

**MINUTES OF THE  
CASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SUNDAY APRIL 01, 2007  
GRAND LAKE FIREHALL**

The President (Brian Naugle) opened the meeting at 10:28am a.m. with 34 members present.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Brian indicated that he would like CASA to have a good year again as was the case in 2006. He would still like to promote Junior membership in the Club. Hopefully more Junior members can be encouraged to be part of the Organization in years to come. Welcomed all attendees.

The President introduced the executive members and called for committee reports.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer report** (Tony Robinson): Financial Statement: - Operating account balance as of March 31, 2007 \$4,343.34. Capital account balance \$2,719.53. AS of the data of the report there was one outstanding Cheque in the amount of \$991.80 to Nova Trophies for the 2007 tournament placings. Tony commented about the balance in the Capital fund. Could use some funds for the Porter's Lake ramp as was discussed at the Oct 2006 general meeting. Accepted 1<sup>st</sup> Ian Andrews Seconded Ken Roberts

The **Membership** Chairperson (Dave Devenney) reported that the membership for 2006 was 122

Accepted 1<sup>st</sup> Ian Andrews Seconded Steve Watson.

The **Tournament Director** (Howard Martell outgoing Eddie Halfyard) Ed thanked Howard for taking on the Tournament Director position for the 2007 year. Indication was the most of the 2006 tournaments made some money. First 2066 tournament on Morris Lake was attended by 38 Anglers fishing was slow for some but other wise was a good starting tournament. Grand Lake tournament the fishing was really slow. Shorts Lake good tournament and a good number of fish caught Panuke Lake good quantity of fish caught and the iron man on Grand Lake there was a 8lbs plus bag caught by the winning team. Throughout the schedule there were about 7 – 8 Junior members that fished.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2007 Tournament Schedule was presented as follows:**

May 6..... Shorts Lake (Pickerel & Bass for this tournament only)  
July 2.....Grand Lake  
Aug 12.....Morris Lake  
Sept 9.....Panuke Lake  
Oct 14.....Grand Lake (Iron man)

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Shortts Lake format will be only one bass and three pickerel. Pickerel will be given to NS Fisheries biologist for research. Start time for tournaments will be 7:00 with 6:30 being the earliest anglers can leave the launch site. Some anglers will be asked to log where fish were caught (depth, etc.)

Question from Steve Watson – Will May special tournament stats be included in the yearly totals. Ed – yes along with Plagues.

Comment from Brian Naugle – Has problem-killing fish, but it is only to assist Inland Fisheries due a study

Eddie Halfyard commented that CASA should participate in the Volunteer Angler log process. Log for each tournament (volunteer basis) would record all fish indicating length of each fish. More data can be gathered in particular information for smaller fish that are put back and not brought to the scales at the end of the day.

Porters Lake Launch at Post Office road. – See comments in Treasurer report.

Second Lake – Lwr Sackville. RE: Access. Ed had some discussions with Second Lake Home Owners Association who initiated the park for the area. Ed will met with them in the near future. Homeowners are opposing lake access through the park. The current road to the lake is impassible. Homeowners would not like to have a launch that can provide backing vehicle to water, but would like to have access provided for canoes etc that would be carried from some point to the water. Comment from Charles that 2<sup>nd</sup> Lake Homeowners have petitioned Government and tried other means to have the access to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lake closed, questioning all access to the body of water. Charles indicated that it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lake Homeowners Association that made calls to DNR to approve the gating of the road.

Murray Hill –NS Inland Fisheries indicated that the issue came up at an IFAC meeting. He was asked to contact Executive Director – Parks at DNR. Murray has commitment from Dept of Natural Resources to work with CASA on their issue with access. Once there is a proposed solution Murray will forward to DNR. On major issue was the garbage being dumped in the roadway to the lake, which included some industrial waste.

Ed Halfyard is going to met with HRM Real Property Services to identify lakes with potential for access within a couple of weeks.

Comment was made that there was a chain across the access road to Morris Lake. Ed will check with HRM. Also Mike H. left voice message with Bill Caston about the chain across the access.

Comment from Ian Andrews that we should get other interested organizations to petition the Government/Municipalities on these issues.

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Tony commented on issue of usage of Grand Lake launch before May 20. DNR doesn't have park staff available until then is the reason it is not open until the long weekend of May each year.

The launch at Panuke Lake was commented on. Tony replied that Michael Robison did the last work for this and Mike R. had been pursuing this for 4 – 5 yrs.

Brian N suggested that CASA form a committee to deal with launch projects and also indicated that the group should include members from other interested organizations. Ed commented that to have many together might have a louder untied voice.

**Habitant Projects**

Ed Halfyard indicated that many enhancements have been done in water systems for Trout and salmon for example. There is also a lot of habitant enhancement that can be done for warm water fish. We should develop an approach for habitant enhancements and present it to NS Inland Fisheries. One possibility is to provide habitant for juvenile fish in some of the lakes. Can use Xmas trees to provide cover for small fish. In the US there has been a lot of work done in habitant enhancement in lakes. There are other options besides trees that are available and maybe funding can be obtained from the Habitant Fund to aid in the project.

Ed - Question – Should CASA pursue these kinds of projects for habitant enhancements? General indication that we should proceed.

Brian asked how did CASA booth at RV show do? Ken R indicated that the only issue was workers being available for Friday. Tony stated that the Tickets sales on two prizes, Lowrance GPS and the picture produced \$750.00.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Ken Roberts indicated that the NS fishing weekend will be June 2. He has arranged to take some Cubs out on Morris Lake and needs some volunteers. Start at 12 noon for a few hours with barbeque after. Brian N Thought that Ken Enta may still have the fishing rods and reels that could be used for outing with the Cubs.

