

Connecticut B.A.S.S. Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2016

7:30 Roll Call

- CLUBS ABSENT: CBBA, Pachaug, & CT Valley

Correspondence: Receipt received for the \$150.00 paid to NEHFS for March 31st to April 2nd 2017

Announcements:

- Garrett Kruger and his wife had their second son, Chase Rutledge Kruger, he was born 9-20-16 at 2:02pm
- 2017 Elite Series announced!

Feb 9-12 Elite #1 Lake Cherokee Knoxville and Jefferson County, Tenn.

Feb. 23-26 Elite #2 Lake Okeechobee Okeechobee, Fla.

April 6-9 Elite #3 Toledo Bend Many, La.

April 27-30 Elite #4 Ross Barnett Reservoir Ridgeland, Miss.

May 17-21 Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest benefitting Texas Parks & Wildlife Sam Rayburn Reservoir

Lufkin, Texas

June 2-5 Elite #6 Lake Dardanelle Russellville, Ark.

July 20-23 Elite #7 St. Lawrence River Waddington, N.Y.

July 27-30 Elite #8 Lake Champlain Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Aug. 24-27 Elite #9 Lake St. Clair Macomb County, Mich.

- Skeeter And B.A.S.S. Sign Multi-Year Sponsorship Extension
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Skeeter Products Inc., maker of high-performance bass boats, and B.A.S.S., the world's most prestigious bass tournament organization, have signed a multiyear agreement for Skeeter to continue as an official premier boat sponsor of all B.A.S.S. circuits. The agreement includes all Bassmaster events conducted within the Bassmaster Elite Series, Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens Series, Carhartt Bassmaster College Series, the Costa Bassmaster High School Series, the Toyota Bonus Bucks Team Championship and the grass-roots B.A.S.S. Nation regional tournaments. Also included is the GEICO Bassmaster Classic presented by GoPro, the annual Super Bowl of professional bass fishing.
- Yamaha is an Official Premier Engine Sponsor of all B.A.S.S.-owned events. Yamaha Continues as B.A.S.S. Sponsor Through New Multiyear Agreement
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — B.A.S.S. and Yamaha Marine Group have signed an agreement for Yamaha to continue to sponsor Bassmaster events through 2020.

These include the Bassmaster Elite Series, Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens Series, Carhartt® Bassmaster College Series, Costa Bassmaster High School Series and the grass-roots B.A.S.S. Nation regional tournaments. Also included is the Bassmaster Classic, the annual world championship of bass fishing, and the Toyota Bonus Bucks Bassmaster Team Championship.

- MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

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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
 - b. Ruling from the FOI Court – Rice vs. DEEP – CAC – DEEP Commissioner
2. Fisheries Advisory Council
 - a. Discussion on the Budget Cuts to DEEP
 - b. Discussion on the Trout Stamp
 - c. Review of the FAC's Bylaws in light of Rice vs. DEEP
3. DEEP Items
 - a. DEEP issued closure to fishing in areas of the Farmington River
 - b. DEEP is posting these refuge areas with closure signs. All water within 100 feet of these signs are now closed to all fishing. This closure is scheduled to continue through September 15, but may be shortened if conditions improve sufficiently. Violation of the closure is an infraction with a fine of \$154.
 - c. SAVE THE DATE Connecticut Hunting & Fishing Days will be held on two Saturdays, September 24th, 2016 from 10am - 4pm.
 - i. September 24 will be at Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area, Burlington

ii. Get all of the details at www.ct.gov/deep/huntfishday

4. NRD Grant

2 Volunteers have stepped forward to help. Moss Back has changed their Structures which will help in the deployment.

Dean Rustic
Conservation Director

- **Boating Advisory**: No Report
- **CLA REPORT**: Holding a meeting about Algae Bloom, we were invited but it is tonight and none of us could attend. Will get minutes of meeting.
- **TOURNAMENT REPORT**: Two Day was held, All Two Day Retainer Checks and Workers Checks were returned!!! Only one club had us cash the workers check. The linked rules came into play unfortunately, twice!!!! No Gas money was required. Some Boaters were not aware of this and were asking the non-boaters for money! Congratulations to all who made the 2017 State team. They are:

