

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting**

**7:08 Roll Call**

- **CLUBS ABSENT: CBBA and Candlewood Bassmasters**
- **Correspondence: Super 8 Hotel 3 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811 is coming on Board with a Brand New Remodeled Hotel as I mentioned, we are offering the fisherman's rate of \$69.00 plus tax single/double occupancy. We have ample parking with ease for the boaters to come in and out. In addition, the boats can be charged without any issue**

**I would like to let you know what changes we are making at the hotel so you can let everyone know, at your meeting all the new upgrades they can expect. An architect is re-designing our lobby, front desk area, breakfast area and we are adding a conference room. We upgraded our guest rooms with hardwood floors, new bedding, beds, the works. We just bought new carpets for our hallways and all the work will be completed by March. We will be opened during the renovations and it will not disturb the guests at all.**

**We offer complimentary hot and cold breakfast buffet featuring hot pancakes, bagels, wheat and white bread, apples, hot and cold cereals, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and juice.**

**If there is a group of fisherman staying and need Breakfast early please let Carolynn or Anna Know when reserving!**

**We are excited to work with you.... Again, let me know where I can mail the gift certificate...**

**Please feel free to call me with any questions.**

**They mailed us a Free Night Coupon, we Ruffled it off and Neil Talmont won it!!! Congrats Neil!**

**Sincerely,  
Carolynn Kenny  
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203-743-0064 hotel direct**

- **Announcements: E-Board & Committee Members have met since our Dec., 2017 meeting working on CBN Tournament Rules & Website Proposals. Thank you to all for all the hard work on these matters.**
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED**

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

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

### **CBN Conservation Report**

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**February 28, 2018**

#### **CBN Conservation objectives for the 2018**

- 1. Conservation Projects for Candlewood Lake (Boat Launch & Habitat)**
- 2. Create a C.A.R.E. Bass Class**
- 3. Create an on the Water Bass Course (like Golf Course)**

#### **Information from this past Month –**

- 1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting**
  - a. Discussed New Regulations Package**
  - b. Discussed Trout / Salmon Stamp**
  - c. Discussed the Blue Ribbon Panel**
- 2. Fisheries Advisory Council**
  - a. No meeting**
- 3. DEEP Items**
  - a. Discussed upcoming Classic with Ed Machowski to go up earlier**
  - b. Creation of on the water fishing course**
  - c. Discussion on growing license sales**
- 4. Conservation Summit**
  - a. Will leave for the classic on Thursday March 15. Return on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>.**
  - b. Will have Dr. Hal Schramm speak again about bass issues**
  - c. Will have a Marketing/Social Media executive speak about handling negative press.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Dean Rustic  
Conservation Director**

- **CLA REPORT: NONE**
- **TOURNAMENT REPORT**  
**Tournament Rules for 2018 were voted in tonight and will be sent to all Club Presidents as soon as they are ready.**

**2018 CBN Tournament App is being worked on**

**2018 Open Tournaments, CBN Trail and NEOT**

**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**

**July 22nd 2018 CTR**

**Aug 19th 2018 CHAMPLAIN**

**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**

- **CBN Sponsorship Report: NONE**
- **CBN Scholarship-Working on Application for 2018**
- **CBN Scholarship- Robert S Malloy: Marc Levesque will be the CBN Contact person for this.**  
**Jason Vokun will be conducting the interviews to choose the winner of our Robert S Malloy Annual UCONN Scholarship. 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:**

**Still Collecting Fees form 2017 Banquet  
Banquet Date Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

- **Membership Committee: None**
- **Website: Three bids were presented; the Board chose The Triton Group. Vinny will get in touch with them and get things started.**
- **Audit Committee: No Date Set Yet**
- **Finance: No Report**
- **Youth/High School  
February 2018  
CBN Youth Report**

