

Connecticut B.A.S.S. Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2016

Roll Call – 7:30PM

CLUBS ABSENT: Connecticut Valley Bassmasters and Sweetwater Bassmasters

Announcements:

Houston Lands 2017 GEICO Bassmaster Classic

HOUSTON, Texas — The world championship of bass fishing — the 2017 GEICO Bassmaster Classic presented by GoPro — will be held in Houston for the first time in the event's 47-year history, B.A.S.S. and the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority, the event hosts, revealed today.

The announcement was made during a press conference in Houston's Minute Maid Park, home of the Houston Astros and where 52 of the world's best bass anglers will weigh their fish during the March 24-26, 2017, event.

More Info on All above B.A.S.S. Announcements can be found on BASSMASTERS.COM

A motion to accept the previous month's meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved by the Board of Directors.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque

Conservation & FAC Report: Dean Rustic

CBN Conservation objectives for the 2016

1. Work closely with CT DEEP Officials to create a C.A.R.E. Bass Class
2. Conservation Projects for Housatonic Watershed Organizations

3. Create a Youth/School based Conservation initiative
4. Leverage our position as number 1 for fishing revenue to get funding for CBN endorsed projects

Information from this past Month –

1. Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting
 - a. No Meeting
2. Fisheries Advisory Council
 - a. Discussion on Trout Stamp. (The Trout Stamp bill, as amended to include various hunting licensing provisions, including pheasant stamp funding, was given a joint favorable report from the Finance Committee today and is on its way to the Senate, which may consider the bill as early as Thursday. Now is the time to contact your State Senator and urge prompt passage in the Senate, so that it can move to the House as soon as possible before the Session ends the first week in May.)
3. Shimano/B.A.S.S. Youth Grant
 - a. The Moss Back Fish attractors for the Shimano/B.A.S.S. Youth Grant were deployed on Sunday April 10th at Winding Trails in Farmington. We had six High School Youth, three Bass Lightning youths, 3 parents, 6 Mohawk Valley BassCaster members along with 2 people from the Winding Trails Education Department. Together we built the 32 structures and deployed those using 2 Mohawk Valley BassCasters Members boats and a small working Pontoon Boat from Winding Trails.
 - b. Will need to order more for the next Batch
4. BASS Class
 - a. May 15th at Winding Trails. So far we have 38 out of 50 signed up.
5. NRD Grant
 - a. Received Data from Moss Back about the South Dakota study on their Fish City Designs.
 - b. Need Volunteers for the Project Team to work with me.

Dean Rustic
Conservation Director

Joe Kowalski volunteered to be part of the Committee that Dean needs for the NRD Grant Project, needs one more person, please check with your clubs and get in touch with Dean to help.

Boating Advisory: No Meeting this month

CLA REPORT: Vinny Mucci

Candlewood Lake Clean Up

The 2016 Candlewood Lake Clean Up is planned for May 21st with a rain date of May 22nd. Registration coming this spring.

Looking into Green Algae Bloom Causes and remedies.

Tournament Report: Sal Messina

- Please get your CBN Tournament Apps in and remember to write your name in the memo portion of your checks.
- Apps coming in without the right paperwork!!! Please send the necessary documents with your app!!!
- For the Candlewood Tournaments, PLEASE when your boat number is called in to weigh, if both of you have fish get weighed and get directly back to the boat and move it first then go get food. Leaving your boat slows down the weigh -in!!! If both do not have fish then one moves the boat while the other weighs. If alone weigh and get back in the boat immediately, move your boat and then go and eat.
- TOURNAMENT REPORT: Please get your CBN Tournament Apps in and remember to write your name in the memo portion of your checks.

CBN Sponsorship Report: No new sponsorship information. All sponsorship information is available on the CBN website.

