

**THE COLONY BASS CLUB  
FEBRUARY 3, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

Mike Howes, President, called the Club meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

**Attendance and Minutes**

Mike first reminded all members to sign the attendance log.

Mike then asked for approval of the minutes. After motion and second the minutes from the January meeting were unanimously approved.

**Old Business and Treasurer's Report**

Mike then asked Lynn Schmidt, Treasurer, to present the Treasurer's report. Lynn advised that since last month's report, \$1,500 had been received and cash was paid out in the amount of \$420.98. The net change was a positive \$1,079.02 for the month. He advised that after funds reserved for the April Classic and the Big Bass Pot \$955.67 was available for spending.

Mike thanked Lynn for the report and then asked that Richard Able, Webmaster, to report on the website. But before he did that Mike asked that Richard try to make the website reach out and grab you as opposed to it being very neutral. Mary Ann asked that the new website also include the Club's logo. Richard advised that he would consider both requests, but that currently all documents on the website had been updated, minutes, bylaws, and rules. He advised that old pictures were still on the website. He also advised that he was still working on the new website and that he had the new website running on a new server on his home computer. He advised that he'd notify a few officers to come over and review the new website before he made it a live site using the Club's link.

Mike then asked Lynn Schmidt to update the Club on the North Texas Bass Challenge. Lynn advised that the top six from last year and four others would be allowed to attend the Challenge with participation fees paid by the Club. He advised that there would be a meeting later in February when we would have to name two lakes to be put in the pot for the location of the Challenge. He advised that each participating bass club will designate two lakes and the winner will be drawn from the pot. After discussion it was agreed that the following two lakes would be chosen by the Club, Ray Roberts and Lewisville. Richard Able advised that he would attend the meeting with Lynn since he was a member of the top six.

Mike then asked Jim Picket, Vice President, to advise on how the point system and the first tournament went. Jim advised that with Lynn and Mary Ann's help the tournament was handled well. He advised that each member must have a digital camera; the cell phones don't work since the pictures can't be enlarged and they can't be loaded onto a laptop. He advised that in future Richard had agreed to bring his laptop so that pictures can be enlarged. He suggested that each member keep a paper log of the length as well

as the pictures to make weigh-in easier. Lynn Schmidt advised that before he would pay out money the pictures would have to be reviewed to make sure the lengths and corresponding weights were correct. Lynn also advised that in future all payouts will be made by check.

Mike H. then advised that it was time to hand-out the widgets for the January tournament. David Blackstock advised that we had no widgets since he thought we weren't doing widgets anymore. Mike advised that we were doing widgets. David agreed to bring widgets for the January tournament to the March meeting.

The members then discussed the January tournament results that appeared on the website and raised concerns about the new points system. Richard advised that beginning with the February tournament, two new columns would be added to the website's front screen to show each persons results from the last tournament. Lynn Schmidt then advised that we may have a problem with the 15 points included in the bylaws for those who attend a meeting. Lynn explained the problem, advising that by the end of the year those that do not attend a meeting may lose several positions on someone who attends every tournament but no meetings, he cited Milton Kornegay as a problem with the meeting points even with the first tournament's results. All members agreed that we should consider a retroactive amendment to the Bylaws at the June meeting to provide members who attend meetings with less than 15 points. Mike asked Lynn to come up with a number which is between two and five points that we would present at the next meeting for discussion. In the interim Lynn will come up with a new meeting attendance number and circulate a new spreadsheet to the officers for review prior to the next meeting. Jim Pickett also advised that although he caught more fish he somehow ended up with fewer points than Richard Able and they both attended the January meeting. Lynn agreed to look at this issue also.

Mike then asked for the status on the ability of Club members to purchase new T-shirts. Jim advised that he had a vendor for the new shirts, but the quote originally received was not correct since the quote did not include the logo on the back of the T-shirts. Jim advised that he would have a new quote next week and would circulate it to the officers. Gabe Romo, Jr. then asked if we had received the digitized image from the old T-shirt vendor. Jim advised that the new vendor had agreed to digitize the Club's logo for free and that all shirts would be delivered to Jim's office with no charge for shipping.

Mike then asked the membership to volunteer to help him run the casting contest at the McKinney Trout Derby to be held this coming weekend. Mike advised that Tom D. would not be able to make it. Richard, Mike H., Fritz and Todd agreed to help out at the trout derby. Mike advised that the casting contest would begin at 9 am on Saturday.

### **Next Tournament**

Mike then asked Lynn S., tournament judge, to advise on the tournament rules for the February tournament at Monticello. Lynn advised that both Spots and Large Mouth Bass could be brought to weigh-in. He advised that all bass, spots and large mouth, between

10 and 14 inches would be brought to weigh-in as live fish. Bass between 14 and 24 inches would be on paper/pictures. One fish over 24 inches can be brought to weigh-in, all other fish over 24 inches must be papered/pictures taken.

Lynn advised that he would send an e-mail confirming this information after he double checked the TPW website and also found out what time the launch might begin.

### **New Members**

Three new members joined the club. Two new members, Frank George and Dennis Huber, were actually returning members. Bill Robinson also joined the Club; he was sponsored by Mike Rice. Mary Ann reminded the members that Mike Rice would receive 50% off a tournament fee as the sponsoring member. Mike gets to choose which tournament he will only pay 50% of his tournament fee.

### **Draw and Launch Order**

Mary Ann accepted names for the draw and obtained information on who was fishing with a guest or as a family.

Once information was assembled, the following pairings were made:

<u>Guest and Family Teams</u>	<u>Launch order</u>
Glen and Mary Ann	4
Todd and Blake	1
Bill Robinson and Guest	5
 <u>Draw Teams</u>	
David B. and Jim P.	9
Lynn S. and Fritz	10
Damon and Dennis Huber	7
Yarik and Frank G.	3
Milton and Lanny	6
Rusty and Richard A.	2
Mike H. and Mike R.	8

After the draw, one team name was drawn to determine the order of launch; the numbers appear to the right of the names in the list above. Jim reminded members that the chips and rulers would once again be handed out at the ramp and the chip would need to be turned in with the ruler in order to weigh the team's fish.

A discussion about what constitutes safe light was had by the members. Mike H. then advised that it was the tournament judge's decision. Mike advised that the tournament judge would issue an e-mail advising all members what time they needed to be in the water using the time on the website provided by Jim as a go by and that actual safe-light was then to be determined by the tournament judge in his/her discretion.

The raffle was then held and the following were drawn by the kids as prize winners:  
Fritz, Lanny (2), Todd, Susan P. (2) and Glen (2).

Mike then asked if there were any new business to be discussed. Since no new business was brought up; a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Mary Ann Root  
Secretary