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**To: Vinny Mucci C.B.N. President**

**Re: APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>,2017 CBN Monthly Meeting**

**As recorded by Mike Billings, CBN Vice President**

**Meeting Start: 7:08 pm**

**ROLL CALL: Clubs Absent were: Ct Elite Bass, Ct Sweetwater, & Extreme Bass Masters**

**PRESENTATION: Debbie Baker from River Front Recapture spoke to the body about Craig Mergins retiring after 29 years with the program.**

**New Program for kids, Cops & Bobbers, Hooks & Ladders they are working with DEEP and US Fish & Wildlife to form this.**

**Will be stocking Kenny Pond with Trout**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Sporting Chance for Youth Day on Ct River Hartford, need volunteers to help!**

**RFRC will host Veterans Tournament in September. Will need Volunteers.**

**Vinny Mucci presented her a check for \$500.00 as the CBN's donation to The Sporting Chance for Youth as was discussed and voted on at the March meeting.**

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

**Announcements: Oct 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> 2017 B.A.S.S. National Championship will be held on Lake Hartwell, South Carolina.**

**Correspondence: None**

**Reports from Officers & Committee Chairs**

**Treasurer Report: Presented by Marc Levesque**

**Conservation & FAC Report: Presented by Dean Rustic**

# **CBN Conservation Report**

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**April 26, 2017**

**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. I again hosted the Meeting at CT Comp's Rocky Hill Office**
  - b. Discussion on Budget Cuts and how it will affect the DEEP.**
  - c. Talk of pushing for a Bear season**
- 2. Fisheries Advisory Council**
  - a. No Meeting**
- 3. SCORP**
  - a. The quantity of responses for the avid user's surveys was well over the goal that they had hoped to get. They were hoping for 1500 responses and ended up with over 2700. Thank you to all who participate in the Survey.**
- 4. DEEP Items**
  - a. Still working on the SCORP Project. For those who took the surveys, thank you. You others please take surveys.**
  - b. Bob Jacobs – the current head of warm water fisheries is retiring and the DEEP has selected his replacement - he is Edward Machowski who is located in the Western District office in Harwinton. I have had good phone conversations with Edward**

**and we are planning to meet to review the Fish City placements for Lake Lillinonah**

- c. Water quality issues on the Housatonic – PCBs are higher and there is an additional caution for eating fishes out of the Housatonic.**
- 5. Bass Class at Winding Trails**
  - a. Request from Winding Trails to do the BASS Class for May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. I am looking for Youth Volunteers to assist in the training. All who are interested please contact Dean at dean.rustic@gmail.com**
- 6. NRD Grant**
  - a. We have completed the installation of Lakes Housatonic and Zoar. Thanks to all who have volunteered their time, effort and more. Special shout out to the Youth Volunteers: Ryan DiLillo, Jake Schiavi, Stephanie and Lorin Valenti. I also want to personally thank the members of Mohawk Valley Bass Casters for coming through to make sure that these lakes got done especially at Lake Housatonic.**
  - b. We have Lake Lillinonah left to do. The lake will be getting 7 fish cities and will need to be done on 2 separate days. We will also need 12 Volunteers to help with pouring of the concrete.**
  - c. The current planed dates are as follows:**
    - i. Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> – Pouring of the Concrete**
    - ii. Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> – First Installs on Lake Lillinonah**
    - iii. Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> – Second day of installs on Lake Lillinonah**
  - d. I will want to have a full list of volunteers signed up by September 1. If we do not, I will not have MossBack release the order.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Dean Rustic  
Conservation Director**

**March 22, 2017**

**Boating Advisory: No Report**

**By Laws: No changes**

**Candlewood Lake Authority:**

**New Fairfield has cut back the Chemical Treatment to Just Shelter Harbor. At Present, no application has been applied for.**

**Social Media**

**Eric Kohler- Absent**

**Eric & wife had a healthy Baby Boy, Congratulations!**

**Tournament Report- Sal Messina**

**First Tournament coming up, May 7<sup>th</sup> Candy, Squantz and Latins**

**Need Volunteers!!!**

**Expecting 50 to 60 boats.**

**Final sign -up with late fee is April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pairings to be posted on Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, on CBN Website in Forum.**

**Dan Monroe asked that all arrive early to the Tournament and help! He also made mention that all boats are supposed to be in the water by 6:30, if you're not you will be held back until the last boat launches.**

**The Tournament Committee must have time to get in the water also!**

**ABIDE THE NO WAKES!!!!!!**

**Tentative 2018 CBN Tournament Trail & Opens**

**4/21/18 Reynolds Northern Bass Open Candlewood**

**4/22/18 Heart of Connecticut Candlewood**

**4/28/18 26 Angels Candlewood**

**4/29/18 Bryan Kerchal Memorial Candlewood**

**5/6/18 CBN T#1 Candlewood**

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| <b>6/10/18 CBN T#2</b>                | <b>Ct River</b>   |
| <b>7/8/18 CBN T#3</b>                 | <b>Candlewood</b> |
| <b>8/5/18 Classic</b>                 | <b>Zoar</b>       |
| <b>8/26/18 Mr. Bass</b>               | <b>TBD</b>        |
| <b>9/8-9/9 CBN Two Day</b>            | <b>Candlewood</b> |
| <b>10/7/18 Scholarship Tournament</b> | <b>Candlewood</b> |

**High School/Junior Youth Director- John Piscioniere**

**2017 Connecticut High School Trail gets underway in just a few short weeks! Our first tournament will be held on Lilly, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM – 2 PM! Our Youth Program continues to grow, with 18 High School Teams and 11 Juniors participating for this season!**

**We will need approximately 24 boats for each tournament.**

**The success of this program, and the positive impact it has had on our youth, would not be possible without the continued support of all of you!**

