

2/28/17

To: Vinny Mucci C.B.N. President

Re: February 22, 2017 CBN Monthly Meeting

As recorded by Mike Billings, CBN Vice President

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm

Clubs Absent: Tolland County

Presentation: By Midstate Battery of Bloomfield, CT

The 2017 Battery program was handed out to all club representatives. Please make sure they get to your members.

General Meeting Starts: 7:40 pm

Last month's minutes, motion to accept, motion seconded, approved by the Board of Directors.

Correspondence:

***CBN received a Thank You note from Sylvia Morris on the passing of her Father.**

***A donation was made in the name of Enrico A. Paliani to the CBN Youth program for the amount of \$100.00 from Midconn Anglers.**

***Received Thank You note from the Folds of Honor program.**

***Christopher Hart scholarship refund was received from Wesleyan University.**

Announcements:

***Lake Hartwell is site for the 2018 Bass Master Classic**

***New conservation grant has been offered.**

***Econo Lodge Hotels sponsoring Elite series.**

***3/11/17 – Reynolds Marine Open House**

***4/11/17 – Thayer Marine Open House**

***New CBN members cannot log in to the web site as of yet.**

***The Summit at Plantsville – Nursing Home has contacted the CBN in regards to an elderly patient request to fish one more time. Joe Kowalski will reach on this request. Thank You Joe.**

Reports from Officers & Committee Chairs

Treasurer Report: Presented by Marc Levesque

Conservation & FAC Report: Presented by Dean Rustic

February 22, 2016

CBN Conservation objectives for the 2017

- 1. Conservation Projects for Candlewood Lake (Boat Launch & Habitat)**
- 2. Youth/School based Conservation/C.A.R.E. Program (Fishing Equip for rent)**
- 3. Create a C.A.R.E. Bass Class**
- 4. Create an on the Water Bass Course (like Golf Course)**

Information from this past Month –

- 1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting**
 - a. New by-laws are approved. New name is the CT Conservation Advisory Council**
 - b. New Summer Flounder Reg – Size increased from 18” to 19” and limit is dropped from 5 to 3. The season has stayed the same.**
 - c. Lead Ban bill and the Exotic Plant & Animal Bill both died in Committee**

Boating Advisory: No Report

By Laws: No changes

Candlewood Lake Authority: No Report

Tournament Report: Presented by Sal Massina

***Tournament Schedule on Web site**

***May 7th, 2017 1st CBN tournament on Candlewood Lake**

***Tournament Rules, no changes. 10ft rod rule will not be adopted by the CBN for the 2017 season. This will be noted on the Tournament Application form.**

**High School & Juniors: Presented by Vinny Mucci
John Piscioniere – Absent**

CT Youth Director Update:

Planning on having a meeting on Sunday, March 26th for all youth participants.

Still waiting for Dave Dziob to confirm we can use Tackle Supply Depot-

If we can't use TSD, we will find alternative location. I will plan on having pizza for kids.

I will be sending a not out to everyone to hold that day open.

We have 11 Juniors registered and paid (I know we were trying to keep Jr.'s at 10, and he is the 11th- Mason DeCarlo- but his dad has bass boat and I allowed him to join as long as the dad agreed to volunteer boat captain for all 4 events). I have 2 checks for dues for the Jr's. need a copy of the credit card so I can pay their dues on the bassmaster website.

High School needs some attention: We have 9 teams with fully paid dues and 3 with half the team paid. Still missing a lot of waivers.

Several new High Schools have expressed interest in joining the trail.

Several of them are having a hard time finding advisors. I've been willing to talk to A/d's and still working the kids.

The new rule of having to have your own boat captain is confusing, and I think we need to discuss the right approach to implement this new rule. I'm not even sure how to enforce it for this year.

If all the schools that have expressed interest in the program form a team, and the existing teams we have expand, we would be looking at approximately 30 boats- but I believe we will end up around the 25 number.

Will be getting together with Ron to get final forms and other stuff.

I have NOT scheduled any volunteers for any of the fish habitats or anything else as of yet.

Bassmaster Youth Call- 2/20/2017- evidently there are quarterly calls- which I could get on.

Hank Weldon officiating

Covered a lot of college tournament information...

They had 350 applications for HS All-Americans. Hank said the program is growing and many college teams with fishing teams

Are using this platform to give scholarships. Not sure if we ever got any nominees in for our people.

Costa has signed on to sponsor the HS Bassmaster tournament again, so it will be the: Costa HS Classic presented by Dicks Sporting Goods

Team Trails- they need our contracts sent in- not sure what this is. Need to review with Ron.

We have to fill out some sort of excel file for them – need to review with Ron.

For every unique 50 anglers who fish in the tournament = 1 spot for the national championship- I believe this is in addition to our normal spot...but need clarification:

Restructured on how dues are paid for High School: (I believe we are all set here)

\$20.00 is all that is required- bass membership- discounted rate is \$10.00 and then bass nation is \$10.00

All done on-line

HS national championship and JR Championship is set for June 19th-24th- will be at Kentucky lake again. Fishing for HS is 22/23/24

BAD NEWS AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED- the Junior championship will be June 20-21 on Carol County lake again. I wanted to speak up- but didn't think it was appropriate for my first call.

Every contestant must be there by the 19th of June for meeting.

They have not released the information about location yet, they are still waiting to get contracts signed. It will be interesting to see the response.

The Bassmaster National HS program is growing by leaps and bounds! At the End of January, 2017 there were 295 registered high school clubs and 3500 members (in 2016 –there were less than 200 clubs and only 2200 members at same time last year)

There are 26 Junior clubs registered nationwide right now.

