

**CT B.A.S.S. Nation**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014**

**ROLL CALL:** Clubs absent – Bass Attack, CT Yankee Bassmasters, Naugatuck Valley Bassmasters

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Check out [www.minnkotamotors.com](http://www.minnkotamotors.com) they have redesigned their website

- **Folds of Honor and B.A.S.S. are proud to announce the launch of Patriot Fishing Days:**

A series of local fishing Tournaments that raise funds for educational scholarships awarded to the spouses and children of those that have been killed or disabled while in service to our country. Details and club registrations will be offered at the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship in Monroe, LA Nov. 6-8. Club presidents, competitors and Leaders of the fishing world are invited to a special dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 5, with B.A.S.S. leaders and FoH representatives to learn more about the foundation, its mission and how you can help honor those who've sacrificed so much for our freedoms.

Patriot Fishing Days can be hosted at any time throughout the calendar year. We will have informational kits available at the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship. You can register your club for an event by contacting Diane Nemecek at [dnemecek@foldsofhonor.org](mailto:dnemecek@foldsofhonor.org) or [803-316-0968](tel:803-316-0968).

Folds of Honor will attend the 2014 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship, the 2015 Bassmaster Classic, a Big Bass Splash event, Bassfest and will end the season with the 2015 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship. Each year FoH will reward the top three fundraising clubs at the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship. Please join the mission. Be a wingman and help us ensure we leave no family behind on the field of battle. Your support will help us honor the sacrifice of our men and women in uniform by educating their legacy. We look forward to your shared participation in making Patriot Fishing Days a tremendous success. It will be the most heroic day you'll ever spend on the water. Click on the image to watch the video, and learn more about Folds of Honor, Patriot Fishing Days and the mission we serve. Or visit us at [www.foldsofhonor.org](http://www.foldsofhonor.org) FOLDS OF HONOR IS A 501C3 ORGANIZATION | 5800 N PATRIOT DRIVE, OWASSO, OK 74055 | [FOLDSOFHONOR.ORG](http://FOLDSOFHONOR.ORG) | [918.274.4700](tel:918.274.4700)

- **Berkley Renews Premier Sponsorship With B.A.S.S.**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Berkley, maker of Trilene, PowerBait and Havoc, has signed a multiyear deal with B.A.S.S., LLC to continue its longtime relationship with the Bassmaster Tournament Trail.

Berkley Fishing Tackle will be an official Premier Sponsor of the GEICO Bassmaster Classic, Bassmaster Elite Series, Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Open Series presented by Allstate and the Carhartt Bassmaster College Series for the next three years. The Premier Sponsorship includes Berkley's entire array of products (line, soft and hard baits, tools, rods, etc.) for the various Bassmaster events.

"We are very excited to continue our partnership with B.A.S.S. and the Bassmaster events," said Cara Finger, director of marketing services. "B.A.S.S. embodies the pulse of today's anglers, which we believe is right in line with what we value at Berkley. With the partnership, we are committed to fostering growth within the sport of fishing while maintaining an attitude of conservation so future generations can continue to enjoy fishing."

Berkley and B.A.S.S. have been partners for many years.

"B.A.S.S. is proud to have Berkley as a longtime member of our sponsor family," said Bruce Akin, CEO of B.A.S.S., which owns and operates Bassmaster events. "Their commitment brings a strong presence to the ever-expanding sport of bass fishing, and we look forward to continuing our joint efforts in growing our sport."

During the Feb. 20-22 Bassmaster Classic next year in Greenville, S.C., Berkley will showcase its products from a large booth each day at the Bassmaster Classic Outdoors Expo in the 280,000-square foot TD Convention Center. Berkley brand logos will be prominently displayed at the site of the daily Classic weigh-ins, the Bon Secours Wellness Arena, and the Green Pond launch facility on Lake Hartwell. Retailers at the Classic Expo will also be offering hot sales promotions of Berkley products. Free Berkley products will be given away at the Classic launch site each morning, and fans can stop by the Berkley booth at the Classic Expo to see the latest products and learn tips and techniques on how to be a more effective angler from Berkley pros.

The popular Berkley PowerBait Cast4Cash contest will return to the Classic to give a lucky spectator a shot at winning \$100,000. More details on the contest will be available at Berkley's Classic Expo booth.

