

**August 25th, 2016
CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting**

7:30 Roll Call

- **CLUBS ABSENT: NONE**

Correspondence: Thank you Card from the Winslow's for the CBN's support of Nonnewaug High School Teams trip to the National Championship on Kentucky Lake. Nonnewaug placed 28th out of 175 Teams!!!!

- **Announcements: NEW MEETING LOCATION & TIME STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, TACKLE SUPPLY DEPOT, 1068 N. Farms Rd. Bldg 2, Suite A Wallingford CT, 06492. WE WILL BEGIN MEETINGS AT 7:00 FROM NOW ON!!!! Tackle Supply Depot will be staffed for purchases until 7:00pm. You may also order on line or by phone and do an in store pick up by 7:00pm. Your club will not receive an excused absence because of the location change!!!**

MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**
- **Conservation & FAC Report: Dean Rustic**

CBN Conservation Report

August 25, 2016

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 this month**

TOURNAMENT REPORT: Discuss Two Day Retainer Checks and Workers Names, Numbers and Days they will work. Remind all that you must be linked and if your Link does not show you will not fish either!!!! Emphasize PRO AM and explain what it is!!! No Gas money requirements. It is suggested as a courtesy of course. Clubs that have not turned in Workers names and contact info and Retainer checks, must be in by Sept 2nd or club members will not fish.

- **YOU MUST ABIDE ALL NO WAKES AND SPEED LIMITS ON ALL BODIES OF WATERS IN OUR CBN RUN EVENTS!!!!!!**
- **CBN Sponsorship Report: Nothing new for August**
Full Sponsorship Report can be found on Sponsor Page of the ctbass.com Forum Sponsor Section.
- **CBN Scholarship- No report**
- **CBN Scholarship Robert S Malloy: Dave Santos**
I will be reaching out to Jason in the next week or so. I believe students started heading back to school late last week. I will advise once I connect with him. We will have two recipients, one from last year and one for this year.

Thank you.
David

- **Banquet Report: Banquet for 2016 has been booked for Nov 12th, 2016.**
- **Membership Committee: No report**
- **Website Committee: Armand and Nick still working on it. Almost done will update us as soon as they are finished.**
- **Audit Committee: No Report**
- **High School & Juniors: Ron Frisk**
Season is wrapped up as far as trail goes.

Junior division champions...

Jake Schiavi – 1st place
Sully Machnez – 2nd place

High School Champions...

Nonnewaug High School(Noah Winslow and Shane Powers) – 1st place
Notre Dame High School(Patrick Walsh and Billy Hinckley) – 2nd place

We will await decision on what they are doing if anything for the juniors as well as where and when the HS National Championship will be.

Volunteering from parents to siblings was amazing!

Boat Captain support was just about painless which was extremely needed and well appreciated.

Should be at least the same size next year. Looking to try and field enough teams (think it is 25) so we can hold a CT HS Open and qualify the winner to head to National Championship. We need to revisit the trail as we qualify a year in advance and this means seniors can't fish their actual senior year. BASS does not allow graduating seniors to come back a year later and fish. That was only for the inaugural year. We may need to have a few in the fall and a few in Spring so we qualify the same year as Championship. Issue with this is we already have the 2 teams to fish the 2017 HS National Championship. We would almost have to make the 2017 trail a more fun and learning experience or something. Lots to discuss if we want to change it up.

A few HS kids that will be or are already 16 have shown interest on fishing the CBN. I told them to reach out to Sylvia and she can contact clubs in the area close to each kid.

Ron

- **Finance: We need a Financial Advisor!**
- **State Team: Mr. Bass Tournament was held and we now have Al Gambardella as a Boater and Mike Billings as a Non Boater on the CBN 2017 State Team!!! Congratulations!!!**
- **The Classic was held on Aug 21st and we qualified three boaters TO THE 2017 State Team, Paul Mayo, Dave Dziob and Reed Johnson and three non- boaters, Joe Sodora, Jason Chase, and Joe mahood. Congratulations to all!!!**
- **Thank you to all who pitched in and helped at this event and a special Thank you to Justin Mesick who showed up in the Am of the Classic and came back in the afternoon to help!!! We appreciate it!**

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

Old Business

- **Excused Absences NEEDED: CBBA, Candlewood, The Ct Bassmen, & Naugatuck Valley
All Excused**

