

**MINUTES OF THE  
CASA EXECUTIVE MEETING  
TUESDAY JANUARY 6, 2009  
OFFICES' OF CROWE DILLON ROBINSON  
BAYERS ROAD**

**Present:** Tony Robison, Ken Roberts, Ian Andrew, Eddie Halfyard, Dave Upright and Dave Devenney. **Missing:** Howard Martell, Marty Dodge, and Brian Naugle

Meeting started at 5:15 PM

***Treasurer – Tony Robison***

Tony gave summary of CASA Finances: At meeting time there was approximately \$4500 in the operating account, \$2200 in the capital account and a cash float with a balance of \$150.

***Tournaments – Howard Martell (See attached email from Howard M)***

Proposed tournament schedule dates for 2009 as follows:

Mic Mac Lake – June 14

Grand Lake – July 1 (Wednesday)

Black River – July 19

Panuke Lake – September 13

Shortts Lake - Oct 11 (Annual Iron man Tournament)

Comments on present format and prize money (see attached from Howard)

Howard has ordered all the plagues fro 2009 and the bill is being sent to Tony for payment.

Changes suggested to the Boat of the Year Award would be to change from the current one day best catch to a point system based on your best three tournaments. Also Boat captain will have to be declared on the tournament entry form at the start of each tournament.

Tony suggested that the Bill Howard Memorial trophy be changed to be awarded to the Boat of the Year winners along with small individual trophies.

Change in Prize payout format from current to: 1<sup>st</sup> \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100 and Lunker \$200. Total payout per tournament would be \$800, down from current \$900.

Iron Man payout is still tournament fees all paid out.

Howard also indicated in his email that maybe CASA should invest in a digital Camera. Decision was made not to purchase.

Also to avoid some of the issues with prize money availability an \$800 float could be given to the tournament Director to use for the payout. Money could be replaced after each tournament with fee money from each event with any amounts exceeding the \$800 float forwarded to treasurer for deposit in the operating account.

Discussion on purchasing a new tournament scale for club Tournaments. Scale would have to have weight-in-water capability which will be more beneficial to fish. Estimated cost would be around \$1000. Ed will follow up on this item.

### ***RV SHOW***

RV Show booth will be looked after this year by Ken Roberts who will again be seeking club members to volunteers. Show Dates are March 12 to 15. Also this year the show is being run by a new group, DARWIN EVENT GROUP. They indicated to Tony that they will honor the 2008 arrangements with the previous owner which will give CASA the booth free of charge.

Tony suggested that the back drop for the booth be updated. Possibly with some Camo cloth. Ken and Tony will look after this item with possible help from Ed Halfyard. Booth this year is up on size to 10' x 10'. May show some videos.

### ***AGM***

Date decided for AGM is April 5, 2009 at the Oakfield fire Hall.

Tony suggested that maybe we can get the group in Brookfield that made prepared the food at our fall meetings in the Brookfield Fire Department. Ed will email Marty Dodge to check on this item.

This is CASA's 20 anniversary year

Dave Upright will look after Junior prizes, rod and reels for top 3 and gift certificates for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

### ***NEWSLETTER***

Ed and Tony will put together newsletter. This one will be upgraded as compared to past mail outs. CASA in this newsletter is emphasizing that future communication/mail out be delivered by email as CASA take steps to go Green. Member without email access may be able to get copies from other members or copies could be left at places such as Fishin Fever.

### ***OTHER***

Launch proposal for Second Lake – Ed has nothing new to report.

Board discussed the New Bass organization being proposed by Provincial Bass Clubs (RBANS). It was decided by the Board that it would be very little benefit to CASA to be a part of this. CASA could offer some of its experience dealing with launch site proposal for example, etc. if asked.

Howard had request from Steve Jollymore to borrow CASA's scales for Catch the Rainbow tournament. Board agreed this request was OK.