BOATERS

Non Boaters

Al Gambardella

Mike Billings

Dave Dziob

Jason Chase

Paul Mayo

Joe Sodora

Reed Johnson

Joe Mahood

Ryan Pereiras

Todd Rose

Garrett Kruger

Daniel Monroe

Mark Condron

Joe Giuliano

Nick Papotto

Sal Messina

Brandon Neal

Kevin Noel

Robert Timms

Gary Belanger

Alternate: Chris Simons

I would like to thank everybody that helped set up and tear down. Also would like to thank the club's that sent more than one worker. Without the help of the workers it would not be possible. Our next event will be the scholarship tournament, Oct 2nd, Candlewood. Applications are available tonight & online. We will accept sign ups at the ramp.

- **2017 Opens, CBN Tournament Trail, High School/Juniors & CBN/NEBA TCT**

April 22nd, Candlewood, Reynolds Northern Bass Open Danbury 7 to 3

April 23rd, HOC, Candlewood, Squantz 7:00

April 29th, 26 Angels, Candlewood & Latins 8:00 to 3

April 30th, Sunday, Candlewood, (Kerchal out of Danbury)

CBN Trail, Classic, Mr. Bass & Two Day

May 7th, Sunday, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins Launch, 75 boats, 8 to 4 T#1

June 4th, Sunday, Ct River, Haddam & Salmon, 70 boats, 7 to 3 #2

July 9th, Sunday, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins, 70 boats, 8 to 4 T#3

July 30th, Sunday, Mr. Bass, TBD 18 boats

August 27th, Sunday, Classic, Lilly, Steel Bridge & Pond Brook, 25 boats, 7 to 3

Sept. 9th & 10th, Sat Sunday Two Day, Candlewood, Squantz, 50 boats, 7 to 3?

Oct 1st CBN Scholarship, Candlewood, Squantz, 50 boats, 7 to 3?

HIGH SCHOOL

5/13 Lilly

6/17 river shooting for Hartford

7/22 Zoar

8/12 candlewood

2017 NEBA/CBN TCT TRAIL

MAY 21st CANDLEWOOD, Squantz

June 25th Lilly Steel Bridge

July Champlain 16th or 23rd? Date to be picked in January.

August 20th Lake Zoar

Sept 24th CANDLEWOOD Squantz

Oct 15 Ct. River, Haddam

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 September
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 asked Marc our Treasurer to send a check for \$1053.00 to UConn for this year's Robert S Malloy Scholarship recipient and Jason Bacunus, from UConn will have last years & this years winners for us by the next meeting.

- Banquet Report: Banquet for 2016 has been booked for Nov 12th,2016. Invitations are on the Table and on CTbass.com Home page. Please make your reservations by Nov 2nd!!! Get the Invite out to your club members, I sent it in and e-mail last week to all presidents and a few members!!!

- **NEW AWARDS PROCEDURE!!**

The Awards Nominations should be e-mailed to the President, Sylvia Morris, wefish2@att.net and the CBN Executive Board will review and choose the winners if any.

The Awards Categories are:

- Conservation Award: List items such as Lake clean-up, fish habitat improvement, donations Etc.
- Community Service: List work done with State Local or National Charities Special Groups Etc.
- Youth: List all Youth related activities such as seminars, fishing derby, Tackle or cash donations.
- Chapter of the Year: List all activities that you think have made the Club outstanding.
- Person of the Year: An Individual who has been exemplary as a CBN member (Volunteering time and effort for the good of the CBN) and you feel proud to have as a member of our organization!

Please e-mail them and make sure I receive them by Oct 28th 2016. To allow us time to review and get Plaques made.

- Membership Committee: Paul Dingee has a New Number 860-929-1713
- Website Committee: The website is all cleaned out and running great!
- Audit Committee: No Report
- High School & Juniors: Provided by Ron Frisk

Rescheduling the fun event to a date in November at Candlewood so they can use live bait. I will most definitely need boat captains.

Already a good 5 new schools looking to join. They have been told they must come with a committed boat captain.