In addition to their Premier Sponsorship, Berkley has also signed on to partner with B.A.S.S.'s fast-growing Bassmaster High School Series in 2015.

"It's great to see a longtime B.A.S.S. sponsor like Berkley participate in our youth initiatives and also encourage the growth of our Bassmaster High School Series program," said Hank Weldon, B.A.S.S. College, High School and Youth tournament

manager. "With their support, we're going to take the High School platform to new heights in 2015."

About Pure Fishing, Inc.

Pure Fishing, Inc. is a leading global provider of fishing tackle, lures, rods and reels with a portfolio of brands that includes Abu Garcia®, All Star®, Berkley®, Chub™, Fenwick®, Gulp!®, Hardy & Greys™, Hodgman®, Johnson™, Mitchell®, PENN®, Pflueger®, Sébile®, Shakespeare®, SpiderWire®, Stren®, Trilene® and Ugly Stik®. Pure Fishing, Inc. operates in 22 countries with a dedicated workforce conversant in 28 languages. Pure Fishing, Inc. is a subsidiary of Jarden Corporation and is part of the Jarden Outdoor Solutions business segment, a leader in developing outdoor and active lifestyle products. Additional information can be found at <http://www.purefishing.com>.

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

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**Treasurer Report:** Marc Levesque

**Conservation Report:** Dean Rustic

- **Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting**

- A member of the State Police reviewed the different classes and certifications required to get a long gun, pistol permit, etc.
- Encon Report – List of infractions that Encon responded to over the past month were mostly associated with illegal deer hunting. A handout was provided regarding carrying a dangerous weapon. You can't carry a big knife unless you are fishing or hunting.
- Presentation by an out of state professor and a CTDEEP on how deer populations are estimated
- The barrier to the canal at the former CT Yankee power plant on the CT River is a hot topic. Bill Hyatt has received many correspondences from the public on the topic including the CBN. At this point the CTDEEP commissioner has asked CT Yankee to evaluate repositioning or removing the barrier totally. CT Yankee has yet to respond to the Commissioner's request.
- Striped Bass – It is the position of the state environmental protection agencies of the East Coast States that the Striped Bass population is in decline due to over fishing by some "Bad Actors" and recreational fisherman. State environmental protection agencies are looking to come up with Striped Bass regulations for the East Coast.

- **Fishing Advocacy – Working directly with CT DEEP to promote Fishing with these initiatives.**

- Shimano Youth Conservation Initiative
- Crescent Lake, Southington – September 21<sup>st</sup>
  - 1 members of Silver City Bassmaster (Ron Frisk), 1 member of Mohawk Valley BassCasters (Dean Rustic)
  - 2 members of the Ellington High School Fishing
  - 1 Member of the CBN (CT B.A.S.S. Nation) Juniors Club - The Bass Lightning (Lorin Valenti) along with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Valenti and Stephanie.
  - Newspaper story in Hartford Courant and in the Record-Journal
- Remaining Community Waters:
  - Bridge Pond, Bristol - Edward Swicklas
  - Hubbard Park Pond, Meriden - Michael Roberts
  - Butternut Park Pond, Middletown - William Russo and Debbie Stanley
  - Stanley Quarter Park Pond, New Britain - Bill Demaio

- **Nationwide Insurance Conservation Challenge –**

- B.A.S.S lost to the Turkeys – National Wild Turkey Association

- **Shimano/Bass Youth Grant has been extended to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

- Will be working with the DEEP for the structures to be placed on Lilionah for the NRD Grant.

### **Boating Advisory:**

- **Notice of Intent to Amend the Boating Safety Regulations to Extend a Slow-No-Wake Zone in Squantz Cove (Candlewood Lake, New Fairfield)**

