

CBN
Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2017

- I. Call to order**
Vinny Mucci called to order the regular meeting of the CBN at 7:00 on May 24, 2017 at Tackle Supply Depot.
- II. Announcement and Award of CBN Scholarship by Mike Billings: Briana Benson (\$500.00), Rebecca Noel (\$1000.00), Catharine Lockedey (\$1500.00).**
- III. Roll call**
Susan Dumas conducted a roll call.

Missing Club Reps: CT Black Bass, CT Valley Bassmasters
- IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting**
Minutes from last meeting posted to the website, there was no Board of Directors Meeting.
- V. Thank you note was received from Riverfront Recapture for our donation to the Cops and Bobbers, Hooks and Ladders Campaign**
- VI. Comments:**
- a) **If your club members are having difficulties, please follow the chain of command for problem resolution. Please only contact Vinny if you are unable to resolve issues within your club. Please allow a minimum of a 24 hr. turnaround for responses to your issues. You can contact him via email or text.**
 - b) **The Executive Board Meeting will be conducted before the June CBN Meeting. The Executive Board Meeting will begin at 6:00pm**
 - c) **Introduction of Susan Dumas as acting (interim) secretary. At her 1 year anniversary to the CBN, she will take over as Full Term Secretary.**
- Sue will be working on getting the all the club rosters into an electronic form, and organize a mailing list to assist in communicating to the entire organization**

VII. Conservation Report: Dean Rustic

1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC)

- a. Bill Hyatt mentioned the DEEP is going to re-evaluate the sequence of the boat launch updates because of Dean's efforts.**
- b. CCAC discussed taking on additional members from councils into the organization**

2. Boating Advisory Board

- a. Issues with Branford River launch – water is undercutting launch – will need to redo**
- b. New construction of new launches, discussion of widening width from 12ft to 16 ft., ADA courtesy docks farther away or at an angle**
- c. Taxes causing boats to leave CT**

3. DEEP Items

- a. Reminder of Photo Contest**

4. Bass Class – CARE program, Winding Trails

- a. Thank you to all who helped**
- b. Submitted receipts for water and pizza for event (Total \$71.94)**

5. Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation

- a. Applied for the AERF grant sponsored with BASS. Response by Mid-June**

6. NRD Grant

- a. Housatonic and Zoar completed. Thank you to all**
- b. Lake Lillinonah – 7 fish cities in 2 days. Need 12 volunteers for pouring concrete and placing structure. NEED FULL LIST OF VOLUNTEERS SIGNED UP BY SEPT 1st. If not, will not have the MossBack order released. Dates as follows:**

- i. Sept 30th – Pouring Concrete**

ii. Oct 8th – First install

iii. Oct 14th – Second install

VIII. Candlewood Lake Authority Report – Vinny Mucci

- a) Looking for yearly donation from CBN of \$250.00, Motion to accept, Motion seconded, Motion approved**

IX. Tournament Report – Sal Messina

- a) CBN 2nd Tournament of the year, June 4th. CT River Out of Haddam Meadows**
- b) July 9th – CBN 3rd Tournament - Candlewood, mail in deadline June 24th.**
- c) Alabama Rigs – NOT LEGAL in CBN – immediate disqualification.**

X. High School/Youth Report – John Piscioniere

- a) 1st Tournament successful, 20 boats, 40 youth anglers**
- b) Next Tournament June 17th, NEEDS BOAT CAPTAINS – Need to have at least 15 more boats, state team will be away for this event. Going to be sending emails regarding helping out**
- c) High School National Championship - 2 State Teams registered, Juniors aged out, not eligible for Kentucky Lake, TN but will be fishing regular High School Tournament – 1 team driving, 1 team flying. One team found boat captain (Damian) from TN via social media**
- d) Discussion on reimbursement amounts. Motion to accept reimbursement of up to \$2000.00 per team. Motion seconded, Motion approved for up to \$2,000.00 for allowable expenses.**
- e) Tournament Trail Planned for 2018:**
- a. May 12th - Candlewood**
 - b. June 2nd - Lillinonah**
 - c. July 21st – Zoar**
 - d. Aug 18th – Candlewood**
- f) Plenty of Youth Volunteers for next CBN Tournament**

- g) **Question on next year possible age out issues, John to check and report back**

XI. Membership Report – Paul Dingee – Nothing to report

XII. Treasurer’s Report – Marc Levesque

- a) **Issue discovered, reported and resolved regarding Grand Totals given since June 2016. The Grand Total did not include State Team, has been corrected, current balances correct.**

XIII. Sponsorship – Vinny Mucci

- b) **Received second half of alliance monies from Tritan Mercury**
- c) **Evenrude Contingency program in effect for all three trail events, purchased from Thayer’s Marine, highest placed get \$1,450.00 per event**
- d) **Stratos 2x the Money program is discontinued**

XIV. State Team Report – Sylvia Morris

XV. May 7th, 2017 State Team Meeting Report

XVI.

