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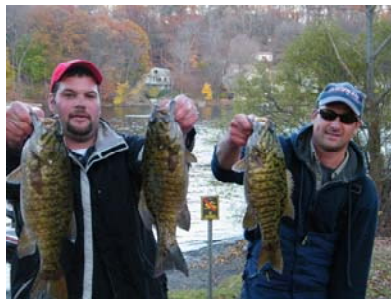
The Bass Federation of Connecticut

***** November 2009 Monthly Newsletter *****

The November 8th Open on Candlewood was a GREAT success!!



*Scott & Rich with a weight
Of 27.76 took first place*



*John & Chris with
27.64 took second place*



*Jerry & Ed with 26.55
took third place*

*Our Next Open is on Candlewood at Squantz Pond
Saturday November 28th from 7am to 3pm.
Sign up at the ramp starting at 5:30am*

TBF of CT Board meeting is November 19th in Milford

Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2009

Meeting was called to order by the President at 7:15 pm

All clubs were present.

Minutes were approved with the following changes; TBF tournament was published as June 21, 2009, when in fact it is November 8, 2009.

Financial:

Financial report was reported and accepted.

Tournament Trail:

Larry Mansy reported that the trail and open events have been approved and are as follows:

TBF State Team Opens

5/22/10 – Candlewood – Lattins

6/13/10 – Candlewood – Squantz

7/17/10 – CT. River – Salmon River Launch

10/16/10 – Candlewood – Squantz

Regular Trail Events

4/18/10 – Lillinonah – Steel Bridge

5/8/10 – Lake Zoar

6/6/10 – CT River – Haddam Meadows

7/10/10 – Congamond

8/11/10 – Candlewood – Squantz

2 – day State Championship

8/28/10 & 8/29/10

Youth: Joe stated that he has the write – up ready for the last tournament along with the final standings. A letter will be sent to the contestants that qualified.

Thank you to the boat captains

Environmental

No report

Website

No report

Motion to accept the committee reports

Motion with 2nd - Passed

Old Business

Scott Janus & Dom Gambardella will be representing CT at the Nationals

Dom Gambardella congratulated both Amy Perry & Chris Blanc for a job well done at Divisionals

Regional raffle went well

2 cases of Rejuvenate was purchased at the Regionals at a discounted price

New Business

All tournaments (Team opens & Regular trail events) have been set and reported as such.

The 2 – day was approved as follows; Day 1 – CT. River – Haddam Meadows / Day 2 – Candlewood – Squantz

Time to pay TBF / National dues

E-magazine of the FLW is available

TBF fundraiser for Solar Bat Sunglasses will be reviewed by the Executive Board prior to presentation to the board

of directors.

TBF store will be available on – line November 1, 2009

Tournament trail – incentive into trail fishermen (prize pool)

Gift cards are a possibility

Nominating Committee is as follows:

Jeff Misaiko – Chairman

Norm, Dom G. & Jeff

(8:30 pm) At this point in the meeting a motion was

made to go into Executive session (8:50 pm)

Fuel expenses for Fred to go to Plattsburgh to acquire housing for the 2010 team was approved.

Status of Ranger Cup monies?

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Marenzana

Secretary

TBF of CT.

By-Law Proposal # 7

Current By-Law:

The Maximum Performer award shall be given to the individual that finished overall in 1st by way of “C” division.

Proposed By-Law:

The Maximum Performer award shall be given to the maximum performer on the tournament trail based on the point system regardless of whether they fish A or B division.

By-Law Proposal #8

Housekeeping Bill - To reflect last years By-Law change which requires FLW membership, numerous By-Laws must have FLW inserted for membership requirements. Each of these will be listed independently so that there is no misunderstanding.

By-Law Proposals #1 through 6 are on the following pages of the Newsletter.

2009 – 2010 By-law Proposals

Proposed changes submitted by Joe Rackiewicz, BIO Bass Anglers

By-Law Proposal # 1

ARTICLE VI

PRESENT: C.

Secretary #2, Maintain a current roster, inclusive of mailing address, of all members of the T.B.F. of Ct.

PROPOSED CHANGE

C. Secretary #2 Maintain a current roster to be provided by the president or designee on a monthly basis, inclusive of mailing address, of all members of the T.B.F. of Ct. and Ct. FLW members. This information shall also be provided to the Tournament Director.

