

**MINUTES OF THE
CASA EXECUTIVE MEETING
December 12, 2006
OFFICES OF CROWE DILLON ROBINSON**

Meeting opened at 5:30 p.m.

Members present; Tony Robinson, Eddie Halfyard, Dave Devenney, Ken Roberts, Brian Naugle and Howard Martell

Discussion of some Tournament items:

- Trophy format would be to award 2 trophies per boat for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- The entry fees would be capped at \$50.00 per boat
- Iron man would have 2 trophies for first place only.
- Digit pictures should be taken at each tournament and should be forwarded to Dave Doggett to display on web site. Also should look for member to be responsible for looking after the pictures and getting them to Dave Doggett for upload to web site.
- Maybe the Iron man tournament should have site changed every year. Proposal is to have 2007 on Short's Lake.
- Proposed 2007 Tournament dates are Morris Lake May 6, Grand Lake July 2, Shorts Lake Aug 12, Panuke Lake Sept 9 and Shorts Oct 14.

Brian N suggested that the dates should be adopted and forwarded to Dept of Fisheries for permits. Eddie suggested that CASA check with fisheries on the May tournament as the permit was issued with special provisions. Ed will follow up on this item

as May is only opened for catch and release due to spawning period.

Howard brought up the shirt, jacket, and hats for CASA. Tried in past and was not successful.

Brian Naugle indicated that the organization for the Sports and RV show and the Annual AGM should be in place. Ken Roberts will look after the RV show with Howard Martell volunteering to help. The space CASA had at the 2006 show was very good and hopefully have the same space in 2007. Tony and Eddie looked after the 2006 AGM (traditionally the Social Director looked after the AGM). AGM date was decided to be April 8 at the Grand Lake Fire Hall. CASA will have another Exec meeting about a month before the AGM to go over details etc.

Howard will get prices for the trophy with further discussion on any changes at the next Exec meeting and Howard will apply for the Tournament permits early in Jan 2007. Will also need to include the trophies for Member of the year and angler of the year for the AGM presentation.

Eddie raised the item of the Partnership with Dept of Fisheries for the Smallmouth nesting project. CASA was involved with this in 2006 and should take part in this project in 2007. It would involve a 4 to 5 week period starting in mid May with 2 people doing nesting surveys on selected lakes.

Other items Eddie brought forward from discussions he had with inland Fisheries.

- Regulation change to increase bag limit on Trophy lakes from 1

to 3 – CASA would not be in favor of supporting any change to the creel of 5 fish per tournament on any lake.

- Put more live bait restrictions in place.
- Increase the number of high harvest lakes during the spawning season closure. Maybe have tournaments on these lakes during the spawn to help reduce the numbers of small fish being produced.
- Maybe sample some fish, scales, weight, and stomach contents. Member from club along with assistance from Eddie could do this sampling.
- During CASA tournaments some anglers should record all fish caught during the tournament with information such as length etc.

Will ask for volunteers at the CASA AGM.

Tournament weigh in process using Weigh-in-water was discussed. Eddie indicated that is an easier process and is also less harmful to fish. Tony indicated that only fish brought to scales in weigh in bags provided by tournament staff be weighed preventing to many anglers standing in line with fish in other bags. Should order 6 new bags from Fish-in-fever as current bags are leaking etc.

If we adopt the weigh-in-water process CASA will need a new scale that is rated at about 150 lbs. Will get some pricing on these new scales. Larger scale needed to handle container of water that fish will be weighed.

Tony also indicated that in 2007 CASA is the host club for the NS club championship tournament. Will need to determine a lake to host this tournament.

Eddie also suggested that CASA get involved in installing structure, nesting boxes, etc. in some lakes. This will help concentrate fish at certain times of the year, help juvenile fish y providing some protection and can help increase productivity of lakes over time. Eddie will put a proposal together on this for future discussion. It was also indicated that under this program Adopt a Stream would be interested in helping CASA install a fish ladder in Shorts Lake. Ken R and Howard indicated they think that SHAW has done some work at Shorts Lake and will check sometime in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.