- We tabled a proposal from Dean concerning a bid for Social Media set up and training and tracking. We discussed it at the Executive Aug meeting. We have found a Social Media person within the CBN, we do not feel a Non Profit such as ourselves should incur such expenses.
- **No Nominations were turned in for Tournament Director for 2017. We need to take this back to your clubs and find someone who is willing to step up and help!!!We NEED A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR!!!! WE NEED A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR!!!!** Sal has said he will do ONE more year and then someone has to step up!!! He wants everyone to pitch in and help as they have done this year!
- HUK orders are finished. I put orders for 7 clubs.
- Remember Sure Life is 11.00 a bottle now, will be sold at each Tournament. Please try to have the right change. Not selling very well, if there is no interest we will revisit purchasing in the future. We have 16 bottles left out of 48.
- 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 15 leads already for 2016! We have already made \$3000.00.
- 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.
- I have been in contact with Lilly Lake Authority, Zoar Lake Authority and Housatonic Lake Authority about possible use of a barge or Pontoon boat for our Mossback Fish Attractors. Still waiting to hear back from them. Get some answers from Dean please! How many Attractors per body of water, how big are they, how many in one area, and how deep??????
- Al Guite asked for Boat Captains for the Veterans Tournament on September 13th, Ct River, Riverfront. Please contact Al Guite if interested: 860-436-8646
- Armand talked about the website possibly having a virus and needing a cleaning that would require paying an outside Company \$7.00 a month to do it and continue it each month from now on. Motion was made, second and passed. He was waiting for Nick to come back from Vacation for some expert guidance on this matter before committing to this. They worked on it and think they have it fixed, waiting to hear back from them. He will keep us posted.
- This year we were unable to find an appropriate time to schedule a Tournament to Benefit Folds of Honor. We would like to ask each club to donate something to the Folds of Honor. Milford Black Bass is kicking it off with \$50.00. Please try to match that or whatever you can give!!!! Individual donations would be great also! We should have it collected by Oct 30th to be sent in in time for the Nationals in Nov. Please make checks payable to the CBN and write Folds of Honor in the memo. **ANY CLUBS TONIGHT????**
- Al Guite gave us the bad news that we will have to find a new meeting place for our CBN Meetings starting in September. We have secured a new meeting place, Tackle Supply Depot, Meriden, Ct. We will have a new Start Time also, 7:00 pm.

- **CT Hunting and Fishing Days - September 10th at Franklin WMA and Sept. 24th at Sessions Woods, volunteers please???? None so far!**

Any more old business?

NEW BUSINESS

- **September 1st the B.A.S.S. Nation on line roster will clear and be ready to accept 2017 Dues of \$30.00 a person as usual.**
- **2017 B.A.S.S. Nation on line roster dues are due by Nov 1st, beginning September.**
- **2017 CBN Dues & Roster are due, starting in Sept to be in by Nov 1st also. YOU MUST USE THE ROSTER FORM PROVIDED FOR YOU ON CTBASS.COM, fill out completely, turn in with ONE check per club!!!! Club Name on the check please!!!**
- **By Law proposals are due in at the September meeting in writing to the President; they will be reviewed, copied and handed out at the Oct meeting. Brought back to the clubs, discussed at the November meeting, changes applied if any and voted on at the December meeting.**
- **The Executive Board would like the CBN to be a Tee sponsor for the Katie Dobroczynski Golf Tournament for \$100.00 and a \$100.00 Tee Sponsor for the Chris Simons Family Benefit Golf Tournament. Motion made and passed. Marc will send the checks.**
- **Ken Dzurenka had a knee replacement and is doing well, we sent a fruit basket.**
- **Ken Ingham has gone through some surgery and now receiving Chemo, we wish him a speedy recovery and have sent him a fruit basket also.**
- **We need a Nominating Committee, three people, to take calls with Nominations for, President, 2 year term, Vice President, 2 year term, Secretary, 1 year term and Treasurer, 1 year term. Nominations will begin in September, turned in, in writing, at the November meeting and voted on at the Dec. meeting. You can contact any of these three people with your nominations: Bryan Mc Cleary, 203-592-1007, Dan Monroe, 203-415-0770 or David Santos, 860-869-7722**
- **We will also be looking for anyone interested in any of the appointed positions like a High School Director, Sponsorship Chairperson, someone to help with Tournament Trail Computer duties, Etc. and someone to do a Power point for the Banquet and the Shows. Still need a Financial Advisor also!**

(Mark Condron expressed interest in learning the Computer and pairings Program to help the Tournament Director) We will pursue this further with Mark.

