locating and catching smallmouth bass. We all know the success Al has had over the years when it comes to smallmouth. Come to think of it, his largemouth fishing isn't too bad, either! I know I'm looking forward to it.

Speaking of our "Fish Talks", I thought Terry did an excellent job at last month's meeting with his discussion of his flipping technique. This is the kind of stuff that we all can learn from.

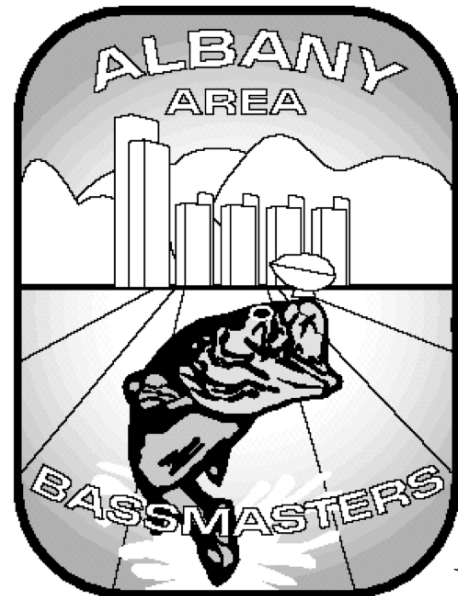
As far as club business goes, our dues for the club and the State Federation have all been collected and sent in to B.A.S.S., so we are all set for 2012!

Also, I'm still in need of a "Banquet Committee" person as we have no banquet venue for this year. I'm hoping someone will step up this month.

So, let's hope the weather for our meeting is okay and remember to bring a few dollars to chip in for the pizza.

See you at the meeting!

George



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ALBANY AREA BASSMASTERS TOURNAMENT AND COMMITTEE OFFICERS

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Frank Rossetti

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Paul Pflieger

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Danny Harrington

President

George Locke

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Al Dickenson

Timekeeper

Joe Curcurito

Measurer

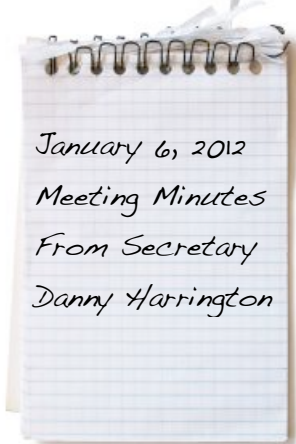
Frank Polomaine



Meeting called to order at 7:30 by club President George Locke.

Officers present: George Locke, Paul Pflieger, Danny Harrington, Frank Polomaine

Motion to accept previous minutes: 1st Rich Bishop - 2nd Paul Pflieger



Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger: Paul reported that we have a check book balance of \$1369.41. B.A.S.S. membership fees are to be sent out in the month of January. Last year had \$368 expenses over receipts due to lost tournaments.

Membership Report - Frank Polomaine: Some members yet to pay their club dues and we hope to hear from them ASAP. Currently we have 27 fishable members and a few prospective members who attended January's meeting. Don who has previously fished with Helderberg Bassmasters and a Father/Son combo Paul and Greg who have fished with FLW. Hope to see them again! Congratulations and Thank you to Keith Adams who will be our 2012 Membership committeeman as Frank moves on to be Weighmaster!

Fund Raising - George Leibach: George collected money for 50/50 raffle tickets, and has accepted another year of doing a great job for us! Don't be shy with the cash fellas!

Safety Committee - Russ Camadine: Not present

Banquet Committee - UNFILLED: We really need someone to step up and help us secure and organize a banquet for the 2012 season. Tony Curcurito did a great job last year, and we need someone to take the wheel!

Conservation Report - UNFILLED: Paul Pflieger nominated Mike Ellrott to be our conservation action reporter once again. We all anticipate he will graciously accept this position as he really excelled at it last year! Thanks in advance Mike!!

Tournament Committee - George Locke: George filled in for Frank Rossetti who was unavailable for tonights unveiling of our 2012 Tournament Schedule. Thanks George. This entire schedule is subject to change as NYS DEC has not opened their schedules to Bass clubs yet. We will know for sure by the February meeting what is set in stone.

May 5, 2012 - Pike Tournament @ Ticonderoga

June 9-10, 2012 - Season Opener @ Rouse's Point

June 23, 2012 @ Schroon Lake

July 14-15, 2012 @ Saratoga Lake

August 4, 2012 @ Sacandaga

**August 11, 2012 He-She Tournament @ Saratoga**

August 25-26 2012 Club Team Tournament

September 15-16, 2012 @ Ticonderoga**October 13, 2012 @ Lake Bomoseen****October 27, 2012 @ Partners Tournament Schoharie Crossing - Mohawk River**

NYSBCF - Paul Pflieger: Paul attended the December 3rd Meeting. The NYS BASS Federation has around \$800k in checking and around 800 total members. There is a Catch and Release Bill currently working its way through the state

legislature. There is also an item on the docket concerning the possibility of Black Bass being able to be sold in NYS. Obviously as tournament anglers, we are opposed to this idea. B.A.S.S. has moved back to Birmingham, Alabama from their previous Florida offices. The Berkley discount program was cancelled last year on the account of some jerky members stocking their tackle shop with discounted product. This is for PERSONAL, MEMBER ONLY use. Hopefully they sign back up for 2012 and everyone can follow the rules. Merc/Triton looking to come on for 2012. On April 28, 2010 the NYSBCF will hold a "Take a soldier fishing" day at Oneida Lake. Last year this was epically successful and this year it's getting even bigger. It's very rewarding, and the fellas really enjoy it. Contact Bernie Haney if you want to look into it more. January 21st is the next meeting. No Tournament dates as of yet. "FishLines" is looking for new advertisers!

Lunker Pool - Charlie Curcurito: Get your money in for 2012 ASAP! If one line hits the water in June, and you didn't get your money in, you're OUT!

Fish Talk - Terry Fleming on FLIPPING: Terry gave us some insight into an often forgotten technique of heavy cover flipping. Some of the things he covered is that it's not good for all lakes - it's only good in heavy cover - always looking for a reaction strike on the drop - place your boat DIRECTLY in the weeds with the trolling motor up and electronics OFF - 1/2 or 3/4oz jigs, football head with recessed eye works best, black, pumpkin and watermelon - always uses a pork trailer because plastics have too much action - always use a palomar knot - 65# Suffix Braid - Best on a sunny day - For equipment, you only need a cheap long extra heavy rod, with a cheap reel, drag set on MAX

If there's one thing that we took from the lesson, it's that "PITCHIN' AIN'T FLIPPIN', PERIOD!"

Thanks so much Terry for your incredible insight and experience!!

AL MAHAR WILL GIVE US NEXT MONTHS TALK ON FLUOROCARBON LINE WITH SPINNING REELS AND SMALLMOUTH TACTICS! VERY EXCITING STUFF!!



NEXT MEETING:

Friday February 3, 2012

at the
AMERICAN LEGION MELVIN ROAD POST

7:30 PM

200 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush

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Calendar

JANUARY 21, 2012

NYSBCF Meeting - Auburn, NY

FEBRUARY 3, 2012

AAB Meeting - East Greenbush, NY

MAY 5, 2012

Pike Tournament - Ticonderoga, NY

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