**We have the following Teams Registered:**

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

**Registered Teams- 23 (20 registered anglers, waiting on the other 3)  
Have 2 more high schools that are sending in forms.... they were late in getting notified... (I believe at least one has a bass boat)  
Of the 23 registered, 5 have their own boat and 1 has a boat captain already.**

**JUNIORS:**

**7 registered anglers**

**Of the 7 registered Juniors, 5 are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade (missing 2 youth from last year that always join- but not sure what story is for this year)**

**The Tournament plan at this point is to stay at 30 Boats max.**

**Once the HS teams are locked down, we will decide on the Juniors:**

**Options are:**

- 1- **Let the 8<sup>th</sup> graders fish as teams in our trail because the technically qualify for next year's HS championship**
- 2- **Let them fish as Jr's if we have enough space at our tournaments and enough boats**

**3- Do a separate trail for the Jr's. (boat or shore)  
I've drafted a letter to send to CBN Part pants**

**All 3 teams have committed to going to the National Tournament in July/August. The 2 HS teams are looking for boat captains.  
Dates are the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August.  
In process of arranging volunteers for the fishing show....**

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- **State Team Administrator:  
2018 State Team Meeting Report 2/25/18**

**Meeting Was held at 1:00 pm at Sylvia Morris's house.**

**Those excused from the meeting were:**

**Bailey Hood**

**Matt Desimone, Jr**

**Ryan Aldieri**

**All others attended.**

**We ate first.**

**Collected more paperwork, still a lot missing!!! Must be in by the April  
Northeast Hunting & Fishing Show!!!**

**Collected Sponsorship Monies, only Joe Sodora paid at this meeting,  
\$250.00 cash.**

**Rob Panico ordered an extra State Team Jersey, collected \$45.00 from  
him.**

**State Team Jerseys have been ordered. Will order HS as soon as the  
others are approved.**

**Went over all BASS National Rules for the Regionals.**

**Went over SC Boating Regulations.**

**Looked at a great Map that Rob Panico gave to the team, Thank you Rob!!!**

**Only need a SC Freshwater License, no saltwater is needed.**

**Went over a List of things to bring on the trip and things to do to the boat and Vehicles for Travel.**

**Suggested belonging to Boat US for this trip.**

**Passed out the Lunker City Jerseys given to us by Lunker City! They are great!!! Thank you, Lunker City!!!**

**All signed up for the HS Tournaments to be either a Boat Captain or helper at least one HS Tournament.**

**All have signed up to do 4 hours at the upcoming NEHFS April 6,7, & 8.**

**That will be our next meeting, I will meet with all individually to obtain the remaining Sponsorship and paperwork needed.**

**Meeting ended at 3:45**

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

#### **Old Business**

- **Excused Absences:**
- **Passed out the Proposed CBN 2018 Tournament Rules. Discussed, motion was made to accept them as proposed, seconded and passed unanimously.**
- **CBN General Fund Budget and the State Team Budgets were passed out, discussed and accepted with a suggestion from Dean Rustic to adjust the Trailer Self Insurance to reflect what we spent out of it for Trailer repair or Content replacement.**
- **Marc Levesque suggested we open a separate account for the Trailer Self Insurance amount to make it easier to keep track of. All agreed. Marc will open a new account for Trailer Self Insurance**
- **Website Proposals were discussed, there were four. We voted to use The Triton Group. Vinny will contact them and get it started.**

- **STILL NEED A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR!!! Please Contact Viny Mucci 203-525-4105 if interested.**

**ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HOC would like to Borrow the CBN Tournament Trailer to use for the Bryan V Kerchal Tournament, voted and passed unanimously.**

**Raffle for the Super 8 Hotel 3 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811 Free Night was held, and the winner was:  
Neil Talmont, Congratulations Neil!!!**

**ANY MORE NEW BUSINESS???**

**HOTELS TO UTILIZE: Super 8 Hotel 3 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811**

**ASK FOR CAROLYNN OR ANNA & FISHERMAN RATE**

**Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:45**

**NEXT MEETING IS WED. March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**