

**Crabtowne Bassmasters**  
**Minutes April 13, 2010**

**Meeting Started:** 7:10 PM  
**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:20 PM

**Attendance:**

- Present: Steve, Jim P, Roger Sr., Roger Jr., Denis, Glen, John, Keith, Sam, Jim A
- Absent: Joe, Alan, Doug, Aaron, Fred
- Guests: Jeff Casey

**March Meeting Minutes:** Approved as posted/written

**Treasurer's Report:** (Steve)

Steve provided the treasures report on Fred's behalf. Ending balance last month was \$855.44. We collected monies for Dues, the Banquet, Luncheon and Hat Sales in the amount of \$231. We paid out monies for the Banquet, Mr. Bass, 2009, Luncheon purse, Banquet refund to John and the Website totaling \$837.58. Current balance is \$248.86 (\$217.86: checking, \$31 Cash). We collected Dues monies from Jeff & Jim: \$160 Payables include MBFN and BASS fees for Jim, Jeff and Joe (\$150 total)

**Southern Region Report:** (Sam)

Sam gave a quick summary of the meeting. He did reference a special offer exclusively for MBFN members. See Denis or Steve for details. John will attend the SR meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>. There is no SR meeting in May. Volunteers for June and July will be recruited at the club meeting in May.

**Conservation:**

Steve referenced the Tidal Bass information that is available on the Maryland DNR website. He indicated that Joe Love, the new DNR Tidal Bass manager is doing a good job managing, overseeing and providing information specific to the tidal bass fishery. Steve indicated that we should be posting our tournament 'catch' information to the DNR Tidal Bass survey link. Sam agreed to make sure this gets done.

Link: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/recreational/tidalbass/index.html>

**Membership:**

- Jim Adair has paid his dues for 2010. His status as a club member is now 'active'.
- The club voted unanimously to welcome back Jeff Casey as a member of Crabtowne.

**Old Business:**

Marshyhope Team Tourney page and applications are now posted on the website (with new payout info)

Steve presented 2009 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards to the Shirkey's who missed the banquet.

**New Business:**

- Steve asked the members to update their website 'profile' information so as to keep the website information current. Absent members will be asked to do the same at the May meeting.
- Steve notified the members that everybody must wear their club hats during tournaments.
- Steve informed everybody that all members must meet at the 'rally' location unless significant 'doubling back' is involved, as would be case for members who live on the Eastern Shore.
- Jim Adair suggested that we consider 'rallying' at the Wawa on Rte 3 just south of Rte 214. The suggestion was well received. For our June Potomac tournament, we will plan on meeting there instead of at Collington Plaza
- Glen initiated discussion regarding 'fish handling' at our tournaments. We still have an opportunity to do this better. We all agreed to slow down the weigh-in process to insure we had members positioned to help the TD with the weigh-in, scribing weights, holding the baskets keeping water in bags, and having folks bring fish to the scales only after they are asked to do so by the TD.

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- Smallwood tournament registration: The club agreed to start properly registering for tournaments when we launch out of this location. Sam will pursue the proper paperwork.
- Courtesy Measure: After some discussion, the membership agreed that the TD will not be asked to perform a 'courtesy measure' prior to weigh-in. Members are welcome to ask others to check their fish prior to weigh-in, but the TD should not be part of this pre-weigh-in process.

**Tournaments:**

- SQT: No members plans to fish the 2010 SQT
- Mr. Bass: Roger has declined to fish the tournament. No other members are interested.
- Crabtowne Tournament #2 – 4:15am Rally at Rte 50 Wawa

**Pairings:**

- 1 – Sam / Joe
- 2 – Jeff / Fred
- 3 – Roger Sr / John
- 4 – Glen / Roger Jr
- 5 – Steve / Denis
- 6 – Jack / Aaron
- 7 – Jim A / Doug
- 8 – Alan / Keith
- 9 – Jim P /