Anyone going to the Classic this year- Bassmasters is looking for some volunteers.

If anyone has any questions, please email/call me.

Membership Committee: Presented by Paul Dingee

***No report.**

***Will be attending the Hunting & Fishing Show in Hartford.**

CBN Sponsorship Report:

***All items from Mercury have been ordered and received for the 2017 banquet. Trolling motor, oil & props.**

All CBN sponsors, products and programs can be found at CTBASS.com

Announcement: By Vinny Mucci

***Appointment of Sylvia Morris to State Team Manager & Special Events Coordinator for the CBN.**

Banquet Report: Presented by Sylvia Morris

***Banquet to be held on November 11th, 2017 at the Chowder Pot in Hartford.**

***CBN is in need of banquet donations for the Raffle Table.**

State Team: Presented by Sylvia Morris

State Team Administrator: 2017 Eastern Regional Entry Forms were sent electronically and filled out and submitted by all. The Team Members who have fulfilled their \$250.00 Sponsorship are Jim Morris, Toyota Bucks and Kevin Noel, Brenda Noel Consulting. State Team Jersey Sales are doing well!!! We have Two \$1000.00 spots left, sold are KD for \$500.00, Brenda Noel, \$500.00, Thayer's Marine, \$1000.00, Key Hundai of Milford for \$1000.00. *The Katie Dobroczyński Foundation will again be sponsoring on the team shirts and donating hats for the team.

Next meeting will be March 12th 1:00 Tackle Supply Depot. Lunker City has agreed to do jackets again for 2017 State Team, 21 Jackets they pay for the Jackets and we pay for the Embroidery as usual. Thank you Lunker City, the 28th year of Sponsoring the Team!!! Jackets have been ordered. We are now booking the State Team Members time slots for the NEHF Show, March 31st to April 2nd. They are required to work a four-hour shift at the Show. Will be making the Housing Payment for the 2017 Eastern Regionals in March. I am collecting the week ahead monies from those members going up early at the March 12th, State Team meeting. The CBN will pay the remaining balance and I will give Marc the collected week ahead monies to apply to the CBN Credit Card bill.

The remaining Sponsorship monies will be collected at the March and April State Team meetings, as per the Contract.

Website Committee:

***CBN web site was "hacked" into through forum section. Has been fixed by Armand Fortier.**

***This is reason new members are unable to log into site.**

Audit Committee: Presented by Dan Monroe

2016 Bass Nation Audit

On Saturday January 25th, 2017 the audit committee consisting of Rob Germain, and Daniel Monroe (Chairperson) met with Bass Nation representatives, Marc Levesque (Treasurer) and Vinny Mucci (President) to perform the yearly audit of Connecticut Bass nation financial records, as prescribe by Bass Nation by-laws. (Ar. XII sec C). Also present was Alan Guite (Secretary) and Stephanie Buonfiglio (Non-Member). The meeting was called to order as of 11:15am and was concluded as of 2:30pm.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes the examination of financial records, including receipts, expenses reports and other supportive materials. We believe our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

After thorough review of all supportive documents, minor discrepancies and concerns were discovered. Minor discrepancies were found in the state team receipts.

In our opinion, the financial records referred to above, represent fairly, in all material respects, the financial records of the Connecticut Bass Nation, as of December 31st 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Germain

Stephanie Buonfiglio

Daniel Monroe (Chairperson)

Finance Committee: No Report. Still seeking Advisor

A motion to accept all reports given was seconded and approved by the Board of Directors.

Old Business:

***Excused Absences: Sweet Water, Ct Bassmen & Ct Yankees were excused for being absent on the December 2016 meeting.**

New Business:

***Request for two nights of lodging for Sylvia Morris for the Hunting & Fishing Show in Hartford. Motion made & seconded, motion carried.**

***Vinny Mucci requested new Tournament shirts for E-Board and Committee Heads.**

***Candlewood Lake & New Fairfield Herbicide application issue:**

***CLA asked for support of on line petition against it.**

***Don't call DEEP about issue, tread lightly with them on this.**

***DEEP does approve the use of this product.**

***Special meeting to be held on 3/2/17 in New Fairfield, CBN wants a representative at meeting.**

***Suggested this be opposed as individuals not as a group, not by CBN or your individual club.**

***Paul Mueller wants to attend, we don't know if meeting is closed to public at this time.**

***Tackle Supply Depot offers 7% off all purchases to offset Sales Tax.**

***Candlewood Veterans Tournament on Tuesday May, 9th needs boat captains. Please contact Joe Kowalski if interested.**

Here is the Hotel info:

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 2017

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

**Reynolds Open House Spring March 11th
 Thayer's Open House Spring April 1st.
 Heart of CT Open, April 23rd, Candlewood, Squantz
 26 Angels Open, April 29th, Candlewood, Squantz
 Bryan V Kerchal Open, April 30th, Candlewood, Danbury
 Mixed Open, June 18th, Lilly, Steelbridge
 Northeast Hunting & Fishing Show March 31st to April 2nd**

	2017 RBNB SCHEDULE	
DATE	LAKE	
4/22/2017	Candlewood	
5/13/2017	Winni	
7/22/2017	Champlain-Plattsburg	
8/26/2017	Champlain-Ticonderoga	
9/16 & 9/17/17	Sebago	
10/6 & 10/7/17	TOC-Champlain - Ticonderoga	Friday/Saturday
10/7 & 10/8/17	TOC-Champlain - Ticonderoga	Saturday/Sunday
6/10/2017	Reynolds Cust. App	

Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING IS WED. March 22nd, 2017

***Motion to adjourn, made & accepted. 8:45pm**