

**CBN**  
**Meeting Minutes**

June 28, 2017

**I. Call to order**

Vinny Mucci called to order the regular meeting of the CBN at 7:21 on June 28, 2017 at Tackle Supply Depot.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Michael Billings Absent for Meeting**

**IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Copies of meeting minutes available, The Executive Board of Directors Meeting was held just prior to today's CBN Meeting.

**V. Communications:**

We received a check from The Association of Builders in the amount of \$500.00 to the CBN to be put into the general fund.

**VI. Treasurer's Report Given by Marc Levesque**

**(Copy of Report available if wanted)**

**VII. Roll call**

Vinny Mucci reviewed attendance sheet.

Missing Club Reps: Statewide BassMasters

**VIII. Dean Rustic introduced Alicia Sharma (Sec of CT River Conservancy):**

Alicia presented information regarding an emergent and aggressive species of aquatic plant that is quickly reproducing and taking over areas of slow moving water. The European Water Chestnut reproduces at an alarming rate, choking out other aquatic plant species. This plant has a 1:10 reproduction rate, can flower up to 10 rosettes and up to 10 seeds per rosette, will kill other plant species and is very expensive to get rid. The seeds will last for up to 12 years and she is looking for volunteers to help eradicate them by pulling them up by the root and seed, and letting them dry before disposal in a dry environment. Please visit [CTRIVER.ORG](http://CTRIVER.ORG) if you are interested in assisting this project or want more information.

**IX. Conservation Report (Dean Rustic):**

An additional Advisory Council Meeting will be held in July, they are looking to expand membership and other organizations. Budget cuts have been affecting the DEP as well as the hiring freeze, causing limited staff resulting in 9 staff members for the hatcheries. DEP is forced to combine resources. Senator Minor attended and suggested the Deputy Commissioner position was removed, would be able to keep 3 additional staff.

Monies from licenses have to go back to the wildlife portion of the DEP, as well as the Federal monies.

Summer Flounder – can only keep 2 now.

No Meeting for SCORP.

Please submit photos from tournaments for the Fishing Guide Cover. Please represent Bass fishing.

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 1<sup>st</sup>**. If not, will not have the MossBack order released. Dates as follows:
  - i. Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – Pouring Concrete
  - ii. Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – First install
  - iii. Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – Second install

We still need additional volunteers to pour and place the fish cities. In addition, by volunteering for this project, you will have access to the coordinates before the public.

We will be setting up a sign-up on our social media. The Media will also be present for this project. Please pass onto clubs. Need Volunteers by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **X. No CLA Report**

## **XI. Tournament Report –Sal Messina had to leave, the following was presented by Vinny Mucci**

- a) Next Tournament will have approximately 50 plus boats competing.

- b) Mr. Bass Paperwork will be forthcoming to the club presidents. Please pass these onto your club members. Two representatives from each club, one angler and one co-angler, chosen by random draw.
- c) Tournament Fishing – please don't get into arguments with marina boat owners. We received an email from the DEP that was sent out to all tournament permit holders regarding tournament participants, they have received a record number of complaints.

**XII. High School/Youth Report – John Piscioniere (was not present but submitted report read by Vinny Mucci)**

- a) They had the CT River Tournament. John wants to recognize all boat captains for taking the time to assist. 65 fish were caught and all were released alive. He wanted to thank Ben from Euro Tackle for donations, Tim Blanchet from ShopRite in Waterbury for donating food at the weigh in, and all the parents who helped setup and breakdown.
- b) 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners: Alex for the Junior Division, Nathan and Isaac for the High School. Lunker went to Ryan McKinney with a 4.61lb Largemouth.
- c) Next Tournament is July 22<sup>nd</sup> on Lake Zoar.

**XIII. Membership Report – Paul Dingee – Nothing to report**

**XIV. Banquet Committee – Sylvia Morris**

- a) November 11<sup>th</sup>, we still need raffle items.

**XV. State Team Report – Sylvia Morris (as submitted)**

We met after the CBN Tournament Ct River June 4<sup>th</sup>. Guys loaded things for me to take with us. Some of us went up on Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Our weeks practice was very good for some and tuff for others.

Regionals week, we came together as a Team on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for dinner and a meeting immediately followed. The Guys were paired up for official practice Mon & Tues.