Ian Andrew requested that CASA send Shimano an appreciation plaque for there donations. Agreed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00PM

#### **Attachment Howard Email:**

- I believe the present format does not provide adequate rewards for our members who fish most if not all the tournaments. I propose a system that rewards the top two anglers of the year who consistently place in the top in each tournament. First the name would have to change to Angler of the year. Secondly the reason for the top two Anglers is that not always does everybody fish with the same partner. So here it is for first place all members of that boat recieve 5 points for second 4 points, 3rd 3 points, 2nd 2 points and 5th 1 point. We would take the points from 4 out 5 tournaments and the top two members with the most points become anglers of the year. I would do all the work calculating the points. The leaders could be posted online and before each tournament. I believe this is a fair way of rewarding our members. It eliminates the team that fishes one tournament and gets 12 pounds and wins BOTY and never comes out again.

#### Prize Money

First of all I must apologize for the difficulty we had in some tournaments last year for whatever reason some tournaments we were scrambling around at the last second to make sure the money was there at the tournament date. I should but I do not know what our prize money breakdown is. So I am proposing a written down breakdown of the money. Second with the exception of the first tournament of the year all tournaments pay down to 5th spot so can we have all the cheques cut and given to the treasure who along with the tournament director can ensure the money is at all tournaments. The first tournament of the year is cash in cash out with no trophies I presently pay first/second/and third at 40 / 30/ 20 % is this what we want to continue to due.

#### Scale

I still believe we should buy a new scale and start using the water weigh in system. Request approval to buy a new scale and associate equipment to weigh the fish in water.

#### Camera

I still think the Club should buy a digital camera so we can populate the web page with pitcures.

#### Tournaments

Though attendance has been down last year we held our own with all other clubs drawing in many cases more than ECT the Ironman had the best turnout in years.



**CASA      Fall Meeting Minutes      October 12<sup>th</sup> 2008**

16 members in attendance

Meeting called to order at 1445h

Results of the preceding Ironman tournament were discussed and the trophies were distributed.

The 2008 tournament season was re-capped in the absence of Howie Martell. It was noted that tournament attendance was again lower than desired however all clubs, especially those in the metro area, were experiencing similar turnouts. It was suggested that CASA continue to run tournaments but examine incentives to recruit participants such as a special rules tournament.

The Second Lake launch proposal was again discussed. Progress is slow however the proposal will be brought to the IFAC for support.

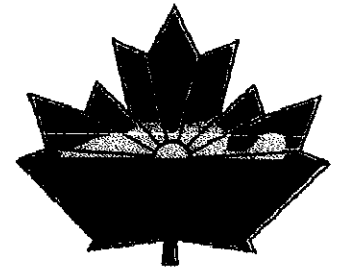
Progress of the Lake MicMac / Lake Banook drawdown was discussed. Eddie Halfyard indicated that several proposal had been sent to the NS Dept. of Environment, though only two were approved. The first is the installation of a sewer line along the highway overpass. The second was a proposal from the Banook canoe club to repair the anchors in the canoe lanes. Both proposal were conditional to certain environmental protection provisions. The rumor of the mid-lake hump in Banook Lake being excavated was confirmed to have been a real proposal from the Banook canoe club, though NSDE declined the proposal.

Meeting adjourned 1545h

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SMALLMOUTH ANGLERS  
 WINTER 2009 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year was 1989 and bass angling in Nova Scotia was an underutilized fishery, though a small contingency of fisherman targeted the scrappy smallmouth. That year, 8 avid bass anglers met at the White Spot Motel in New Minas with one thing in common, a love for bass angling and the need to promote bass angling in this province. Unbeknownst to them, the ideas spawned that night would create one of the most active and respected angling associations in our province. This year, CASA celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over that time, CASA has championed projects aimed at conservation, promoting angling as a lifestyle and promoting angling to youth. Without question, CASA has left it's mark on many Nova Scotia anglers, one of whom is me.



My first exposure to CASA was March 1994, when a moon-eyed grade seven student stumbled across the CASA booth at the Sports and RV Show. At that time, neither of my parents fished, however they did know Allan and Jennifer Robb who were CASA members. They suggested that I joined the club and a few weeks later, my father took me to my first AGM. As a new angler with little knowledge (not much has changed 15 years later!) it was a learning experience. Two of my first memories were of a tall entertaining gentleman who let me in on the secrets of spinnerbaits (Dave Upright) and a knowledgeable pepper-haired man who seemed to know so much about everything bass (Michael Robinson). Though it would be another seven years before I attended my first tournament or volunteered for the club, I have no doubt that my early CASA experience propelled my interest in fishing.