CBN Scholarship- No report

Robert S Malloy Scholarship committee: No report

Banquet: Banquet for 2016 has been booked for Nov 12, 2016

Membership Committee: No report

Website Committee

- Working with Armand on updating, we added a Sponsorship Section in the Members Only Forum. This is where the Sponsorship Report and any Sponsorship news will be posted from now on.
- We are looking for Social Media person, please check with your clubs and see if there is anyone who would be interested in this.

Audit Committee – No report

High school & Juniors: Ron Frisk

Mossback structure program through Shimano grant was a huge success. The parents, who also chipped in with Dean Rustic and Mohawk Valley, truly appreciate the programs we offer, outside of actual fishing.

- Already have 3 father/son combos and 2 other kids to volunteer at the DEEP Bass Class at Winding trails on 5/15 from 9-1pm.
- Volunteering has been great so far
- HS meeting at Tackle Supply Depot went amazing! Over 20 kids and some parents there. Went over rules, etiquette, what to bring, etc. With donations from Jeff Janusonis, Greg Tesch, and myself, each kid who showed up to meeting left with a slightly used rod or reel and several new bags of plastics! Can't thank these guys enough for giving to the kids! Big thanks to Dave Dziob and the entire staff at TSD. They were fantastic with the kids. Dave gave each kid 10% off their order and also for their next in-store or on-line purchase. We provided pizza and water and went on our merry way.
- First tournament is 5/7 and we are looking around 18 teams or so. Deadline is the 23rd. All set with boat captains which is unbelievable but oh what a great feeling! Thank you to all who volunteered.
- Actually looking real good for boat captains for all 4 events. Could use 2-3 for the 7/13 event on Lake Lillinonah, steel bridge, from 7am-2pm.
- Submitted proposal for 2017 HS trail

- 5/13 – Lake Lillinonah
- 6/17 – River out of Riverfront
- 7/22 – Lake Zoar
- 8/12 – Candlewood

- National Championship is finally set for August 4th-6th. It is once again and for the 3rd year in a row, on Kentucky Lake. They expect no less than 250 teams. The Open on Gunter'sville drew 322 boats with top 10 % (32) qualifying for the HS National Championship. We have already reserved our rooms.

Ron Frisk

High School Director

Finance: The CBN is in need of a financial advisor. Please ask your club members if there is someone willing to volunteer.

State Team 2016

- We had our meeting on April 2nd, at 1:00, at Sylvia's house.
- Paperwork was turned in, waiting on a few Insurance Policies as they renew in April.
- Discussed who is traveling with whom, almost all going up early, Monday April 25th. Three others will travel on Thursday and get a few extra days practice in.
- Jerseys, Lowrance & KD Hats were passed out.
- Paid the final deposit of a refundable \$500.00 on April 11th.
- We are all set to go! Let's wish the 2016 Stat Team luck and a safe trip!!!

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

Old Business

Excused Absences: None

- Judging was held today, April 21st, 5:00, and prior to the CBN Meeting. Our Judges were Dan Monroe, Bob Germain, Matt Desimone and Chairperson, Kevin Lavender. There will be

two awards this year, First place, \$1500.00 and \$1000.00, second place. Winners will be awarded at the May 26th CBN Meeting.

Hopefully the Scholarship Tournament will be attended better this year! If we can start bringing in what we are paying out we can increase the places paid for the Scholarships again. We had 6 Apps this year, very low again!

- Casting Kids Finals, sponsored by Tackle the Storm, was held at BASS PRO SHOP April 3rd, Sunday 11:00.

The CT B.A.S.S. Nation with the continued support of Tackle the Storm Foundation held its 10th annual Casting Kids Finals on April 3rd 2016 at Bridgeport, CT, Bass Pro Shops. There were 6 finalists in each age group, 7-10 and 11-14. Our finalists were taken from the CT Marine Trade Association Show and the Northeast Hunting & Fishing Expo Casting Kids Competitions.

The winners were, in the 7-10 age group, Zachary Burstiner and in the 11-14 age group James Tiano. The winner in each age group received a check for \$250.00 provided by Tackle the Storm Foundation. The entire Finalist received a Rod & Reel Combo & a Bass Pro Shops Hat provided by Bass Pro Shop, Bridgeport, Ct.