REASON: To ensure that all state, National and FLW dues are current in order to determine eligibility to fish TBF trail, State Championship and Eastern Regional events.

By-Law Proposal # 2

ARTICLE XIV

FINANCIAL MANGEMENT

PRESENT #3. The Tournament Director shall establish an account in the name of T.B.F. of Ct. in order to document and record all Federation Tournament Trail Entry fees and payouts, which occurred during the tournament year.

PROPOSED CHANGE #3 The Tournament Director shall utilize the account established by the Treasurer of T.B.F. of Ct. in order to document and record all Federation Tournament Trail Entry fees and payouts, which occurred during the tournament year.

ADD; All entry fees whether cash or check shall be clearly defined by the person (s) submitting the fees to the Tournament Director and Treasurer.

REASON: To ensure that all state, National and FLW dues are current in order to determine eligibility to fish TBF trail, State Championship and Eastern Regional events.

REASON FOR ADD: Neither the Tournament Director or Treasurer should have to guess which persons entry fee amount covers either the present or future tournaments.

ADD New #4

4. Entry fees collected from a prior year's state championship event shall be held in reserved in order to provide support to offset the costs to send the TBF of CT. State team members to the following years Eastern Regional.

REASON: CASH FLOW If all income collected at a prior year's state championship is spent by 12/31 of that year, yearly dues collected for the upcoming year will not be enough to cover the two representatives to Federation National Championship, president and Environmental Director expenses at the same time frame or the required deposit to cover the cost of the lodging for that state team.

ADD New #5

5. A yearly budget must be presented at the January meeting and approved by the Board of Directors at the February meeting.

REASON: A budget is not a guideline because expenses must be controlled and monitored so that the state teams' spending does not cause hardship on the rest of the required activities of the T.B.F of Ct.

Proposed changes submitted by Jim Marenzana, Bass Hunters

By-Law Proposal # 3

Article VII

COMMITTEES

2. Youth Director

Presently reads:

To be elected at the December meeting and take office at the January meeting.

Proposed change:

To be elected at the September meeting and take office at the October meeting

By-Law Proposal # 4

Article XII

AUTHORITY OF REPRESENTATION

Presently reads:

C. Divisional Tournament

1. State Team Member Rules

c. State Team members who wish to drop off the team will be required to do so at least fourteen (14) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE TOURNAMENT.

Proposed change:

State Team members who wish to drop off the team will be required to do so at least thirty (30) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE TOURNAMENT

By-Law Proposal # 5

Presently reads:

The Maximum Performer Award shall be awarded to the individual that finished overall in 1st by way of the C division.

Proposed change:

The Maximum Performer Award shall be given to the maximum performer on the tournament trail based on the point system regardless of division fished.

By-Law Proposal # 6

Housekeeping Bill – To reflect last years By-law change which requires FLW membership.

Numerous By-laws must have FLW inserted for the membership requirements.

ARTICLE IV SPECIAL BY-LAWS

A. **PRESENT-** The following by-laws will require (80%) vote (in the affirmative) of the total membership to be changed.

A. **PROPOSED CHANGE-** The following by-laws will require (25%) vote (in the affirmative) of the total membership to be changed.

REASON: It is impossible for the TBF of CT. to have 80% of our membership in attendance at one time, 50% is still difficult but 25% is realistic.

#2 **PRESENT-** “To insure good relations with the D.E.P., and the public and make tournaments a pleasant experience without lines in the morning and long waits on the water in the afternoon “the organization shall endeavor to do as follows”, When the number, etc.