In accordance with section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby gives notice of his intent to amend Section 15-121-B15a of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies to extend a Slow-No-Wake zone in Squantz Cove on Candlewood Lake. This amendment is being proposed under the authority granted to the Commissioner in CGS Section 15-121(b)(11) and pursuant to a vote of the town of New Fairfield legislative body and petition of ten or more persons requesting the subject action under CGS Section 15-136. Description: Under this proposal an existing Slow-No-Wake zone will be extended from 1500 feet southeast from the Squantz Cove Causeway to 2500 feet. The purpose of the proposal is to “improve safety on the waters of Squantz Cove and to minimize potential for damage to boats, docks and other property by excessive wakes...created by boats leaving and entering the State boat launch and using the confined waters of Squantz Cove at high speed...” (letter to Robert Klee, DEEP Commissioner, from Susan Chapman, First Selectman, New Fairfield, 16 June 2014). The term “Slow-No-Wake” is defined in Section 15-121-A1 of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies. There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the municipality or to the State. There is no anticipated adverse impact to small business. Written Comments: All interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the proposed amendment to the DEEP-Marine Headquarters, Boating Division, P.O. Box 280, Old Lyme, CT 06371. All comments should be directed to the attention of Timothy Delgado and must be received between 8:00 AM on 29 September 2014 and 4:00 PM on 28 November 2014. Comments may be submitted by post, facsimile to (860) 434-3501 or by electronic mail to [timothy.delgado@ct.gov](mailto:timothy.delgado@ct.gov). Only those written comments containing the name and address of the commenter will be considered. Public Hearing: In addition to accepting written comments, DEEP will also hold the public hearing described below. The Commissioner requests that any person giving oral comment at the hearing also submit a written copy of such comments.

PUBLIC HEARING 29 October 2014  
 6:30 PM New Fairfield Community Room  
 33 Route 37  
 New Fairfield, CT

### **CLA Report:**

- Larry Marsciano has notified us that the CLA has applied for a Grant through the DEEP Grant Program, headed by Nancy Belcom, to get funding for putting Grass Carp into Candlewood. He promised to keep us in the loop as to when the public hearings will take place on this topic. They have to hold these hearings prior to agreeing to and giving the Grant to the CLA. Spoke with the DEEP and they too have agreed to inform us of the hearings as soon as they are setup.
- Phyllis Schaer is trying to attend our November Meeting and answer any questions or concerns we have regarding Grass Carp.

### **CT Haddam Canal Issue:**

- Norb Heil – Connecticut River – CY Station:
- There is no excuse of any Ct Bass Nation member to not have already signed the petition - Sylvia has the information posted to our website and here it is ([www.uglyorangebarrier.weebly.com](http://www.uglyorangebarrier.weebly.com) ). We can get this removed but it will not happen unless we continue to get the Public to stand up and protest. Without constant pressure and DEEP and CY knowing we are not going away and will continue to apply pressure as well as make it a political issue we risk losing this stretch of public navigable water or a more long and costly fight to have the barrier removed.

- Robert Montgomery, Senior Writer for B.A.S.S. is preparing an article on the matter that will be distributed to B.A.S.S.'s 500,000 members that will be published in an upcoming addition of B.A.S.S. times or B.A.S.S. Magazine.

**Tournament Report:** Paul Dingee

- The 2-Day was held and it was a low turnout. We had 34 boats...Probably because it was the river.
- We have qualified 9 people from the Two Day for the 2015 CT River State Team:
  - Chris Bielert, Paul Mueller, Alex Wetherell, Tom Reynolds, Dino Monutogiannis, Daryl Biron, Jose Soler, John Knowles and Ed Kohl
- Three Clubs did not provide a worker, those checks have been cashed. All anglers showed up for both days. The retainer checks are at the head table. Please retrieve them before you leave tonight, any not picked up will be shredded.
- The classic was held and we have 3 more members for our 2015 CT River State Team:
  - Angler of the Year: Paul Mueller (There was a tie for first, broken with total weight for the year: Paul had 55.29 and Reed had 55.10)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Angler of the Year: Reed Johnson
  - Co-Angler of the Year: Joe Mahood
- The 2015 CT River State Team:
  - Chris Bielert, Alex Wetherell, Tom Reynolds, Dino Moutogiannis, Paul Mueller, David Dziob (Mr BASS), Reed Johnson, Daryl Biron, Jose Soler, John Knowles, Ed Kohl, Joe Mahood, Rob Pepe
  - High School Team: Nonnewaug High School – Doug Marino & Noah Winslow