The CT B.A.S.S. Nation gave each Finalist a pack of Bryan Kerchal Collector Cards. The Cards are in memory of our CT B.A.S.S. Nation Angler that qualified for and won 1994 Bassmaster Classic Winner, Bryan V Kerchal. He was the youngest Nation Angler to win the Bassmaster Classic. He was tragically taken from us in Dec 1994.

Thank you to Bass Pro Shop, Tackle the Storm Foundation, The Kerchal Family, The CT B.A.S.S. Nation, our Volunteers that helped run the event, Ron Frisk, Logan Frisk, Evan Kamoen, The Valenti Family, John Piscioniere & VINNY Mucci for making this event possible!

Sylvia Morris, CBN President

- Al Guite needs Boat Captains for the Veterans Tournament, May 10th Candlewood Lake, Danbury Town Park. See Al after the meeting if interested.
- Thank you to the 18 Teams that we had for our High School Benefit Tournament today on Candlewood!!!! That was a record for us!!! We will definitely hold this Tournament the same time next year!!!
We were able to raise \$510.00 for the CBN High School/Juniors!!!!
- Update on CBN Trailer: Vinny spoke with Stick It to It Graphics and they are reviewing what we need done and will get back to him in a few days.
- Motion was made to put Major Steven Roy Andrews Fishing Outreach Program on the Nose of the CBN Trailer, we tabled it to bring back to your clubs, discuss at the next meeting and vote. Executive Board will discuss also. Joe does not have a Logo yet, so we decided to wait

until he gets one & we will discuss at the May 26th Executive Board meeting. Dean Rustic wanted us to know that his club voted unanimously yes and they would cover any charge incurred to do this.

- Al Guite spoke to Ct Fishermen about donating monies earned from their Game Dinner to a Good cause, The Major Steven Roy Andrews Fishing Outreach Program. And they have decided to donate \$1000.00 to the Program!!!
- Triton Alliance Leads Program please let me know as soon as possible if anyone in your club is considering purchasing a Triton so we can connect and get credit for the sale. We have 6 leads already for 2016! We have already made \$2000.00.
- Website and Calendar updated! If you have anything that needs to go on the Calendar or website get it to me so I can get it up.

New Business

- Sylvia ordered Sure life for the Trail and they raised the price to 10.98 a bottle. We will be selling it for \$11.00 a bottle this year.
- We are in need of a nominating Committee in May to accept nominations for Tournament Director. Nominations will open up in May, be turned in at the July meeting and voted on in August. Rachel Rose, 860-212-5598 and Kevin Rose, 860-978-3987 volunteered, please call either of them with your nominations.

Remember to utilize the hotels in Danbury that supply us with a fishermen rate!! Newbury, (best parking) Micro-tel & Best Western. All on website! They have contacted me this past week to remind us to ask for the Fisherman Rate!

- Best Western Danbury/Bethel, 11 Stony Hill Road, Bethel CT, 203-744-3200
- Microtel Inn & Suites Bethel, 10 Benedict Road, Bethel CT, 203-748-8308
- Newbury Inn, 1030 Federal Road, Brookfield CT, 203-775-0220

Upcoming events in 2016

All Open Tournaments Applications are available on CTBASS.com, on the Calendar.

26 Angels, Candlewood, Squantz, April 23rd

Bryan Kerchal, Candlewood, Danbury, April 24th.

GFB, Candlewood, Lattins, May 21st

Reynolds Garage & Marine Customer Appreciation, June 11th Ct River, Haddam

GFB, Candlewood, Lattins, June 4th

Mixed Open, Candlewood, June 5th

CBN/NEBA TEAM TRAIL

Reynolds Boats Northern Bass Tournaments Trail & Opens, many dates

CBN Scholarship Open, Oct 2nd, Squantz, Candlewood

Meeting adjourned – 8:45PM

NEXT CBN MEETING - May 26th 2016