PROPOSED CHANGE-“the organization may endeavor to do as follows”,

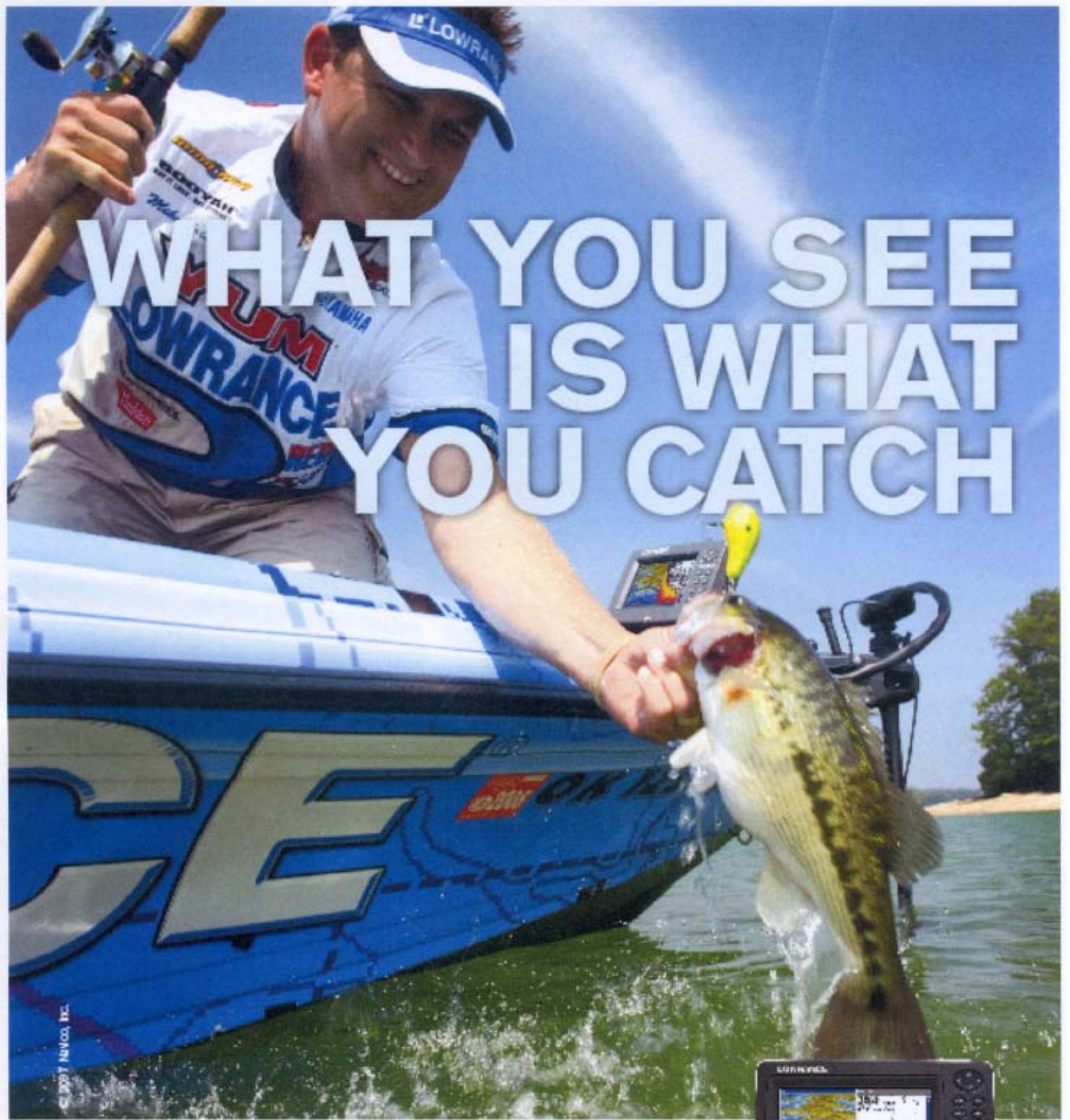
REASON: The word “shall” is mandatory; the word “may” is optional. It is also highly doubtful that we will have 75 boaters in attendance.

#4 **PRESENT-- State team financing:** No more than 20% of the general dues (\$5.00 per member) shall be used to subsidize the State team. The balance of the monies (\$20.00 per member) shall remain with the organization to benefit the overall membership (youth, conservation, newsletter etc.).(Numbers used above reflect amounts with yearly dues of \$25.00).

PROPOSED CHANGE State team financing: No more than 20% of the general dues shall be used to subsidize the State team. The balance of the monies at 80% shall remain with the organization to benefit the overall membership (youth, conservation, newsletter etc.). The Board of Directors shall determine and vote yearly dues amount for each member of the T.B. F. of Ct.

REASON: Yearly dues should be based upon the financial stability and reasonable cost for the members within the T.B.F of Ct. for the upcoming year and not some arbitrary figure of \$25.00.

