

THE COLONY BASS CLUB
MARCH 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 February 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, \$710 had been received and cash was paid out in the amount of \$438. The net change was a positive \$241 for the month. He advised that total cash of \$1,907 was available for spending which includes the reserve for big bass..

Mike thanked Lynn for the report and then congratulated Richard Able, Webmaster, on the updated website. He asked Richard to update the Members on what was left to be done. Richard advised that coming soon was a monthly feature called the President's Fishing Hole. He also advised that the "About Us" section needs to be revised; Jim Pickett advised that President Mike Howes was already working on rewriting this section. He also asked Members to take pictures with fish in them so that the website can be updated. He indicated that he still had some pictures to take down and a few links to fix.

Mike then asked Jim to present the widgets for the January tournament on Lake Welch. Jim advised that 1st place went to Mike Rice and Bill Robinson; 2nd place went to Todd and Blake Guernsey and 3rd place went to Jim and Wayne Pickett. The family winner was Todd and Blake and Glen Brooks got the Big Bass.

Mike then asked Lynn to present the widgets for the February tournament on Lake Monticello. Lynn advised that Frank George and Yarik got 3rd, Rusty Robbins and Jason Porter were 2nd and 1st place went to Mike Rice and Mike Howes. Mike Howes also caught the big bass and Blake and Todd Guernsey were the family division winners.

Mike then asked Lynn Schmidt to update the Club on the North Texas Bass Challenge. Lynn reminded members 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 he and Glen Brooks attended the meeting and that the two lakes voted on by the Club were entered into the draw for the lake. He advised that one of our lakes, Lake Ray Roberts was the winner and that the challenge would be held on May 8th. Mike Howes indicated that he would not be able to attend the challenge on that date and that the 7th place person from last year, Jim Pickett, would be going in his place.

Lynn advised that he and Glen had stayed through the Lewisville Bass Clubs meeting. He indicated that Lewisville had the same fees as our Club, but they also had a \$1.00 pot for the largest non-bass caught per tournament. This was something we might consider doing at a tournament judges discretion.

Mike then asked if there was any other old business to discuss before we went onto new business. No other old business was raised.

New Business

Mike then asked Jim Pickett to advise on what he learned about the cost of new club T-shirts. Jim advised that each T-shirt in the Club color would cost \$10. If another color was chosen it would cost the member an additional \$2.00 per shirt. It would also cost more than \$10 if a size 2XL or 3XL was purchased. Susan Pickett made a motion that the Club color for shirts be voted upon. After discussion, Susan's motion passed. Colors to be voted upon as the new club T-shirt color were then chosen. The colors suggested were Light Blue, Grey, Tan, Irish Green, Ash and Safety Yellow. A vote was held and Light Blue was selected as the new shirt color.

Mike then asked the members if they had any other new business to discuss before the draw for the next tournament was held. Jim Pickett advised that he had a few items. First, the El Nino rain season was starting so he suggested that the tournament judges check the lake levels for the next tournament frequently. Second, Jim suggested that the Club's website have links to promote the businesses of club members. He also indicated that his Company would assist with a boat being wrapped for a cost of \$150 per month. Jim also indicated that he had asked his Company for a donation of \$1,000. Third, Jim suggested that the club purchase a number of T-shirts so that each new club member in the future would receive a shirt as part of the club welcome packet. A motion was made, seconded and passed that each new club member would receive a t-shirt as part of their new member packet until the shirts were used up.

Next Tournament

Mike then asked Glen Brooks, tournament judge, to advise on the tournament rules for the March tournament at Lake Fairfield. Glen advised that both Spots and Large Mouth Bass could be brought to weigh-in. He advised that all spotted and large mouth, between 14 and 18 inches would be brought to weigh-in on paper and pictures. Bass over 18 inches would be brought in as live fish. He advised that all boats should be in the water by 6:30 with launch to start between 7:45 and 8:00 a.m. and possible a little later depending on the light.

Glen advised that he would send an e-mail confirming this information. Glen indicated that he might put in a \$1.00 fee for the largest non-bass fish caught, he would advise at the ramp or in his e-mail.

New Members

No new members joined the club at the March meeting.

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	10
Jim and Susan	7
Todd and Blake	2
Mike and Kieffer	6
<u>Draw Teams</u>	
Lynn S. and Rusty	5
Richard A. and Damon	9
Ricky S. and Frank G.	4
Yarik and David B.	1
Bill R. and Lanny	3
Milton 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. Glen 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.

Mike then asked if there were any new business to be discussed

David Blackstock advised that he had searched the web regarding a date for the Open Tournament and that he had found September 18th to be an open date. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to set the date for the Open Tournament as September 18th, 2010.

Mary Ann indicated that a discussion needed to be had surrounding the location for the members to stay at for the Lake Fork tournament and barbecue to be held in April, so that rooms could be reserved and a budget set. Mr. Schmidt indicated that he might not be at the April tournament. Mike indicated that we could discuss this item at the next meeting.

Since no new business was brought up; a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Mary Ann Root
Secretary