

**THE COLONY BASS CLUB  
JANUARY 6, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

**Officers Meeting**

Those officers in attendance were Jim Pickett, Lynn Schmidt, Fritz Torrey, David Blackstock, Richard Able, Glen Brooks and Mary Ann Root. Officers not in attendance were Gabe Romo, Jr. and Mike Howes.

Since Mike Howes, President, was unable to attend the meeting Jim Pickett, Vice President, presided over the meeting. Mr. Pickett called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

First item for discussion was officer changes for 2010:

Tom Davenport resigned as Program Director.  
Fritz Torrey was moved from Assistant Secretary to Program Director.  
Glen Brooks agreed to be the Assistant Secretary.

The officer list for 2010 is now as follows:

Mike Howes – President  
Jim Pickett – Vice President  
Lynn Schmidt – Treasurer  
Mary Ann Root – Secretary  
Glen Brooks – Assistant Secretary  
Richard Able – Webmaster  
Gabe Romo, Jr. – Sergeant at Arms  
Fritz Torrey – Program Director  
David Blackstock – Open Tournament Director

Second item discussed was the ruler for use at tournaments. Lynn provided the ruler which was based on the Fork Team Tournament ruler. Jim will laminate the rulers and hand the rulers out at the January tournament.

Third item discussed were the chips for the launch order. David provided bottle caps with numbers that will be used for the launch order.

Fourth item discussed was how the ruler and chips would be used in fish measurement. The content of a photo using the fish, ruler and chips was discussed.

Fifth item discussed was what tournaments would be Buddy tournaments based on the officers Lake List. After discussion, Fork, Nocona and the September Ray Roberts tournaments were agreed upon.

The officer's meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Mary Ann Root  
Secretary

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Jim Pickett, Vice President, called the regular club meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**Gift Swap**

The first item discussed was a worst X-mas gifts swap which would take place at the February meeting of the club. Lynn Schmidt advised on the T-shirt he received that was his worst X-mas gift. Jim advised members to bring their worst gifts for swap at the February meeting.

Jim then updated the members on Mike Howe's health. He advised that Mike was recovering and planned to fish at the January tournament.

**Old Business and Treasurer's Report**

Jim asked for any old business to be brought up. There being none, he asked Lynn to present the Treasurer's report. Rusty Robbins, outgoing Treasurer, provided a copy of the report to Lynn, the 2010 Treasurer, to present. Jim thanked Rusty for his many years of service. Lynn then advised that on December 6, 2009 the Club had \$1,801 in the Treasury and after expenses were paid for the Christmas party, etc., on January 6, 2010 the Treasury held \$565. He advised that part of these funds were reserved as the Trophy Bass pot and for the N. TX Team Challenge and that approximately \$66 was available to be spent. After motion and approval, the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Jim then reminded everyone of the changes to the Bylaws and rules that were approved at the December meeting. He also reminded all members that we had gone from weight to a points system for 2010. He advised members that he would have a new column in the Newsletter called "Bylaw Minnows" to help explain the Bylaws in a more user friendly language.

Jim then advised that we had a new member, Damon Gonzalez. Damon introduced himself and advised that he was recruited by Mike H.

**Lake List**

The Officer's lake list and the President's lake list were then presented. After discussion the Officer's lake list was approved. The President's lake list received one vote, all other members present voted for the Officer's lake list.

**Slot Lake, Rulers, Camera, Chips and Safelight**

Mr. Pickett advised that Lake Welsh was a slot lake, and that with the Bylaw changes everyone would need a digital picture taking device to capture paper fish. He showed all members the new rulers and the bottle caps that would be used to determine launch order. He advised members that the rulers and the bottle caps must be turned in at weigh-in in order to have weights counted. He then advised about the website he found that will be used to determine safe light for each tournament. He advised that Mt. Pleasant, closest town to Lake Welsh, showed safelight to be 6:26 AM, therefore we will launch at 6:30.

He advised that the slot, if any, and the launch times for each tournament will be in the Newsletter published prior to each tournament.

### **Judges**

Jim advised that he would be the judge for the first tournament at Lake Welsh since this would be the first time that the new rulers and bottle caps would be used. Jim advised that minimum length for spotted bass would be 12 inches and 14 inches on large mouth bass. He advised that the slot on large mouth bass would be 14 to 18 inches (slot fish are paper weights that must be photographed using the ruler).

