**OCT 25th 2017**

**CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting**

**7:06 Roll Call**

* **CLUBS ABSENT: Ct Elite, Housatonic Valley, Team Skeeter, Extreme**
* **Correspondence: A Thank You Letter was received from** **Richard Searles**, **a Veteran who participated in the Veterans Tournament on the Ct River last Sept. He expressed his gratitude to the CBN, Joe Kowalski, Gaylord Hospital, & his boat captain, Kevin Twiss.**
* **Announcements:**
* **Vinny attended the National Presidents Conferences in SC last week. Expressed to the membership how good we have it in CT after speaking with the other State President. They do not have anywhere near what we do. Report to follow.**
* **The NRD Grant Lilly Build is set for this Sunday, Oct 29th, 8:00 Steelbridge.**
* **Please send Vinny Mucci, vinnymucci@sbcglobal.net, your Club Members E-mails!**
* **Busty Brawlers Open Tournament, Sunday Nov 11th, Candlewood, Squantz, 7 to 3. To benefit Breast Cancer Research.**
* **MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED**

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

* **Treasurer Report:  Marc Levesque**
* **Conservation & FAC Report: Dean Rustic**

**CBN Conservation Report**

**October 25, 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**
	1. **Discussed the budget proposal and the impact on DEEP.**
2. **Fisheries Advisory Council**
	1. **Next Meeting on December 7th**
3. **SCORP**
	1. **No meeting.**
4. **DEEP Items**
	1. **Attended C.A.R.E. Class and Presented on my Bass Class to other instructors.**
	2. **Discussion on growing license sales**
5. **NRD Grant**
	1. **Sunday October 29th – full day of installs on Lake Lillinonah –7 fish cities**
	2. **Peter Arrestod from DEEP will be bringing a Pickup Truck on Sunday to help.**
	3. **Need to have 12 boats to make this quick and easy.**
	4. **Thanks to all who have already volunteered!**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Dean Rustic**

**Conservation Director**

* [**CLA REPORT:**](http://www.newstimes.com/local/article/Candlewood-Stevenson-among-power-stations-sold-6864041.php)  **All Buoys have been removed. Be careful navigating out there.**
* **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

**Tournament Rules for 2018 are being worked on, will be passed out in November, taken back to your clubs, discussed and voted on in Dec.**

**Here is the CBN Trail, NEOT, Opens for 2018:**

**April 21st- Reynolds Candy Open-Danbury 75 Boats**

**April 22nd-HOC Open-Squantz 50 Boats**

**April 28th-26 Angels-Squantz 50 Boats**

**April 29th-BVK Open-Danbury 75 Boats**

**May 6th- CBN T #1 Candy Squantz & Latins 75 Boats**

**June 10th-CBN T #2 River Haddam & Salmon 65 Boats**

**July 8th T#3 Candy Squantz & Latins 75 Boats**

**Aug 5th Classic Zoar State Ramp 25 Boats**

**Aug 26th Mr Bass TBD 20 Boats**

**Sept 8 & 9 Two-day, Candy, Squantz 50 boats**

**Oct 7th Scholarship Tournament, Candy Squantz 40 boats**

**NEOT (North East Open Trail, 6 fish limit all opens)**

 **May 20th 2018 Candy**

**June 24th 2018 Lilly**

**July22nd 2018 CTR**

**Aug 18th 2018 CHAMPLAIN (Could Change to the following weekend will not know until January)**

**Sept 23rd 2018 Candy**

**Oct 21st 2018 Zoar**

**TACKLE SUPPLY DEPOT TEAM TRAIL PROPOSED DATES**

**Western Division:**
**4/15/2018 - Candlewood Lake...
5/5/2018 - Lake Lillinonah
6/3/2018 - CT River
7/14/2018 - CT River
9/15/2018 - Candlewood Lake**

**Eastern Division:**
**4/28/2018 - Pachaug Pond
5/19/2018 - Beach Pond
6/9/2018 - Quaddick Reservoir or Mansfield
7/7/2018 - CT River
8/11/2018 - Aspinook Pond
9/15/2018 - Gardner Lake
10/6/2018 - CT River**