ADD New #10. Yearly raffles or other similar fund raising activities may be held to offset and cover the cost to fund the T.B.F. of Ct. State team at the Eastern Regional's.



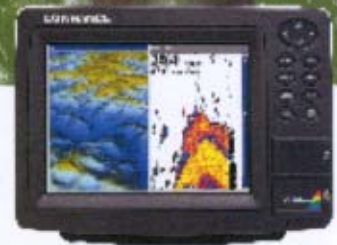
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CANDLEWOOD JR. CLUB 2010 CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Brandon Annunziata of North Haven and Michael Toohey of Shelton, have won the 2010 The Bass Federation (TBF) of CT. Candlewood Junior Club Championship in their respective age divisions.

TBF hosted the Junior Club Championship on October 3rd at Candlewood Lake. The event was the last qualifying tournament for 2010. The maximum point winner from the best three out of five qualifiers from both 11-14 and 15-18 age groups have now qualified for the Junior World Championship to be held August 3rd through August 6th in Atlanta, Georgia.

Prior to the October 3rd tournament, the potential winners in the 11-14 age and 15-18 age groups was undetermined due to closeness of the points system. The October 3rd qualifier hours were from 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Despite the threat of rain, the junior members and their boat captains were able get their catch weighed in a timely manner without the loss of any fish.

The first-place winner in the 11-14 age category was Michael Toohey of Shelton with a weight of 9.77 pounds. The first-place winner in the 15-18 age group was Zack Zeno of Southbury with a weight of 11.38 pounds and Brandon Annunziata of North Haven took second place with a weight of 11.03 pounds.

The lunger award for the qualifying tournament held on the October 3rd event was won by Michael Toohey with a 4.07-pound smallmouth bass. Michael was also the recipient of a \$15 gift certificate to Cabela's. Joe Rackiewicz was awarded as the top boat captain for the October 3rd event.

The final weigh-in at 2 PM told the tale of who would be champion for each age category.

The ultimate prize of the top angler in the 11-14 age group was Michael Toohey who finished with 900 points out of a possible 900 points. The second-place finisher in the 11-14 age category was Justin Dingle with 898 points.

The ultimate prize of the top angler in the 15-18 age group was earned by Brandon Annunziata who scored 897 out of a possible 900 points while Zack Zeno was runner up with 892 points. Although Zack Zeno and Casey Popke both finished with the same number of points, Zack had the higher number of fish in his top three qualifiers which was the second tie-breaker. The final order of finish in the 15-18 age category was Brandon Annunziata, Zach Zeno, Casey Popke, Will Dionisio, Matt Merullo, Chris Dionisio and Jake Kelly.

I would like to thank all the boat captains, Rich Schumacher of Newtown, Lee Johnson of New Milford, Jonathan Dingle of Meriden, Mike Zeno of Southbury and Dominic Gambardella of North Haven who provided the semi-professional guide service for the 2010 season qualifying events.

I would also like to thank Dominic Gambardella, Lee Johnson and especially Aimee Suhie for taking photographs of the kids at all the qualifying tournament events.



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TURKEY WEEKEND FISH OFF

(Open Bass Tournament - Team Event)

Squantz Pond Ramp Saturday November 28, 2009 7am - 3pm

Proceeds to benefit the TBF of Connecticut

Entry Fee \$100.00 per team

Optional Lunker Fee of \$10.00 per team

Sign up at the ramp starting at 5:30am

TBF Open Rules apply - see back

Payouts - 75% to 10% of the field

Candlewood - Turkey Weekend Fish Off - November 28, 2009 - Entry Form

All entries MUST have TWO signatures - Attach a copy of current boat insurance.

In consideration of being accepted in this tournament, the undersigned releases and discharges TBF of CT, and its officers and its members from all claims, demands, rights of causes of action, present or future. Whether known, anticipated or unanticipated, and resulting from or arising out of incident of the undersigned participation in the TBF of CT Open Event. My picture and likeness can be used on the TBF of CT website and other media to promote this tournament and the TBF of CT organization.

