

## OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup> 2013 CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting

### Roll Call:

- **CLUBS ABSENT:** Bass Busters, and Thayers Bass Marauders

### Correspondence:

- Received a Thank you Letter from the CLA for our continued support of their Summer Events: Project Clear and The Dragon Boat Races (We donated 250.00 this year). They also thanked us for our proactive involvement in keeping Candlewood Lake healthy and free from Zebra Mussels.

**Signed Larry Marsicano**

### Announcements:

- **Help support B.A.S.S. Conservation Fund by getting a Quote from Nationwide**
  - Fellow Angler,

Nationwide Insurance has stepped up to support one of B.A.S.S.'s most important causes - our Conservation Fund. You know B.A.S.S. is more than tournaments, a magazine, and a membership; its decades of demonstrated natural resource conservation efforts to protect and enhance our aquatic resources.

And now you can help protect these resources and protect our sport. All you have to do is get a free online auto quote from Nationwide Insurance between September 16, 2013 and November 18, 2013. For each quote Nationwide will donate \$10 for the Conservation Fund (up to a total of \$5,000).

Support your cause and enjoy exclusive member discounts on your auto insurance. CALL: 866-633-5749

### **MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED**

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **Treasurer Report:** Marc Levesque
- **Conservation Report:** Dean Rustic
- **Boating Advisory:** No Meeting this Month
- **CLA:** Chris Bielert – No report
- **Tournament Report:** Paul Dingee
  - 2014 Divisional is on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 at St Lawrence Seaway, Waddington NY.
  - Five clubs gave up their retainer checks, all other club checks are with Marc please see him to get them back

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEARS 2014 STATE TEAM!!!**
  - State Team Qualifiers from the Two-Day:
    - Boater #1 – Garrett Kruger, Boater #2 – Abe Kalechman, Boater #3 – Kevin Rose Jr., Boater #4 – Dave Maiorano, **Boater #5 – Mr BASS, Kevin Noel**, Non-Boater #8 – Paul Mueller, Non-Boater #9 – Dennis Sikorski, Non-Boater #10 – Harry Gordon, Non-Boater #11 – Scott Downie, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate #13 – Bryan McCleary
  - From the Trail:
    - Boater #6 – Reed Johnson, Boater #7 – Dave Dziob, CoAngler Non-Boater #12 – Keith Lee
- Going to setup a Trailer Clean up and Tom Reynolds has agreed to store the Trailer again for us this year. Thank you Tom!!!

- **Sponsorship Report:** Bob Nelson

- **Home Depot in Danbury, CT** will be giving the CBN Tournament Committee (6) new two-way radios. These radios are used, by committee members, to communicate prior to the tournaments.
- **BASSGold** – Another Benefit to your B.A.S.S Nation membership and the discount code show has to be closely guarded. It is to be used by your members for their one-year free membership to BASSGold and **cannot be shared with anyone else**. Will still have to use a credit card to enroll in BASSGold but the discount code should trigger the system to not charge for enrollment. As in anything, there could be mistakes made and will be handled on a one-on-one basis should the member be charged.
  - Use BASSGold and give them feedback on it
  - Enter 6 patters, which do NOT have to be tournament patterns; that's basically only one every 2 months.
    - With a database of thousands of fishing patters from bass tournaments over the years, the program provides fishing recommendations (where, how and with what) for any body of water in the US.
    - A Web-based app that runs on any web connected device has predicted with remarkable accuracy the winning patters and weights for recent Bassmaster Classics, Bassmaster Elite Series events and many other tournaments. It has also helped anglers catch more fish quickly on fun fishing days as well.
- **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](http://www.power-pole.com)
- **The Reynolds' Angler Incentive Program** . 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 1<sup>st</sup> place finishing co-angler will receive \$75.00
    - Angler paired with the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishing co-angler will receive \$50.00
    - Angler paired with the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.powellco.com) to order
- **Buff USA** is now a State, Trail and State Team Sponsor. You may see their products at: [www.buffusa.com](http://www.buffusa.com)  
Buff USA has a line of buffs and gloves made exclusively for anglers. They have some with bass on them as well. Some of their products were on the prize table at our first tournament.

- **CBN Scholarship Committee:** no report
- **Robert S Malloy Scholarship committee:** David Santos Nothing until November
- **Banquet Committee:** (Nov 9TH 2013) Jon Stewart Director of B.A.S.S. will be our guest speaker!!! (airfare paid for by B.A.S.S., we paid for the room \$94.00) Make reservations now!!! Let’s fill the hall!!!
- **Membership Committee-**Paul Dingee none
- **Website Committee-** none
- **Audit Committee-** none
- **Youth report:** Money collected at Tournament #3 (\$245.00) along with money from the Two Day cookout (\$143.00) will be donated to Cystic Fibrosis. Total of \$388.00.
  - **High school:** Ron Frisk
- **Finance:** Ray Bessett- nothing
- **State Team 2013:** Sylvia will have a full report next month with complete cost of the 2013 State Team.
- **State Team 2014:** Sylvia went scouting for rooms, will give a full report in November.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN, SECOND, ALL IN FAVOR**