**Opens:
5/20/2018 - Highland Lake
8/19/2018 - CT River**

**REYNOLDS TRAIL PROPOSED DATES**

**4/21/18 Candlewood Open**

**5/12/18 Winnie**

**6/9/18 River**

**7/21/18 Plattsburgh**

**8/25/18 Ticonderoga**

**9/15/18 Sebago**

**10/5/18 TOC TBD**

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| * **High School & Juniors: John Piscioniere**

**Youth Report-****Had the opportunity to spend time with about half of the country’s youth directors at BASS meeting.****Shared a lot of best practices.****Heard from different sponsors about the future of youth fishing (shimano and Pure Fishing), and Frank from Shimano shared their efforts on building the youth programs around the country:****Discount program for Youth Anglers****Sharing a part of their profits back to the Youth Program****Starting 2018 with a Boat Captain Recognition program, where they will award 3 boat captains some very nice prizes, including a fishing trip out of the country….****Pure Fishing will sponsor and send baits for tournaments****For 2018- NO puncture cull tags will be allowed.****Kentucky Lake and the 1000-acre recreation area will be the spot again for the HS Classic…and expect to go back there for the foreseeable future.****Our grade for our social media platform is about a D- at this point.  We are way behind on all aspects of social media.  We need rethink our strategy and hire a Professional to get us set up correctly.****We cannot and should not rely on people we know to volunteer their time to try and make this happen.****I’m going to be forming a small group to get ideas on how we can continue to build the HS program, without hurting the Juniors…we need to consider doing Shore Tournaments for the Juniors…****Other topics we discussed:****Who secures the boat captains for each tournament (youth director or HS teams)****# of tournaments****HS Championship****Background checks for Captains*****John Piscioniere*** |

* **CBN Sponsorship Report: NONE**
* **CBN Scholarship-NONE**
* **CBN Scholarship- Robert S Malloy: Dave Santos:**

**Jason Vokun expressed an interest in his conducting the interviews to choose the winner of our Robert S Malloy Annual UCONN Scholarship. David asked how we felt about it and the Board felt it was ok but would like a few details on each applicant and of course about the winner.**

**Jason also has asked for a picture of Robert S Malloy, they intend to do a plaque with his Picture, a little History about the CBN RSM Scholarship and a list of the winners since its inception in 2009.**

* **Banquet Report: Nov. 11th, 2018**

**Need your reservations!!!!! I only have 130 so far, missing a lot of people! Need by Nov 2nd please!**

**Any idea for prizes would be appreciated!**

**We have received the Midstate Battery Certificates, four for $150.00 each.**

**We are also receiving a United States Flag for the Raffle from D & L Woodworking based in New Britain and Berlin. 18 X 24 Thank you Rob Germain!**

**Still have not heard back from all the Sponsors and High School Juniors!**

* **Membership Committee: Paul Dingee has received an email from an interested Boater, Frank Boyon in Enfield. Any Club interested please contact Paul, 860-929-1713.**
* **Website: It has been suggested to get someone that can do it all, Website and all Social Media. Bids will be accepted at the next E-Board meeting, TBD. Anyone that wishes to give a bid contact Vinny Mucci, 203-525-4105**
* **Audit Committee: No Report**

* **Finance: No Report**
* **State Team Administrator:**

**Half the cost of the lodging for Winya Bay SC, has been sent and received. The balance is due by April 17th. There is a $500.00 deposit per house that will be refunded once we leave and the houses pass inspection. $2191.49 has been paid out of the State Team Account.**

**The Four Nights early has also been paid by the Team Members who are going up early.**

**Lunker City has agreed to do UV Jerseys for the Team instead of Jackets, due to the time of year the Regionals is, Jackets are not needed usually in June. We will pay half of the cost as always.**

**The State Team Contract will be sent out to all the State Team Members in a week or so.**

**The 1st Meeting is set for Dec 3rd my house, will go over the Contract and sign once all have a full understanding of it.**

* **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN, SECOND, ALL IN FAVOR**