**We have a total of 4 tournaments this year, and would like to have our boat captains identified as early as possible.**

**For our May 13<sup>th</sup> tournament, we have 11 boats secured, so we are looking for 13 more! Please email me or call me if you are available to captain for the Lilly Tournament.**

**Youth Update: 4/26/2017**

**High School and Jr. Championship is set for week of June 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>, with Jr's fishing June 20 & 21 and HS fishing June 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Kentucky lake for HS and 1000-acre recreation park for juniors.**

**We qualified 2 Juniors- however they both seem to be out of age to attend, since we qualified them last year.**

**I'm working with Bass to see if we have any options, as both boys were told they can attend.**

**If we can't send them, I would like to provide each boy with a fishing gift (rod & reel, etc.) since we won't be spending any funds on them to attend.**

**Estimate would be about \$250 each.**

**We qualified 2 HS teams: Noah and Shane from Nonnewaug and Patrick and Billy from NDWH.**

**Patrick and Billy need a boat captain for the trip. An email was drafted by Patrick and Billy that Vinny is going to send out to all members.**

**It is up to the team to secure a boat captain for the trip, so if they do not secure a captain they will not be going.**

**As we have done in years past, I'm proposing reimbursement of expenses out of our HS fund for the anglers. I will be requesting up to \$2500 per team. We will NOT be qualifying any Juniors for next year's tournament.**

**Future Tournaments:**

**June 17<sup>th</sup>- CT. River  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> Lake Zoar  
August 12<sup>th</sup>- Candlewood**

***John Piscioniere, Youth Director- CBNPhone-203-982-0921***

**Membership Committee: Paul Dingee**

**Had Good interest at the show.**

**Called Clubs to introduce new potential members.**

**Have had some join clubs already.**

**CBN Sponsorship Report:**

**Still waiting for the Mercury check for \$2500.00. This is the Alliance money we earned in 2016.**

**All CBN sponsors, products and programs can be found at [CTBASS.com](http://CTBASS.com)**

**Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**

**\*Banquet to be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Chowder Pot in Hartford.**

**\*CBN needs banquet donations for the Raffle Table.**

**RSM Scholarship -Dave Santos NO Report**

**CBN Scholarship – Dan Monroe Report given by Vinny Mucci**

**Judging was held prior to tonight's meeting. There were 5 applicants, the 3 recipients will be announced at the May CBN meeting.**

**State Team: Sylvia Morris**

2017 State Team April 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Report

**All State Team members did their mandated Show Hours except for two, Garrett Kruger and Robert Timms, both are doing an extra High School/Junior Tournament.**

**Excused from this meeting were Paul Mayo, Ryan Pereiras and Garrett Kruger. This was their one meeting missed**

**Meeting started at 7:30pm.**

**I collected all Sponsorship monies, everyone has turned in their mandatory \$250.00.**

**I collected paperwork, missing four Boat Insurances as they will renew soon and I will receive copies then, missing are Dave Dziob, Ryan Perieras, Mark Condron & Robert Timms. Jason Chase owes me a Boaters Certificate.**

**Spoke to all about the importance of communication with me, not spreading rumors or questioning others about State Team Procedure or rules. A lot of time goes into setting things up for the Team and if there are changes that need to be made I must know in a timely fashion and now is too late for changes!**

**We went over all BASS Nation Rules for the Regionals and found a questionable addition. Straightened that out with Jon Stewart. (E-mail was sent to all with this) All State Team Members have been advised.**

**All said they understood the rules.**

**Spoke about all boaters & spare Boaters need to have a truck key & Boat key in a baggie, name on it with the make & color of the truck on it in case of an emergency and we must trailer to pick someone up or if we must get the spare boat to someone during Tournament hours.**

**Spoke about the Permission Letter that is required to be signed and on your person while fishing the Week of the Regionals giving you permission to have 12" fish in your possession. During the week ahead you will not have 12" fish in your possession because you may not put fish in your live well!!!!**

**Jerseys will be here for the next meeting**

**Next meeting will be May 7<sup>th</sup> after the CBN T #1 Candlewood, please pitch in and help tear down and then we will hold a quick meeting. We will be going over MD Fishing Guide & Rules, I will go over Expense rules & give out the rooming list and expense forms for the trip. Jerseys will be given out also.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Sylvia Morris, CBN State Team Administrator**

**Website Committee: No Report**

**Audit Committee: No Report**

**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: NONE**

**Pledge to” pitch it” campaign was applied for Plastic lure collection. We will be collecting used plastic lures at all our tournaments.**

**\*Candlewood Veterans Tournament on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> needs boat Captains. Please contact Joe Kowalski if interested.**

**CBN Rosters need to be in now, so members can fish the first CBN Tournament, May 7<sup>th</sup>!**

**Always looking for help at the CBN Tournaments, please step up to help!**

**New Business:**

**State of VT thinking of requiring a mandatory Boat Wash before launching in Lake Champlain. This would be like Lake George in NY.**

**Naugatuck Valley Bass Masters, Tom Laporta will be holding an Open July 1<sup>st</sup>, Candlewood. Applications on table.**

**Naugatuck Valley Bass Masters, Tom Laporta, will be holding 2 boat, 4-man team tournament, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Cash & TSD Gift Certificates will be given to First 3 places. Winner Plaque will be hung in TSD. 1<sup>st</sup> place \$4000.00 cash and \$1000.00 in TSD gift Cards. Applications on Table.**



**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**

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**OPENS & EVENTS FOR 2017**

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

**Mixed Open, June 18th, Lilly, Steelbridge**

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

**Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor.**

**NEXT MEETING IS WED May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**\*Motion to adjourn, made & accepted. 7:50pm**