- **We have secured a Social Media person, Eric Kohler. We will have him attend the Nov Board meeting and verse him on what we need from him.**

CBN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUG 16th 2016

- **Looked over Finances and noted that we are in the black. We will know more in January at the Audit but for right now looks like we have had a decent year because the State Team cost was kept way down and we took in \$5000.00 for the Triton Leads Program.**
- **Discussed State Team account, what is in their now and what we expect from the Classic, Two Day and Team members Sponsorship dollars for 2017. Depending on where we are going for the Regionals looks like we should be ok moneywise.**
- **Figures will be given after the Two Day at the Oct. meeting.**
- **Discussed the High School/Juniors program and what we can do to qualify the Teams going to the Championship in the same year as to allow seniors the opportunity to fish it. As it is now we qualify THE YEAR PRIOR AND IF A High School student graduates and attends a year of College he cannot fish the Championship. We tossed some ideas around and decided to wait until the Nov board meeting when Ron is present.**
- **Discussed the Junior Program and lack of participation from all the States. We will send a Junior Team next year because we have qualified them already, as long as BASS has the program, but after that we will not have a Junior Team qualifying & going. We will just have Juniors fishing and being recognized at the Banquet.**
- **We had our High School/Juniors Teams travel to the Championship and turn in their receipts for reimbursement. They were given expense forms with instructions on the receipt procedure, acceptable expenses and unacceptable expenses. One was turned in with an unacceptable expense and was denied reimbursement for the expense. He asked the Executive Board to allow the expense and we discussed it and denied his request according to our guidelines for reimbursement in our CBN rules. These rules apply to any travel done by a member for the CBN, State Team,**

Nationals, Classic, High School Championship, Junior Championship, and Presidents & Youth Directors meetings.

- Discussed Tournament Director issue, Sal will stay on one more year BUT needs more help and would like someone to step forward and train for the next year!
- National contenders will be a Boater and a non-boater going forward. This year they are traveling to Texas. They will need to have two days travel time and two nights hotel room going up and back. They will also have three days unofficial practice that the CBN will cover allowable expenses for those days. BASS will cover the official practice & tournament days hotel room and some meals. Whatever meals they do not cover we will. They will attend the Sept meeting and ask for the CBN to cover their expenses up to a certain amount.
- Shows, we will only do the NEHFS Show this year and will take Two winners in each age division each day for the Casting Kids Finals. I will call BASS PRO SHOPS and set it up for April again.
- Discussed new Meeting Location and changing the Time to 7:00. Thank you to Tackle Supply Depot!!!
- Discussed Membership Flyers and Membership Letters, we will have both again for next year.
- Discussed Deans Proposal, decided it was not for us.
- Discussed Classic going forward, if someone does not show up the person he or she is paired with cannot fish either. The only way to do it???? Any other ideas?
- Discussed the Executive Board for 2017????? We need people to step up!!!!
- Discussed sponsoring a Tee for \$100.00 The Katie Dobryczynski Golf Tournament and One for the Simons Family Golf Tournament for \$100.00 also. **Bring up under NEW BUSINESS! Have Marc send the checks!!!**
- Discussed Folds Of Honor donations and would like to have the CBN make a donation to them also, will wait to see what we pull in from the clubs. Will bring up at the Sept meeting.

Submitted by:

Sylvia Morris, CBN President

- 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

OPENS & EVENTS FOR 2016

All other Open Tournaments Applications are on the Table that are available and also on CTBASS.com, on the Calendar.

Reynolds Boats Northern Bass Tournaments Trail & Opens, many dates

Thayers Marine Customer Appreciation Open Sept, 11th Danbury Town Park

Katie Dobroczyński Memorial Golf Tournament, Sept 30th, 2016 HLCC Southington Ct.

CBN Scholarship Open, Oct 2nd, Squantz, Candy

Simons Family Benefit Dinner, Oct 1st

Simons Family Benefit Golf Tournament, Oct 5th

Simons Family Benefit Tournament, Oct 16th, Squantz & Latins, Candy

Northeast Hunting & Fishing Show March 31st to April 2nd

Snag Proof Winner-Larry Barnes

Whip Em Baits Winner-Mark Condrón

Keitech- Tom Laporta

Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING IS Sept 22nd, 2016