So on this anniversary year, I encourage you to reflect on all the ways CASA has affected you. The friends you've made, the things you've learned, the people you've helped. If you appreciate what CASA has represented for the first 20 years, please consider volunteering your time to ensure that the next 20 are every bit as successful.

Best Fishes,

Eddie Halfyard

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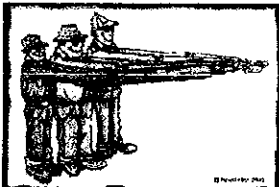
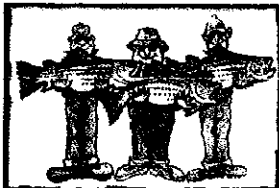
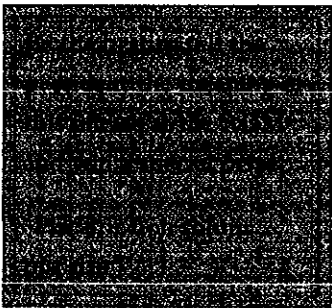
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Second Lake produces many large bass. This one was caught in 2008.



We're all a little guilty of this!

## AGM DETAILS

It is that time of year again to start thinking of the Annual General Meeting. Being our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we've planned a few special activities. In an effort to recognize our roots, the executive has asked the 8 founding members of CASA to join the AGM. Without question, they will be impressed at the strides we've made. Secondly, a very special guest has been invited to give their perspective on bass and bass fishing in Nova Scotia. If you find bass chasing your bait exciting or know what a "Jitterbug" is, you'll like this speakers stories. Finally, good food, good friends, updates on initiatives, presentations, prizes and the auction guarantee a good time. Is there a better way to start your fishing season?

The AGM this year will be held on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Oakfield Firehall. Doors open at 0900h and the meeting starts at 1000h.

### SPORTS & RV SHOW

The months of February and March lead us to planning for the Sports and RV Show. This year, the Sports and RV show is, for the first time, being run by a new production company, the Darwin Event Group. We're sure that these new organizers will do a great job and I hope that the show continues to be a great event with new and updated attractions. If you think you may be able to help promote CASA, please consider volunteering time behind our booth. Interested members should contact Ken Roberts @ 455-5681.

### LAUNCH UPDATE

CASA continues to pursue a launch at Second Lake (Sackville). The progress is slow, but as with all things good, time is a necessity. The picture to the left shows one of the many reasons this should be a priority for us.

We aim to present the launch proposal to the Inland Fisheries Advisory Council and gain momentum from there. Come the AGM, we hope to have more information to pass along.

## CASA GOES GREEN: E-NEWSLETTER TO START 2009

In an effort to reduce our consumption of paper, reduce our mailing and printing costs and to offer a higher-quality newsletter, CASA will finally make the move to electronic newsletters. The newsletters will be available on our website and will also be sent to your email address. As such, is it critical that this year, when you renew you membership, you include a legible valid email address. Dave Devenney has been diligently working to keep an up-to-date master list of emails, but the onus will be on members to ensure they include their email on all applications. This list will also compliment the website for emergency postings of meeting and tournament cancellations. For those without an email address, please see an executive member to make alternate arrangements. This will be the last paper copy newsletter available.

**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF SMALLMOUTH ANGLERS  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



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Please print clearly

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number(s):

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership:

Adult \$15.00

Junior \$7.50

Family \$25.00

(Please Circle One)

(16 years and under)

The Canadian Association of Smallmouth Anglers (CASA) was formed in 1989 to serve and enhance the habitat for Smallmouth bass; to share the friendship, camaraderie, and experience of our fellow anglers; to support and improve those conservation measures that allow a self-sustaining Smallmouth bass fishery; and to extend courtesy and respect to all who share our waters.

When you join CASA and support these important conservation measures, you will receive a CASA crest, membership card, and quarterly newsletters, as well as the right to attend seminars, tournaments, the annual meeting and more. Family groups and junior members are cordially welcome.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will faithfully observe all provincial angling regulations, abide by the ethics covered under CASA's rules, regulations, by-laws and constitution.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardians Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Junior Members Only)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