### Old Business

- **Excused absences- Tobacco Valley and Housatonic Valley**

- **LOWRANCE FACEBOOK Page:** Please take pictures with your Lowrance units or hats and send to the Lowrance Facebook page and let me know when you do. This is how we will earn product for our Banquet!
- Nominations are open for Secretary & Treasurer
  - Call Sal Messina, 860-883-3166 or Harry Gordon-860-620-4010 with nominations. They are due in at November meeting. Voting will be done at the DEC. meeting.
- The CBN Roster and dues are due at this Oct. meeting and due to BASS NATION on line by Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. Remember use the correct form completely filled out. Available for download on CTBASS.COM under CBN News, then CBN Forms. Be sure your Club name is on the check and that it is the right amount. Members over 60 that have been with us 5 years or more are \$25.00 and all others are \$50.00!! IT WILL BE REFUSED UNLESS ON THE PROPER FORM AND COMPLETELY FILLED OUT!!!!
- CT Hunting & Fishing Appreciation Day was held again this year on Saturday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Sessions Woods. We would like to thank the following volunteers, Kevin Lavender & Sons, Ron Frisk & Matt Desimone, Jim & Sylvia Morris. We did knot tying and showed the kids how to cast, flip, and pitch. Wasn't as busy as it was last year however we managed to get some interest going in the High School Fishing!
- By Law Proposal were passed out, bring back to your clubs, discuss in November and vote on in December. Al Guite, By Law Chairperson passed them out and answered a few clarification questions.

- **CBN Bylaw Change Proposal 2014-1**

**Institute a new section to the bylaw as Article XII, B, 3, d.** Note: each lettered paragraph including the current Article XII, B, 3, d which will follow this addition will be re lettered accordingly in an ascending manor. (I.e. if adopted the current Article XII, B, 3, d will become Article XII, B, 3, e and so on)

Proposed addition;

d. Linked Entries: Boaters, entering the Two Day State Championship, who identify a linked non-boater on their tournament application, will guarantee use of their boat during both days of competition provided that their linked non-boater is physically present during both days of the event. In the event that a boater's linked non-boater fails to show up on a competition day the Tournament Director and their designated committee will adjust the pairings accordingly and if at all possible the linked boater will be paired with a non-linked boater. In the event that a non-boaters linked boater fails to show up on a competition day the linked non-boater will be ineligible to participate in that days competition. Entry fees for linked anglers (boater/non-boater) must accompany the tournament application.

**Submitted by the CBN Executive Board**

- **CBN Bylaw change 2014 - 2**

## Revision to Article XII, B, 3, c

### Current wording;

c. A properly completed and signed application and entry fee must be postmarked by a mailing deadline determined by the Tournament Director.

### Proposed change;

c. Application process - A properly completed and signed application, along with any additional documentation that is required by the CBN and/or State Agencies, plus the full entry fee must be sent in one complete package and postmarked by a mailing deadline determined by the Tournament Director. Failure to provide all required documentation by the mailing deadline may deem the individual or individuals ineligible to participate. It is encouraged that each CBN club, send all application documentation and fees in one combined package for all of their members who will be participating in this event.

### Submitted by the CBN Executive Board

- The President and the Youth Director are at the Nationals at Lake Dardanelle, Russellville, Arkansas Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Noah Winslow & Family are also there along with Paul Mueller. Good Luck to all!!
- Chapter awards nomination forms have been handed out. Please bring them back to your clubs and submit them. Awards will be given out at the Banquet on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. We know there are many deserving clubs in the CBN. **If there are no nominations in a Category, there will no award given!**
- Banquet Invites are on line. Jon Stewart , Director of B.A.S.S. will be our guest speaker!!!
- Sponsorship request for the banquet is out there also. Any help would be great!
- Livingston Lures. Still waiting. Nothing new!
- Executive Board Meeting will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm at Sylvia's house to go over all that is discussed at the Nationals Presidents meeting.
- Juniors Wilbur Cross School open applications available – money from the tournament goes to the Wilbur Cross Food Drive
- Snowball open – applications are available on the website
- Milford Black Bass Open to benefit High School Fishing apps on line and on table Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Candlewood 7 to 3.
  - Mohawk Valley is requesting \$200.00 for a Cub Scout Event to help them get their fishing belt loop.
  - Event Date - September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 7am – 1pm
  - Mohawk Valley will provide boat captains, fishing rods & reels for the scouts and will be assisted by the CBN Juniors who will work with the scouts
  - Event will help the Cub Scouts get their Fishing Belt Loops, Advance Fishing Pin and be exposed to the CBN Juniors
  - **Request** to be voted on at this meeting. **Motion made , seconded and Passed**
- Rooms were booked for the Two Day workers, two rooms at 79.34 each( 158.68 total)

- Thank you to Ken Ingham for being Security Guard and sink man for both days of the two day!!!! He was paid 250.00 which is very inexpensive.

**ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?**

**NEW BUSINESS ?**

- **Next two months meeting are Early!!!!!!**
- **Nov 21<sup>st</sup> and Dec 19th**

**Motion to Adjourn, second all in favor?**

**NEXT MEETING: November 21st, 2013**