XVII. Held our meeting after the CBN T#1. It was a quick meeting because of all being very tired and wanting to get home.

XVIII. I had asked that the entire State Team help tear down the Tournament set up so we could get the meeting started earlier. Most did, and I Thank you, some did not. This is not fair, I will address this at the next meeting.

XIX. Excused was Robert Timms, due to illness.

XX. We went over the Things to Remember list for our trip. Talked about keeping the houses clean and no hooks, line left on the floor in the houses. Talked about NOT using things like Spike it indoors. Reiterated me needing a spare key from each Boater with their name, truck make and color written on them, in a zip lock prior to the start of the Regional.

XXI. Reminded David Dziob I need a copy of his Ins. as soon as it renews. All other paperwork is in.

XXII. Gave out the rooming list of who will be in what house (3 houses). Put an in-charge person in each house, Bayview-Mike Billings, Beach, Todd Rose and the Light House is myself. They will make sure the houses are taken care of properly and that each person in the house is where he needs to be when he needs to be there.

XXIII. Talked about the off limits imposed by BASS for the event.

XXIV. Jerseys were not in yet. Will be passed out at next meeting. June 4th after the CBN T #2. This is the day before we leave for the Regionals. I have asked all boaters to please help me transport all Tables, Chairs, Coolers and Non-Perishable items that need to go with us for the Regionals. I will load their Trucks at the Ct River event. Most coming out of the Tournament Trailer, 4 tables and two coolers, and the rest Jim and I will have in our truck, folding chairs and waters, juices, Gatorades & Flavored waters.

I will also pass out Expense forms and mailing envelopes at this time for their travel receipts.

Working on hopefully getting hats, Rich Thayer is helping me

We had a member of the State Team drop off the Team, Jason Chase. He owes the CBN for his Jacket and plaque. Chris Simons moves up to non-boater and Jim Morris will be Alt #1 and my helper!!!

Respectfully,

Sylvia Morris, CBN State Team Administrator

XXV. Audit – No Report

XXVI. Budget and Finance – No Report

XXVII. Old Business

a) Excused Absences – none from last month

a) Vinny Mucci - Website Issues – Talked with Armond, working with Nick, talked about replacing website with mobile friendly website. Can BASS host website

b) Vinny Mucci- Pitch-It program approved by BASS, Shamano, and Jackall – will be sending us merchandise and buckets - more information to

follow. Need to find end user to use plastics. Discussion on what to do with leftover plastics.

- c) Sylvia Morris- NEBA no longer an organization, now Northeast Open Trail. Still running as a CBN team trail as well, but needs 25 teams. This is an avenue to the Classic.**

XXVIII. New business

- a) Sylvia Morris - Casting Kids – Christie from the Northeast Fishing and Hunting Show looking to increase Sunday attendance, offered a solution to have CBN hold the Casting Kids Championship on Sunday afternoon at 3:30. She proposed free admission for that Sunday for the kids and parents, as well as possible free parking. Discussion followed, more information to follow**
- b) Sylvia Morris - Reimbursement for State Team Member who moved to TN, motioned to reimburse amount that equals the average of the other State Team Members expenses. Motion Seconded, Motion Accepted.**
- c) Deane Rustic – Alisha Shaman, CT River Conservancy would like to come in and make a presentation for June Meeting.**
- d) Dean Rustic –The CBN Obtained a Pontoon Boat for free from Thayers Marine for placing fishing structures into lakes. Boat needs new motor, suggested high school senior Shane Powers use it for his Eagle Scout Project to raise money for motor and other repairs so that it can be used as a barge and possible sponsorship. Proposed donating boat after fixes are done to the CT DEEP to maintain and insure, allowing CBN to use it when necessary. Motion to allow Shane Powers to use the boat as an Eagle Scout Project. Motion Seconded, Motion Accepted**

XXIX. Raffle

XXX. Adjournment

Vinny Mucci adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Dumas

Minutes approved by: [Name]