

Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation was called to order on April 25th, 2013 at approximately 7:30p by Sylvia Morris.

Roll Call: The following clubs were absent: North Eastern CT Bassmasters

Correspondence: None

Announcements:

- BASS announced that Diet Mountain Dew signed for a year-long sponsorship of all BASS tournament circuits including the 2013 Bassmaster Elite Series, 2013 Bassmaster Open Series, 2013 BASS Nation events & the 2013 Bassmaster College Series.
- Power Pole to extend captain's cash to the nation
 - \$250.00 available at each of the 6 divisional events for the winner
 - \$500.00 available to the winner of Nationals

A motion was made and passed to accept the previous month's minutes.

Report of Officers

Treasurers Report: Marc Levesque.

Conservation Report: Dean Rustic:

- CAC Meeting
 - Committee Reports – Legislative – Bob Crook
 - Gun Lobby Day on 11-Mar-2013 – 3000 attendees
 - Forestry Division
 - Control Burns in 12 Areas
 - Delaminating Survey in New Haven County – for Ash trees
 - Fisheries Advisory Council
 - Bantam Lake – Launch closed April 30-May 5
- Recycling
 - Terry will have the youth fishing collecting used line & baits at the tournaments.
- Fizzing Kits
 - Kits will be \$3.00 per kit – Let Dean know how many for your club members would want one & they will be available at the next meeting
- Fishing Advocacy
 - New Hampshire Lead Ban – SB89
 - Presented to DEEP Program for Stocking Fingerlings in CT River
 - Response was No
 - Also asked if any programs needed support – No
- Conservation Awards – October 2013

Boating Advisory: No Meeting Held

C.L.A. Report:

- Chris Bielert on the Invasive Committee – No Formal Meeting
- Lake cleanup is scheduled for May 18th
- Lake Authority is dealing with reduction in funding from First Light. First Light is going to reduce their contribution by \$10,000 next year.
 - 4 out of 5 towns that surround the lake are also going to reduce their contributions by 20%. Sherman is the only town that is NOT going to reduce what they contribute.
 - The reductions will severely impact what the Lake Authority does on a day to day basis.
- First Light is paying DR. George Knochlein to do a study on the effects of Blue Green Algae in Candlewood.
 - First Light believes the deep drawdowns contribute to the spread of these algae.
 - Candlewood Lake Authority disputes this and there is no conclusive evidence to prove this.
 - First Light is against doing these drawdowns to control milfoil.
- Zebra Mussel Task Force is continually monitoring Lake Lillinonah, Lake Zoar and Candlewood.
 - Number of both adult mussels and veligers continues to grow in both Zoar and Lillinonah.
 - Monitoring sites will be expanding this year to keep better track of expansion of adults.
- Dr. Kevin Kelly will be in charge of a CO₂ infusion study at Laurel Lake where we believe the mussels are coming from.
 - 1000 gallons of water flow out of Laurel Lake into the Housitonic River
 - First Light is going to use CO₂ at Dams on Lillinonah and Zoar.
- Lake Authority is exploring the option of using Triploid Grass Carp
 - State of CT will consider issuing a permit if the Lake Authority chooses to move forward.
- All Reports can be found on the CLA website – www.candlewoodlakeauthority.com

Tournament Report: Paul Dingee:

- Remember the 1st Tournament is \$95.00 (\$20.00 launch fee included)
- Two Dated (One dated May 19th, the other dated July 14th) and signed Zebra Mussel forms should accompany the CBN Tournament application when paying for all three tournaments at once.
- Trailer has new batteries, new locks & maintenance has been completed
- **NEW TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED.**

Sponsorship Report: Bob Nelson:

- Power-Pole sponsorship is open to all CBN members – to receive the discount you have to complete the Pro-Staff application on the website www.power-pole.com
- Reynolds' Garage and Marine open house is March 23rd and the Reynolds' Angler Incentive Program is back. The incentive is doubled for all customers who have purchased a new boat.
 - Anglers paired with the top 3 finishing co-anglers in each of the 4 tournament trail events will be rewarded as follow:
 - Angler paired with the 1st place finishing co-angler will receive \$75.00
 - Angler paired with the 2nd place finishing co-angler will receive \$50.00
 - Angler paired with the 3rd place finishing co-angler will receive \$25.00
- Bassmaster and ScoutLook created a free fishing weather app for iPhone and Android. To download the app visit www.scoutlookweather.com

- Midstate Battery – A discount is available to ALL Nation members and the Nation will receive a Volume Rebate
 - They can be reached at 139C West Dudley Town Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002
 - Phone 860.243.0646 Fax 860.243.5945 or email at smerone@midstatebattery.com
 - Notify Sylvia about all purchases so she can keep track of what the CBN rebate should be.
- Powell Rods – “Nation” Special Promotion
 - Offering a discount on rods to the Nation members for 30% off & 20% off retail on Diesel Rods
 - Purchase 6 Diesel Rods (mix & match) and pick an Endurance Rod (from specially marked rods) as yours free
 - Please see www.powellco.com to order

CBN Scholarship Committee:

- Judging was completed prior to the April meeting
 - Only 7 applicants – 3 scholarships (\$1500, \$1000, & \$500)
 - Winners to be announced at May Meeting

Robert S. Malloy Scholarship Committee: David Santos – Scholarships to be given again in November

Banquet Committee: Sylvia Morris:

- The next banquet has already been booked. It will be at the Chowder Pot again on 11-9-2013.

Membership Committee: Paul Dingee:

- A few new members have signed on since the shows but mainly quiet

Website Committee:

- More training to be completed next month

Audit Committee: Vinny Mucci – Audit Completed

Youth Report: Terry Baksay and Ron Frisk:

- Nothing new to report

Finance Committee: Ray Bessette:

- Nothing to report

State Team Report: Sylvia Morris:

- Weed sticker must be on boats going to ME (\$20.00 a sticker - \$200.00 for the team)
 - Stickers have been purchased
- Maps have been purchased by state team members at a reduced price of \$12.00 instead of \$18.00
- Next Meeting is May 19th

Motion made and seconded to accept reports as given

Old Business

- Excused absences: Extreme, CT Sweetwater, Talcott Mountain, Thayers & Bassbusters

- 26 Angels Foundation Tournament:
 - Vinny Mucci – All Club presidents received and email from the Heart of CT Bassmasters
 - A friendly challenge for each CBN club to sponsor a boat for the 26 Angels Foundation Benefit tournament on May 5th
 - Clubs can donate money anytime online at <http://www.26angelsfoundation.org>
 - Team Skeeter – donated \$250.00
- Upcoming Open Tournaments:
 - Brian Kerchel – April 28th
 - Scholarship Tournament – May 4th
 - 26 Angels Tournament – May 5th
 - CT Bassmen Mixed Open – June 2nd (Candlewood Squantz)
 - Reynolds Marine – June 8th
 - Naugatuck Valley Bassmasters – June 9th

Motion made and seconded to accept Old Business

New Business

- Lowrance isn't doing a booklet anymore
 - CBN must work together to gain benefits from Lowrance at Nationals
 - Friend Lowrance on Facebook
 - Take and post pictures with Lowrance product and let Sylvia know when the picture is posted so she can keep track
 - At Nationals they will decide which states did best
 - The better the state has done the better the benefits
- Dave Gilbert – Yearly Stickers on the back of the BASS Card?
 - Can call BASS to request a new card
- Dean Rustic
 - Youth Fishing passport for youths 16 and under
 - Prizes available
 - Free fishing Day is Saturday, May 11th, 2013

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:29 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 23rd, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Rose, CBN Secretary.