**Sponsorship Report:** Robert Nelson

- **Kistler Rods** – Gold Level sponsor for 2015. They have given us 6 rods for the awards banquet. Visit their website at [www.kistlerrods.com](http://www.kistlerrods.com)
- **Rigid Industries** - There is a 30% off offer to all members. Members should follow the instructions and using the order forms and links on the CBN website.
- **Thayer's Marine** – Thayer's Marine has become a Gold Sponsor!!
- **Midstate Battery** – A discount is available to ALL Nation members and the Nation will receive a Volume Rebate
  - MidState Battery was very pleased with the use of the sponsorship by our members! Members spent a total of \$4,400.00!! We earned a check of approx. \$88.00!! At the April meeting there will be a presentation of the new line of Northstar AGM Batteries, MidState will be donating \$600.00 in gift certificates again for the banquet also!
  - 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.
- **Reynolds Garage & Marine** – Reynolds & Skeeter Highest Finishing Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money
  - Qualifying Events:
    - May 18<sup>th</sup>, CBN Tournament #1
    - June 22<sup>nd</sup>, CBN Tournament #2
    - July 13<sup>th</sup>, CBN Tournament #3
    - October 19<sup>th</sup>, CBN Classic/Tournament #4
  - Payout:
    - Reynolds & Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money based on the year of the highest finishing Skeeter Owner's boat (only one award per event)
      - \$3,000.00 (2011 model Skeeter or newer)
      - \$1,000.00 (2010 model Skeeter or older)
    - Skeeter Real Money up to \$3,000.00

- Rules:
  - The Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money will be paid to the highest finishing Skeeter Owner in each of the four CBN Tournaments outlined above. Only one prize per event will be awarded. Dollar amount of the award will be determined by the age of the highest finishing Skeeter Owners boat...2011 model or newer Skeeter boat will qualify for \$3,000.00 per event, 2010 model or older Skeeter boat will qualify for \$1,000.00 per event.
  - The highest finishing registered Skeeter Owner must have verifiable proof that he or she is fishing from his or her Skeeter boat to qualify for the Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money. Proof of ownership and insurance must be produced and verified by the CBN Tournament Director at weigh-in at each of the four 2014 CBN Events.
  - In the event that the highest finishing Skeeter Owner cannot provide verifiable proof that he or she is the registered owner of the Skeeter boat that he or she used in the event, the second highest finishing Skeeter Owner will become the winner of the Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money.
  - There will be no limit to the times an angler can win per calendar year.
  - The four CBN Events outlined above will also be sanctioned for 2014 Skeeter Real Money. Each CBN Event must have a minimum of 30 boats and 60 anglers to qualify for 2014 Skeeter Real Money. To qualify for 2014 Skeeter Real Money, each individual registered Skeeter Owner must register for the 2014 Skeeter Real Money program. Go to [www.skeeterboats.com](http://www.skeeterboats.com) and download an application. Annual dues are \$25.00 per year. Skeeter Real Money rules are available by clicking on the Skeeter Real Money logo on the [www.skeeterboats.com](http://www.skeeterboats.com) website homepage.
- **Lowrance Insight Genesis B.A.S.S Nation Challenge**
  - In addition to the current Lowrance Social Media challenge, Lowrance has issued another, please see below. PLEASE send to all your club members!
  - The program is split into two groups, large and small B.A.S.S Nations. The contest will award \$20,000 in Lowrance product to the large state that ends up on top, and \$12,000 in Lowrance product to the top state in the small division. They didn't want to lump you all together and give the states with larger member numbers too much of an advantage.
  - Clubs can earn \$3,000 of Lowrance product awarded monthly
  - Individuals that take part have the opportunity to win and HDS12, HDS9 or HDS7 in the monthly awards for the top three people respectively, and if they are the top person for the entire year, they will earn and all-expense paid fishing trip with one of the Lowrance Tour Pros (I was told it would be an Elite Pro).
- **Power Pole**
  - Power-Pole is now a sponsor of the B.A.S.S Nation for 2014. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be offering a discount to all B.A.S.S Nation members. They will match your officers listed with the B.A.S.S Nation against the rebates applied for and will match members names with current B.A.S.S Nation rosters. You must be a CBN Member to be eligible.
  - The discounts are available via a rebate program through <http://www.power-pole.com> The product will be purchased at the retail value of the Power-Pole (limit 2 per year per boat). In order to receive your rebate you will need to register the Power-Pole at <http://www.power-pole.com> located under the "Support" column header, then "Product Registration" Once the product has been registered you will then be prompted to fill out the rebate form, with this the discount will be issued in accordance with the discount you are entitled to receive. The discount levels will remain active on accessories and apparel purchased through the website for a period of 12 months. Should you have any questions, contact Casey Carpenter @ 813-689-9932 ext. 2021 or email [casey@power-pole.com](mailto:casey@power-pole.com)
- **Livingston Lures**
  - New sponsor for the CBN, check for \$1500 received, product coming for banquets, tournaments etc.