Juniors look to be full at 10 after a few are moving to the HS division (but may have room for 1 more if we decide too).

Kids and parents have been reminded and provided with the banquet info so hoping for another big turnout from our group.

Need to find someone to step up in my place or at least commit to helping John Piscionerre to run this program. I will be available for guidance and assistance during the transisiton.

- Finance: We need a Financial Advisor!
- State Team: We now have our 2017 State Team! I am setting up a schedule for meetings and working on the Contract. All State Team members will be at the Banquet to receive their awards and get their pictures taken. Nick Papotto and Kevin Noel will be at the B.A.S.S. Nation Nationals in Texas and will be excused from the Banquet.

A motion to accept all reports as given was seconded and approved by the board.

Old Business

- Excused Absences NEEDED: NONE
- Secretary cast one vote for Sal Messina for Tournament Director for 2017. No nominations were turned in for Tournament Director for 2017. Sal has agreed to another year but will require a lot of help from everyone!!!
- 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 meeting tonight, 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.
- This is our Nominating Committee, Nominations for, President, a 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. He has been added as an administrator on our Facebook page already.
- 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 16 leads already for 2016! We have already made \$4000.00.
- 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 They have not responded to my last three e-mails!
- Veterans Tournament on September 13, 2016 - CT River, Riverside Park, Hartford. Al Guite reported out on another successful event with 24 veterans attending. Thanks to all CBN clubs supporting this event. We had more boats than we needed.
- 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. Nick cleaned it all up for 100.00. Armand submitted his bill for the Website for the year and included the \$100.00. Marc paid the invoice of \$850.00.
- 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, we have increased it to \$100.00. 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.
- CT Hunting and Fishing Days - Sept. 24th at Sessions Woods, I have given up our Booth due to not having volunteers. We will try for next year.
- Ken Dzurenka Thanked the membership for the Fruit Basket we sent him after his knee surgery. He also told us he has it has not healed right and needs to have some minor adjustments done next week. Hoping for the best for you Ken!

NEW BUSINESS

- If you take a look at the Bassmaster website, you may notice some changes on ALL the Nation pages that should simplify navigation of the site. We are also working on some other things to add to the pages such as an electronic guide to running a successful club and there is no more “paper” packet to form a new club. We have really simplified that, which should help with recruiting. Folks that want to start a new club just have to go to the nation page, click “new club affiliation” and then just fill out the form online <http://www.bassmaster.com/news/bass-nation-registration> , hit submit, and we will take it from there. Simple.
- Nick Papotto and Kevin Noel, our CBN National Representatives, asked for reimbursement with proper receipts of allowable expenses up to \$3000.00 for their travels, practice and any expenses B.A.S.S. does not cover for the 2016 B.A.S.S. Nation Nationals in Texas. Motion was made, seconded and passed. Sylvia gave them an expense form to use. Good Luck guys!!!!
- Dean Rustic has asked for up to \$500.00 from the Shimano Grant Account to give towards the making of a sign showing the location of Moss Back Fish Structures being placed in Lake Winnemaug. Motion was made, seconded, and passed.
- Tom Reynolds announced that Reynolds Garage & Marine will now be selling Phoenix Boats in addition to Ranger & Skeeter!!! He will have a Fall Open House Nov 13th and Greg

Hackney will be his guest Speaker. He also told us the Greg Hackney will be attending our CBN Banquet on Nov 12th, 2016!!!! Thank you Tom!

ANY MORE NEW BUSINESS???

- 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 (**No Longer owned by Rosaria**)

OPENS & EVENTS FOR 2016

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

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

CBN Annual Banquet, Nov. 12th 5:00 to 10:00 Invite on Ctbass.com Home Page

Reynolds Fall Open House, November 13th, 2016 9 to 3

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

Snag Proof Winner-Alex Shvartsman Donated to Simons Tournament

Whip Em Baits Winner-Eric Kohler

Keitech- Tom Reynolds Donated to Simons Tournament

A motion to Adjourn was seconded and approved at 8:45PM

Thanks again to Tackle Supply Depot for providing a room for the meeting.

NEXT MONTHS MEETING IS - October 27, 2016