Judges for this year's tournaments were set as follows:

Jan. Welsh – Jim Pickett  
Feb. Monticello – Lynn Schmidt  
March Fairfield – Glen Brooks  
April Fork – Mike Howes  
May Ray Roberts – Mary Ann Root  
June Bridgeport - Fritz Torrey  
July Nocona – Mike Rice  
Aug. Lewisville – Richard Able  
Sept. Ray Roberts – David Blackstock  
Oct. Eagle Mountain – Gabe Romo, Jr.

### **New Members**

Jim then recognized another guest who may become a new member: Eric Hutchins. Eric advised that he was recruited by Damon. Jim then told Club members about a new officer's rule for 2010 relating to a reward for any member recruiting a new Club member. The rule is that for each new member that joins the Club, the recruiting member would receive ½ off of a future tournament fee. In this case Mike H. would receive ½ off a tournament fee since he had recruited Damon who had just joined the Club. Damon would receive ½ off a future tournament fee if Eric joined the club. If Damon's brother and Eric both joined the Club then Damon would be able to elect to use his ½ fee savings now and ½ later or to use it all at one tournament. Jim advised that Lynn would be responsible for keeping up with the ½ off benefit.

Rusty agreed to update the membership list to include any address, age and name changes and to include any new members.

### **Officer Changes**

Mr. Pickett then advised the members of the change in officers. Indicating that Tom Davenport had resigned to pursue other endeavors and that Fritz Torrey had agreed to become Program Director. Since Fritz's move left the Assistant Secretary spot open, Glen Brooks had agreed to become Assistant Secretary.

### **Volunteer Event**

Jim then indicated that the McKinney Trout Derby would be held on February 6 and Mike H. had asked for several volunteers to help at that function. Fritz indicated that he could volunteer. Jim asked that any additional volunteers contact him or Mike H. after he published the times for the event in the newsletter.

Jim then advised that Lynn would take over on obtaining information related to the N. TX Bass Challenge. Lynn, as the 2009 President, then presented the 2009 Top Six Plaque to Mike R. who had missed the Christmas Party.

### **New Rule for Items to Be Discussed**

Mr. Pickett advised the members that a new rule was in place for bringing items up at a future Club meeting. The rule is that all items must be submitted to the officers two (2) weeks prior to a meeting if they are to be discussed. This is so that meetings can be concluded on a timely basis and so that officer's can prepare for discussions. He indicated that items should be e-mailed to him and/or Mike H. and they would circulate them to the other officers.

### **2010 Buddy Tournaments**

The club members were advised that the Buddy tournaments would be the two (2) day Lake Fork tournament, the Nocona tournament and second Ray Roberts tournament (September).

### **Fees, Raffle Tickets and T-Shirts**

Jim then asked if there was anything else for discussion prior to the draw and raffle prizes. Lynn reminded club members of the following fees that were due:

Dues:           Family - \$40  
                  Individual - \$30

Tournament:  Adults - \$30  
                  Children under age 18 - \$10

Trophy Bass:  \$20 per member

Lynn explained that a Trophy Bass was one over 8 lbs caught by a Club member during one of the 10 scheduled tournaments. If no one catches a fish weighing more than 8 lbs. then the pot carries over from year to year.

Fritz then began selling raffle tickets and Jim advised the new members that one free ticket was awarded for those members wearing a club shirt. Jim then advised that T-shirts with the Club logo would require a minimum order of 40 shirts.

### **Draw and Launch Order**

Glen began accepting names for the draw and Mary Ann 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	8
Todd and Blake	7
Jim and Guest	10
Mike R. and Guest	2

Draw Teams

Damon and Milton K.	6
Rusty and Tom D.	9
Lynn and Yarik	4
David B. and Fritz	1
Richard A. and Gabe, Jr.	5
Mike H. and Evan Gonzalez (Damon's brother)	3

After the draw, chips were 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 would be handed out at the ramp and would need to be turned in with the ruler in order to weigh fish.

Jim 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 8:10 PM.

Mary Ann Root  
Secretary