

ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S TIMES

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

As we ready for the start of our 2012 Bass Season, it looks as though Mother Nature just might cooperate. I know it is early and it could just be wishful thinking, but hey....why not be positive. The water levels are up everywhere, so at least that is one concern out of the way.

I am also going to be positive on our tournament attendance this year, which is another thing I have a good feeling about. You guys did a great job at the Pike Tournament from beginning to end. I didn't hear one complaint about the wind. All I was asked was whether we were going out. With the experienced boaters we have in this club and the eagerness you showed, we knew we had to go.

Again, congratulations to Bill Swinton and Felix Ortiz for their great catch. We hope to hear from you guys at our meeting on how you did so well in those tough conditions.

I also want to congratulate our new Weighmaster, Al Dickinson, and our new Measurer, Frank Polomaine, for a job well done. I thought they were both entertaining!!!!

In closing, a reminder that our June 1st meeting will consist of two tournament draws: 2-Day Rouses Point and 1-Day Schroon Lake.

See you at the meeting!

George



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ALBANY AREA BASSMASTERS TOURNAMENT AND COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Vice President

Frank Rossetti

Treasurer

Paul Pflieger

Secretary

Danny Harrington

President

George Locke

Weighmaster

Al Dickenson

Timekeeper

Joe Curcurito

Measurer

Frank Polomaine

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

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

Motion to accept previous minutes: Not Available (Sorry again fellas)

Tournament Committee - Frank Rossetti: Pike Tournament will be conducted on May 5, 2012. We will be having a draw for Rouse's Point AND Schroon Lake at the next meeting, so make sure you're there, or will be paid ahead of time.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger: Currently we have \$1577.73 in our checking account, we paid a \$10 fee for a low balance last month.


Membership Report - Keith Adams: Felix reported for his second meeting and will be at the pike tournament. He made some FANTASTIC much needed improvements to the club website, and also started a Facebook page. Don Barnhart bailed, and reported he will not return.

Banquet Committee - Keith Repscher: Keith and his wife are looking into the Italian American Center on Washington Ave Ext in Albany and possibly some other options.

Conservation Report - Al Maher: Al not present. George Locke reports that he believes the pike population in Saratoga is poor, and the pickerel population is small. He speculates that may be due to a live bait tournaments in Saratoga. The Bass Times reports hydrilla is now being found in NYS. We will be SUPER mindful of our used plastics and NOT throw them overboard.

NYSBCF - Paul Pflieger: Nothing new to report.

Lunker Pool - Charlie Curcurito: \$15 BY THE FIRST POINTS TOURNAMENT! GET IN!!!



April 27, 2012
Meeting Minutes
From Secretary
Danny Harrington



Legislative Action - George Locke: DEC is looking at installing a boat launch at Round Lake. George attended at meeting in the town to support the new boat ramp. There was talk of horsepower restrictions, etc. Rob Farantino a DEC biologist says he will have no horsepower restriction, but will instead be a speed limit. The launch is projected to be completed by 2013.

Lake George is looking at installing boat washes, and gates at all public boat launches on the lake. The Lake George Association is spearheading this, because of invasive species concerns. Specifically the Asian Clam. As a club, we will write a letter AGAINST these types of restrictions on our access to the New York State lake. We will also look at possibly attending some meetings. These are the most important types of actions we can take to protect our freedom as fishermen.

New Business - The pay station at the NYS Saratoga boat launch is now in effect. Be VERY mindful of the procedures or you can be ticketed.



FELIX AND BILL GET CRAZY AND HAMMER THE PIKE TOURNAMENT!



NEXT MEETING:

Friday June 1, 2012

at the
AMERICAN LEGION MELVIN ROAD POST

7:30 PM

200 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush

Calendar

June 1, 2012
Monthly Meeting

June 9-10, 2012
Rouse's Point - Points Tournament

June 23, 2012
Schroon Lake - Points Tournament

July 14-15, 2012
Saratoga Lake - Points Tournament

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