**Old Business**

* **Excused Absences: Naugatuck Valley, Excused.**
* **Rosters and Dues are due by Nov 1st, please use the Roster Form that was sent to you in an e-mail. It is also on the website under Forms.**
* **STILL NEED A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR!!! Please Contact Viny Mucci 203-525-4105 if interested.**
* **Golf Tournament was held for the Katie Dobrozynski Foundation, the CBN bought a Foursome and John Piscioniere, Greg Tesch, Ron Frisk, & Kevin Jarecy attended on our behalf. Thank you!**
* **Matt Marinelli has contacted Vinny to get a refund owed him, Marc will resend another check as the original did not get there. Marc will look into this.**

**ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?**

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Nominations are open for Secretary and Treasurer for 2018. Please contact Sylvia, 203-675-4666 or Vinny 203-525-4105 with nominations.**
* **Meeting Dates in Nov and Dec are a week early, Nov 15th and Dec 20th.**
* **January 2018 NO MEETING**
* **Asked for three people to help choose the Five Special awards from the several nominations. John Piscioniere, Mike Billings, and David Gontarz volunteered. Winners needed by Friday.**
* **By Law proposals were passed out and explained by Frank Giner and Al Guite. They will be brought back to the clubs, discussed, discussion to be held at the Nov meeting, tweaks if necessary and voted on in Dec. Any questions please contact Frank Giner 203-733-5708 or** pacatacaman@aol.com**.**

**Current Bylaw**

**ARTICLE XII**

**TOURNAMENTS**

**A. Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation Tournament Trail**

**1. Description, Location(s) and Dates**

The annual tournament trail shall consist of (3) regular season tournaments and (3) qualifier events. The qualifier events are as follows; the CBN Classic, the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) and the State Championship. The top qualifiers in these three events will participate on the State Team. Refer to Standing Rule #18 for qualification criteria and positioning. Tournament dates and locations shall be selected by the tournament director and approved by the board of directors.

**Proposed Bylaw change - 1-2018**

**ARTICLE XII**

**TOURNAMENTS**

**A. Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation Tournament Trail**

**1. Description, Location(s) and Dates**

The annual tournament trail shall consist of a total of 6 tournaments. They are as follows; (3) regular season tournaments, the CBN Classic (4), the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) (5) and the State Championship (6). The top qualifiers in these events will participate on the State Team. Refer to Standing Rule #18 for qualification criteria and positioning. Refer to the official Tournament Rules for participation eligibility. Tournament dates and locations shall be selected by the Tournament Director and approved by the board of directors.

Submitted by the CBN Rules Committee

**Proposed Standing Rule Change for Bylaw change proposal 1-2018**

**Current Standing Rule #18**

**Rule #18-State Team Qualification**

Positioning for Pro/Am State Team is as follows:

Boaters Positions – (Pro)

**3** – Top 3 from the CBN Tournament Trail Qualifying event, Boater division – CBN Classic Tournament – See CBN Tournament rules for qualification criteria

**1** – Winner of the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) Boater division

**6** – Top 6 finishers from the CBN State Championship – Boater division

Total - **10**

Non-Boater Positions – (Am)

**3** – Top 3 from the CBN Tournament Trail Qualifying event, Non Boater division – CBN Classic Tournament – See CBN Tournament rules for qualification criteria

**1** – Winner of the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) Non-boater Division

**6** – Top 6 finishers from the CBN State Championship – Non-boater division

Total – **10**

Alternate Positions

**1**st alternate – 7th place finisher from the CBN State Championship, Boater division

**2**nd alternate – Appointed by the CBN Executive Board

Total - **2**

Note: Alternates will be utilized as needed and will not have a designated division. Spare boats will be managed by the State Team Administrators.

**Proposed change - Standing Rule #18**

**Rule #18-State Team Qualification**

Positioning for Pro/Am State Team is as follows:

Boaters Positions – (Pro)

**3** – Top 3 linked anglers in the final standings from the 3 regular season tournaments, Boater division

**2** – Top 2 from the CBN Tournament Trail Qualifying event, Boater division – CBN Classic Tournament

**1** – Winner of the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) Boater division

**4** – Top 4 finishers from the CBN State Championship – Boater division

Total - **10**

Non-Boater Positions – (Am)

**3** – Top 3 linked anglers in the final standings from the 3 regular season tournaments, Non boater division

**2** – Top 2 from the CBN Tournament Trail Qualifying event, Non Boater division – CBN Classic Tournament

**1** – Winner of the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) Non-boater division

**4** – Top 4 finishers from the CBN State Championship – Non-boater division

Total – **10**

Alternate Positions

**1**st alternate – 5th place finisher from the CBN State Championship, Boater division

**2**nd alternate – Appointed by the CBN Executive Board

Total - **2**

Note: Alternates will be utilized as needed and will not have a designated division. Spare boats will be managed by the State Team Administrators.