I attended a Presidents meeting on Monday at 11:30 am. (The owner drove me and NH President drove me back) Basically a briefing of the Tournament rules and off limits. No discussion of anything else pertaining to the Nation, just Tournament things. They did offer lunch after if we wanted. John Foster and myself stayed for about half an hour.

He did announce next year's Regionals and dates. Vinny will announce under new Business.

We attended the Tournament Registration and Briefing Tuesday afternoon. The guys met with their day one partners.

The Team struggled Day one as the weather changed and the wind blew out of the East, which never happened in practice....

Day one we were in 4<sup>th</sup> place, I was so happy with that and we were only 25 out of first, very doable!!!

The Team meeting that night was all about catching up and getting first place..... They certainly tried. This Team worked very hard in the adverse wind and the extreme heat & humidity. We should be Very proud of them!!!! They never gave up!!!

The entire Team was up early on Friday and at the Launch to see their Team Mates off and were all(except one, that will be addressed by E Board) at the weigh in to cheer them on! We were commended on our comradery and being a TEAM!!!!Every President (That was there) came to me and shook my hand. Jon Stewart came to us and let us know how much he liked it. Connecticut always stands out and is respected. We all went back to the Houses and had breakfast and all cleaned their rooms, kitchens, &Boats and got things ready for our Friday Night Dinner and Celebration!

Friday Night dinner was, BBQ Ribs, Mac & Cheese and pulled Chicken. The Owners joined us as they also picked up and delivered the food for us!

Our housing was absolutely perfect!!! The Boat Launch being next to the house was blessing and saved the CBN a lot of Launch money as it was \$10.00 a day per boat to Launch at the other Launches (Some were 12.00) We only had to launch elsewhere a few times because of the tide. Will have an exact cost at the July meeting once all receipts are handed in.

A BIG Thank you to Jim Morris for all his help with the cooking, shopping and being the Prop Man. I believe he fixed four Props and worked on other issues with the boats.

Congratulations to Nick Papotto and Chris Simons, they will be Representing CT in the 2017 BASS Nationals on Lake Hartwell, Oct 19 to the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you to the 2017 State Team for all your cooperation & Representing CT so well!

Respectfully,

Sylvia Morris, CBN State Team Administrator

**XVI. Social Media – Eric**

- a. Eric will be putting up board with sponsors
- b. Will be putting up a sign-up for the NRD Grant
- c. Will be putting up pictures as well

**XVII. Audit – No Report**

**XVIII. Budget and Finance – No Report**

**XIX. Old Business**

- a) Excused Absences from last week– CT Black Bass – Joe was not able to attend; CT Valley – Steve was not able to attend. Motioned to excuse both clubs, seconded and passed.

**XX. New business**

- a) Dean Rustic – Notification of an upcoming meeting of the National Conservation Directors from our surrounding states to address specific needs for our area. It may take place in Plattsburg, July 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Dean will have more information to follow as he will be asking for travel reimbursement.
- b) Susan Dumas – Asked for club representatives to review and add email addresses of all the respective club members in order to update the master list of all CBN members. She will be passing out hard copies of each club's member data to the respective club rep at the next meeting.
- c) Vinny Mucci – The last tournament results posted late due to computer issues, and had to be entered manually, resulting in the delay. Please understand we are all volunteers, and as such, please be respectful and understanding regarding such instances.
- d) Vinni Mucci – We need a nominating committee of 3 people to choose a new Tournament Director. Sylvia Morris volunteered as well as Ryan Glover and Ken Dezurenka. The Tournament Director Responsibilities exist as a rough draft, however it is still in process. The primary responsibility of the Tournament Director is to transport the trailer to and from the tournaments

along with setup and breakdown with assistance of other members. Planning, running, coordinating the tournaments, and permit submission (based upon the Executive Board approval) are also responsibilities. He or she will be paid \$100.00. The only responsibility of the nominating committee is to accept phone calls. Voting will occur at the August meeting. Please contact the following members to submit nominations for Tournament Director.

Ryan – 860-919-1033

Ken – 860-546-9594

Sylvia – 203-675-4666

- e) Vinny Mucci – We are in need of a By-Laws Committee and Rules Committee to review these and remove ambiguity, and go through and updated. By-Laws would be presented in September. Possibly also review current tournament format. Frank Giner, Greg Tesch, Sylvia Morris, Dave Miller and Vinny volunteered. Please bring this opportunity back to your club members.

## **XXI. Adjournment**

Vinny Mucci adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Dumas

Minutes approved by: [Name]