CASA purchased new tournament weight bags and as mentioned by Tony only fish brought to the scales in these bags will be weighed..

Question about launching at Shorts Lake. 2 launches available with the one at the cement plant being the better. Directions from Ken Roberts: Take Brookfield exit off 102 highway,

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turn left at the stop, drive a short distance and cement plant and end of lake will be on left side of road. Weigh-in will be at the cement plant.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Murray Hill, Director Inland Fisheries, NS Dept of Fisheries and Aquaculture.**

Murray commented that Crews were out today on River Philip (today first day of fishing season) monitoring the catch. The issue is that 80% of the fish that will be caught today are salmon; anglers only have a trout (general fishing) license. Also indicated that Don MacLean – IF was promoting his new book in Moncton today and was unable to attend. He indicated that the fishing license fees are the same as the 2006 license fees. Murray also indicated that his group – Inland Fisheries would assume the operation of the Magaree Hatchery (salmon & trout). Results from a 2005 survey indicated that that sport fishing in the Province had an economic impact of about \$93 million dollars. No other activity gets people outdoors as dose recreational fishing.

Tony asked Murray to comment on the new proposal of the Federal Fisheries Act. Murray stated that the changes would not go through. He said the Sackville Rivers association has been trying to get permits for 2 years for river enhancements without success. Indicated that the Federal Navigable Waters Act is most likely the cause of the non-approval to date. Murray also indicated that NS Inland Fisheries is very interested in making less red tape not more in getting worth while projects approved.

**Tara Marshal –HRM Metro Transit**

Metro transit has Fish symbols on busses. They are hoping to introduce kids in HRM to fishing and are offering bus rides to kids with fishing gear. Hoping to get kids without transportation to some of the local city lakes to fish.

**Jason LeBlanc Inland Fisheries, NS Dept of Fisheries and Aquaculture.**

Presentation of Smallmouth Bass Nesting Project. Study on the nesting cycle of the Smallmouth bass. Gathering data from nest site visits during the spawn. Also doing an assessment on Lake Ainslie in CB due to reported introduction of Smallmouth bass in that body of water. Slide presentation on stats from 2006 Volunteers would observe smallmouth nests for about three or four weeks during the spawning season and presenting this data to NS fisheries. NSDAF hope to have a status report from this data by the Fall of 2007. NSDAF will pick the sites and provide volunteer with some equipment to use. It is proposed that the volunteers' visit the sites about 2 times a week during the spawning season.

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BREAK - LUNCH

12:29 adjourned for lunch. 1:00 Drew for door prizes and 50/50. Drew Junior prizes by ballot entered for each tournament fished. Angler participation awards were also drawn. John Mitchell (Sr) won \$50 certificate and Sheldon Brown (Fr) \$50 certificate

Brian N also presented a letter from the Hants West Wildlife Association – President Mike L. O'Brien . They are congratulating CASA on our achievements and the great job we do in promoting fishing to the highest levels. They have also welcomed us to use their new building when it is completed. Brian also put a motion on the floor that would remove any membership fess for Junior member in 2007. Help change may promote more juniors to get involved. 1<sup>st</sup> Mike H seconded Ken Roberts. Motion carried.

ELECTION of OFFICERS

Elections:

The nomination committee chairperson presented and read through a nomination committee report. The Nominations Chairperson's nominations were unanimously accepted by the membership. The new CASA executive for 2007 is as follows:

President: Brian Naugle	Past President: Martin Dodge
Vice President: Eddie Halfyard	Government Liaison: Eddie Halfyard
Treasurer: Tony Robinson	Conservation: vacant
Secretary: Dave Devenney	Membership: Dave Devenney
Director at Large: Ken Roberts	Tournament Director: Howard Martell
Director at Large: Ian Andrew	Social director: vacant
Junior Director: Dave Upright	

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

**Membership Awards 2006**

Madisn Brace – 5-year award.  
Jason LeBlanc – 5-year award

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Paul Maerall – 5-year award

Otto Frizzell – 15-year award

Mark Shantz – 15-year award

**Tournament Award Year 2006**

Boat of the year: Shortt's Lake  
Bernie & Jef Klienpaste  
9lb 2.5oz

**2006 Tournament Team Lunker**

Ken Roberts – Grand Lake - #1lb 6oz. 19.5 inches

**Catch & Release**

Eddie Halfyard - NS

**Junior Angler Awards**

1. Andrew Brace
2. Nicholas Halfyard
3. Aron Page
4. John MacLeod
5. Ashley Dussanlt
6. B Naugle

**Member of the Year 2006**

Steve Watson (Jacket will be presented at Shortt's Lake Tournament

GPS prize in the raffle was won by M Wright , Ph 60-3793. Tony stated that Thanks to Lowrance Canada for the GPS unit was in order, they have donated this prize for several years now.

Framed Print was won by Albert Murphy Ph 456-1720. Print obtained from Steve Watson.

CASA as put forward by Brian Naugle thank Fish & Fever for the use and processing of VISA transactions for the Auction.

CASA also extends thanks and appreciation to the following: Shimano (Ian Andrews), Fish and Fever (Graham Green), Lowrance (Tony R), and to others such as Atlantic Cat for door prizes. Small plaques of appreciation should be awarded to sponsors.

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AUCTION

Auctioneer again was Dave Upright who did a great job.

AGM was adjourned following the completion of the auction.

Dave Devenney  
Secretary