**CBN Scholarship:** Nothing New

**Robert S Malloy Scholarship:** Will be working to setup a meeting after Thanksgiving. Marc is sending a check for \$1050.00 to UConn and then UConn will interview Candidates and get in touch with David

**Banquet Report:** Sylvia Morris

- Change of Date: Due to the nationals being held on our original date of November 8<sup>th</sup>, we will now be holding in on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be sure to notify all club members of the change. Getting prizes for the youth that will attend, right now that is about 24!
- Make reservations – Over \$18,000.00 in prizes!!

**Membership Committee:** Paul Dingee – Nothing New

**Website Committee:** Nothing New

**Audit Committee:** Nothing to report

**Youth Report:** Ron Frisk

- Nonnewaug High School 1<sup>st</sup> place – Noah Winslow & Doug Marino
- Berlin High School Team 1 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Travis Frisk & Jake McCarthy
  - Both teams will be going to the 2015 High School Championship
  - Nonnewaug will represent CT on the 2015 divisional team
- Juniors:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Lucas Baksay
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lorin Valenti
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ryan DiLillo
- We will have a huge turnout at the banquet.
- Looking at several new high schools.

**Finance Committee:** Ray Bessett – Nothing to report

**State Team Report:** Sylvia Morris

- Great Job by this Team!! Couldn't be prouder of the way they all worked together and helped the High School Team (Noah Winslow & Doug Marino) sharing info with them and coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>!! The High School team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> and helped the team with their weight of 34lbs for two days & 10 fish!!
- Paul Mueller is going to the Nationals – Congratulations Paul!!
- All receipts have been received and paid for except for one which will be discussed in new business.
- Called Farmington Extended Stay in Farmington where we stayed 7 years ago; the same manager, Evan, is still there and very willing to work with us again. Will be speaking with him on October 28<sup>th</sup> again.

## **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Excused Absences: Team Skeeter & Mohawk Valley
- By-Law Proposals were handed out – copies to each rep that will need to bring back to their clubs. We will discuss at the November meeting and apply, if any, changes to them and post in the minutes again. We will vote on them at the December meeting. They will also be posted in the forum.
- At Classic Tournament #4, Sylvia stated that the tie for Angler of the year would be decided by big bag and it is not. It is determined by total weight for the year.
- NRD Grant: Sylvia is working with Molly Sperduto. Email sent out to all presidents with an outline of what is going on. It is complicated and we are still waiting for permission to update the information with the Dunn's number and move forward. Dean is working on our new proposal and budget to present to First Light & Power and the NRD board as soon as possible. We are looking at doing the project in April and will need clubs willing to provide volunteers. Take this back to your club members, we will need help – the Grant is \$46,050.00!!
- New Lowrance program – Details Below:

- New Lowrance program for 2014: Quarterly postings of pictures of Lowrance products being used or events featuring Lowrance products gives us 1 point for each, videos of the product or event featuring Lowrance gives us 2 points, pictures or videos with a new idea using the Lowrance gives us 3 points and finally a unique event or idea gives us an extra point for each. Points will be added and prizes awarded in each quarter. 3 prizes for each: 1<sup>st</sup> place highest point state gets a touch 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> place a touch 9, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place gets a touch 7. A state can win in multiple quarters. You must notify Sylvia when you post anything to the Lowrance Facebook page or any other form of social media. You must begin each post with **#Lowrance BNCT or we will not get credit for it!!! You must notify Sylvia when you post anything to the Lowrance Facebook page or any other form of social media. Let's try to win all four!!!**
- **UPDATE:** We received another HDS 12 – 4 states (CT, NH, DE & NC) all received them for their participation.
- New CBN/NEBA Team Championship Trail has been started. Next tournament October 26<sup>th</sup>, CT River. Standings are in the Forum under CBN Tournaments.
- Remember to utilize the hotels in Danbury that supply us with a fisherman rate!! Newbury (best parking), Micro-tel and Best Western.
- Triton Alliance Leads Program, we already have some sales pending for this year. Please let Sylvia know as soon as someone THINKS they are going to buy a Triton. She will email all the info (name, email, phone number and what boat he is interested in if possible) to put the lead in.
- Effective September 1, 2014, the new renewal date for all clubs, adult, junior, HS and College will begin September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. In other words, the roster systems will reset all members to “pending” and allow renewals to begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The roster will still show a B.A.S.S Nation expiration of December 31. For example, all members/clubs that pay before September 1<sup>st</sup> will expire December 31 of that same year and all that renews September 1<sup>st</sup> or after will expire December 31 of the following year. November 1<sup>st</sup> is still the deadline for renewals.
  - This gets all club types on the same renewal schedule and should help with everyone’s membership tracking. Please make every effort to spread this work to the clubs. It really shouldn’t change much in the way you manage rosters, but wanted to make sure you knew what was going on, should you get questions about the member status changing to “pending”
  - They should not experience any lapse in Bass Times deliver. This is just allowing us to start the renewal process earlier. The Nation expire dates will stay the same and the BASS Times will continue on the normal schedule until 2015.
- BASS Renewal Envelopes available – CBN gets \$5 for everyone mailed in to BASS.
- Milford Black Bass Club held its High School benefit open and raised \$420.00 for the High School account. Thank you to the 14 boats that showed up to support the CBN High School program.
- Sylvia and Terry will be leaving on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for Louisiana, the Nationals on Quachita River
- Nominations will be announced at the November meeting and will be voted on at the December meeting. Nomination committee is:
  - Sal Messina – 860.883.3116
  - Kevin Rose – 860.978.3987
  - Bob Nelson – 914.588.1999
  - You will receive calls with nominations and all three of you will get together prior to the November meeting and compile your list of nominees into one and turn in the nominees (written) to the President to read. Members will then take back these nominees to their clubs and be prepared to vote at the Dec meeting.

## **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- FOH kits will be available at the Nationals, Sylvia will be signing up the CBN as a whole. Is there any club that would like to sign up as a club, please contact Diane as instructed in the flyer. Sylvia can pick up a kit for anyone interested.

- Tom Reynolds asked that we take a look at the Tournament trailer and possibly get a committee together to work on possibilities with either wrapping or painting and replacing all the decals, it looks terrible. Some possibilities were discussed and tabled until the November meeting after the Executive Board meets to discuss prior.
- Tom asked our opinion as to when to hold his Reynolds Customer Appreciation tournament next year, the day before the CBN tournament on the river or the weekend before? It was unanimous to hold it the weekend before the CBN, so it will be Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Abe Kalechman addressed the board for forgiveness on losing almost all of his receipts from the State Team and asked to be reimbursed an average of the rest of the Boaters receipts combined. Motion was made to reimburse him an average of the boaters and passed unanimously. The average was \$960.00 and a check was made out to Abe by Marc for that amount.
- Paul Mueller, through a letter, has asked for reimbursement of up to \$2000.00 for practice at the Nationals. He is in Louisiana, the Qachita River at this time. Motion was made and passed unanimously.
- Tackle the Storm would like to pair up with us and our Casting Kids program. He would like to make new targets, pay our entry into the shows, provide rods/reels to use and for giveaways at our Finals and also be a sponsor for the \$500.00. He would have his logo on the targets and any signage along with us – Thoughts? Sylvia will pursue this.
- Trailer Cleanup is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am at Sal Messina's house. Everyone must bring a covered dish and BYOB. Please bring a bucket and rags if you can. Cleaning supplies will be provided. If interested on being on the tournament committee please see Sylvia or Sal.
  - Would like to dispose of 2 garbage cans that are cracked. Would also like to dispose of 2 broken coolers also. Will replaced 1 cooler only as that will give us 3 good coolers.
  - Would also like to take the wagon (has a flat tire) out of the trailer that has never been used and maybe sell it on EBay or to anyone in the membership that would be interested. Will free up a lot of room in the trailer. More info after we hold cleanup and trailer inventory.
- Terry Baksay asked for a total amount of \$1000.00 out of the High School account for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for the Juniors for the 2014 Trail and the 2015 qualifying trail held this year, \$500.00 to each trail to be given out at the banquet. Motion was made, voted and passed.
- Norb Heil asked that we donate \$60.00 to Chris Zurchel who heads up Environmental Headlines and is helping us get the word out about our fight against the Boom on the CT River. He is a one man show that operates off of donations only. Motion was made, voted and passed.
- Livingston Lure Drawing – Kevin Rose

**Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:46 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Rose, CBN Secretary**