Boater: _____ Non-Boater: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Town: _____ Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

e-mail: _____ e-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Make & Model of Boat: _____ Length: _____

Boat Registration #: _____ H.P. Rating: _____ H.P. on boat: _____

Sign up at the Ramp with CASH

Contact Jim Marenzana 860-558-3598 or legendbass@comcast.net

1. THIS IS A TEAM TOURNAMENT. Teams consist of two anglers in one boat.

2. All contestants, age 16 or older, must be Connecticut licensed anglers.
3. Live bait, trolling and ALCOHOLIC beverages are PROHIBITED. Artificial baits only.
4. Only one(1) rigged rod may be used at one time per contestant. Other rigged rods may be in the boat.
5. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional manor.
6. All fishing must be accomplished from the BOAT. Contestants cannot depart the BOAT to land a fish. All contestants must leave the official launch area by BOAT and return by BOAT.
7. Contestant who are NOT in the official launch area on time shall be DISQUALIFIED. An excuse given for tardiness will be considered by the Tournament Committee. If the excuse is voted acceptable, there will be no penalty.
8. Scoring will be determined by total weight. The tournament winners will be determined by total weight. Only LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUGH BASS will be weighed with an eight (8) fish limit.
9. ALL BASS will be a minimum of (12) twelve inches in length. Weighing in of short fish will result in disqualification. One courtesy measure per team.
10. Ties will be broken in the following manner: 1) By weight of largest fish. 2) By the total number of fish weighed.
11. Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation are expected from each participant. Each boat must have standard Coast Guard safety equipment.
12. Anglers have to wear their life jackets while the large motor is running.
13. Each boat must have a live well with working aerators; able to keep a full catch alive and well. The boat will also be equipped with a kill switch, which must be attached to the driver when the gas motor is running.
14. Boat numbers will be issued on receipt of paid entry. Boats will line up and idle in order to a check out boat at the mouth of Squantz Cove. Taking off be sure not to swamping the checkout boat!
15. A quarter pound will be deducted for each dead fish and for each fish not released alive at the end of the tournament. (If D.E.P. chooses to take a fish to study - you will not be penalized).
16. At the weigh-in,each team will weigh in their fish together to obtain their placement in the standings. (One member can bring their bag of fish to the scales while the other keeps the boat safe.)
17. The TBF of CT reserves the right to refuse any application.

T.B.F. Candlewood Lake Open 11-8-09 Tournament Results

CONTESTANTS	# OF FISH	BIG FISH	TOTAL WT.
1. R. Gambardella - S. Janus	8	4.61	27.76
2. J. Gillies - C. Blanc	8	3.63	27.64
3. J. Hammond - E. Graballi	8	4.45	26.55
4. D. Gambardella - T. Wismuler	8	4.28	25.98
5. A. Vallambroso - W. Decoteau	8	4.82	25.52
6. P. Mueller - G. Kruger	8	4.15	23.70
7. K. Rose - R. Rose	8	3.74	23.50
8. S. Bender - J. Giuliano	8	4.31	23.28
9. Alex S. - Mike Iovino	8	4.40	21.60
10. K. Bugden - J. Roaniac	8	3.79	
18.99			
11. J. Zielkowski - D. Bedaracco	7	4.11	
17.02			
12. M. Hall - D. Trajanoloski	5	4.60	
16.58			
13. A. Singer - T. Dandra	8	3.93	
16.41			
14. A. Kalechman - C. Parker	8	3.44	
15.19			
15. E. Nelson - B. Mason	6	5.33	
14.28			
16. M. Carlin - H. Carlin	3	5.46	
10.32			
17. J. Canning - P. Bates	2		
5.17			

The following teams also participated but opted to not weigh in their fish: Lavelle - Baker, Trimboli - Curaile, Maiuran - Cappy, Slavis - Shimels, Condon - Arbay, Neumuller - Morrell, Schumacher - Dionisio, Misaiko - Marenzana, Rackiewicz - Suhie.

(Please excuse the misspelled names, I copied them as well as I could from the applications)

There were a total of twenty six (26) teams. The payouts were 1st. - \$1,000.00, 2nd. - \$600.00 and 3rd. - \$450.00. Lunker was a 5.71 lb largemouth (minus a dead fish penalty) brought in by the husband and wife team of Heidi and Mark Carlin with a prize of \$260.00.

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If you have an e-mail address please send an e-mail to

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We are going to try to e-mail the next newsletter to save the printing and postage costs!! But first we need to collect all your contacts!

(Please state your name and club in the e-mail)

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