Proposed tournament rule change for Bylaw proposal 1-2018

**Proposed tournament rules change for 2018**

**23. Tournament Trail**

**REGULAR SEASON EVENTS**: Will consist of a three tournament trail with a Boater/Non-boater (Pro/AM) format. The Boater will pay a $80.00 entry fee and the Non-boater will pay a $40.00 entry fee for each tournament.  The lunker fee is not optional and is included in each entry fee. The sum of $2.00 will be taken from each entry fee to cover tournament expenses and an additional 20% from each entry fee will be utilized to fund the CBN State Team. **Contestants may or may not compete to qualify for the state** **team.** **All anglers who wish to compete to qualify for the State Team MUST identify a linked angler from the opposite division on their tournament application prior to the first event. Linked contestants must be linked with the same angler for all three tournaments. Entry fees for both competitors must accompany each tournament application. Linked participants will pay a onetime (non-refundable) fee of $25 (boater) and $20 (non-boater). Linking will guarantee that linked anglers are paired to satisfy State Team qualification criteria. If an individual’s linked angler is unable to participate in an event, the individual linked with that angler can pay a $25 penalty fee and will be paired with a non-linked participant if available.** **The top 3 linked finishers from each division in the final standings after the third event will qualify for the state team. Non-linked competitors cannot qualify for state team positions.** The standings will be based on the following points system; in each regular season event the individual competitor who finishes in first place will receive 300 points. For each place below first, the points will drop in 2 point increments down to the lowest weight. All contestants who do not catch a fish will receive 50 points less than the individual with the lowest recorded weight.  There will be no drop tournament. All anglers must enter a blind draw and there will be no club pre-pairings allowed. Either computerized pairings and/or a blind draw will be performed for each event. An attempt to pair Tournament Committee members with each other will be made to help facilitate each event.  Open boats will be allowed if not paired. **Boaters** **who are not paired with a non-boater cannot qualify for state team positions.** The non-boater is **NOT** required to reimburse the boater for fuel expenses. The CBN **“Angler of the Year”** title for each division (Boater and Non-boater) will be determined from the total points accrued by an individual competitor upon completion of these three events. Awards will be presented, in both divisions, to the top three anglers from each event. Additional awards will be presented to the top three anglers from each division in the final “Angler of the Year” standings. Anglers finishing in positions 4 through 28 (25 participants) in the final point standings from each division, upon completion of these three events, will be invited to participate in the CBN Classic Tournament. If an angler finishing in 4th through 28th position in either division does not want to participate, the tournament director will offer that open spot to the angler finishing in the 29th position and if need be, continue in ascending order until the 25 positions are filled. If all open spots in the Non-Boater division cannot be filled, the tournament director will offer those openings to the highest finishing angler from the boater division who did not qualify as a boater and continue in ascending order until the field is full or all available anglers have been exhausted. Points accrued during the three regular season events will **NOT** apply to the CBN Classic.

 **CBN CLASSIC**: Will be a Pro/Am style event with a Boater and Non-Boater division. All competitors **must** be paired. Participants in this event will consist of the 4th through 28th finisher from each division in the final year standings from the three CBN regular season events. **Points accrued during the three regular season events will NOT apply to this event**. An angler’s total weight from this **one** event will determine their finishing position. The **entry fee** for the CBN Classic will be **$100.00 for the Boater and $50.00 for the Non-boater**. A computerized pairing will be conducted for this event. The non-boater is **NOT** required to reimburse the boater for fuel expenses. The Boater has control of the boat for the entire duration of the tournament. **There will be NO cash payout in this event**. All monies taken in from entry fees will be utilized to fund the State Team. There will be an optional lunker (big fish) pool. The top two (2) (first and second) finishers in each division will qualify for the State Team in their respective divisions.

**Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass):** Will be a Pro/Am style event with a Boater and a Non-boater division. Each club or chapter is required to send one (1) boater and one (1) non-boater to this event. Failure to do so will render the club or chapter ineligible to participate. All competitors **must** be paired. Participants in this event will be determined by each individual club or chapter. It is strongly encouraged that the Boater be the club champion from the previous calendar year and the Non-Boater be either the Non-Boater champion or the second place finisher in the club angler of the year standings from the previous year. **The entry fee for this event will be** **$100** **for the Boater and $50 for the Non-boater**. A computerized pairing will be conducted for this event. The Non-Boater is **NOT** required to reimburse the boater for fuel expenses. The Boater has control of the boat for the full duration of the tournament. **There will be NO cash payout in this event**. All monies taken in from entry fees will be utilized to fund the State Team. There will be an optional lunker (big fish) pool. The top (First Place) finisher in each division will qualify for the State Team in their respective divisions.

 **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Will be a Pro/Am style event with a Boater and Non-boater division. All competitors **must** be paired. Each club or chapter entering one or more members in the CBN State Championship must provide a shore worker for one (1) entire day of the event. This event is open to all CBN members in good standing who appear on a club roster a minimum of 120 days prior to the first scheduled day of competition. This will be a two-day event. **All Boaters entering the CBN State Championship MUST identify a linked Non-boater on their tournament application. Entry fees for both competitors must accompany the tournament application.** In the event that a boater’s linked non-boater fails to show up on a competition day the boater will be ineligible to participate in that day’s competition. In the event that a non-boaters linked boater fails to show up on a competition day the non-boater will be ineligible to participate in that day’s competition. **The entry fee for this event will be $150.00 for** **the boater and $100.00 for the non-boater**. Computerized pairings will be conducted for each day of this event. The boater will have control of the boat for the full duration of this tournament. Non-boaters are **NOT** required to reimburse the boater for fuel expenses. **There will be NO cash payout** **in this event**. All monies taken in from entry fees will be utilized to fund the State Team. There will be an optional lunker (big fish) pool for both days. The top four (4) (first, second, third, fourth) finishers in each division will qualify for the State Team in their respective divisions. The fifth (5) place finisher in the Boater division will qualify as the first State Team alternate.

 **NOTE;** **Each club or chapter who has members participating in this event** **MUST provide the CBN with two checks for $150.00 each for a** **total of $300.00 to first, guarantee that their members who entered participate on both days of competition (check#1) and second, guarantee that their club or chapter provide a shore worker for one (1) entire day of the event (check#2). These checks are refundable provided each club or chapter fulfills these obligations.**

**CBN Tournament Proposal for 2018 – Bylaw proposal 1-2018 – (clarification)**

* Linked contestants will have the opportunity to qualify for the CBN State Team through the regular season tournaments by registering as a linked pair.
* You must be linked with the same Angler for all 3 regular season tournaments
* Linked anglers will pay a onetime (non-refundable) competition fee of $25 boater and $20 non-boater for a chance to qualify for 6 state team positions competing against all other linked anglers. 3 state team positions will be available in each division.
* Linked contestants will always be paired.

* If one of the linked Anglers is unable to fish an event the remaining Angler will be able to pay a $25 penalty fee and be paired with another Boater or Non-boater as long as availability exists.
* If the remaining Angler gets paired with a non-linked Angler and chooses not to pay the penalty, that tournament will not count towards qualification for state team positions
* Non-linked Anglers (Boater or Non-Boater) can compete as they have in the past. State Team positions are not available to Non-Linked contestants.
* Whether a contestant is linked or not will have no effect on the payouts. There will be one payout for each division (Boater and Non-Boater) at each event. Payouts will be based on highest finishing position. As has been the case in the past, an 80% payout will take place at each of the three regular season events with 20% earmarked to help fund the State Team.

CBN Rules Committee

**ANY MORE NEW BUSINESS???**

**Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:25**

**NEXT MEETING IS WED. Nov 15th, 2017 7:00 pm**