

March 28th, 2018
CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting

7:08 Roll Call

- **CLUBS ABSENT: Tolland County**

- **Correspondence: NONE**
- **Announcements:**
- **Robert Montgomery is doing an article for B.A.S.S. Times on charity fishing tournaments that are sponsored or conducted by B.A.S.S. Nation clubs or state organizations. Vinny and Dean submitted the CBNS Charity Events.**

- **Shimano Varsity Scholarship Program: Over the past 20 years, there has been a critical decline in professional natural resource managers who fish and hunt. “The future of the fishing industry is based on sustainable use and proper management of our public lands and waters,” notes Phil Morlock, Vice President for Government Affairs/Advocacy at Shimano. “We hope our scholarship program helps recruits these students – who already enjoy fishing and understand the importance of conservation efforts through their involvement with B.A.S.S. to pursue a college degree in natural resource professions.”**

Along with the scholarships, Shimano’s Varsity Program helps younger anglers learn about fishing tackle and techniques, provides industry networking opportunities and stresses the role anglers have in fishing conservation and advocacy. “Since our program began in early 2017, those anglers participating in our program have been active with the *Keep America Fishing* Pitch It program keeping used plastic baits out of our lakes and rivers,” said Hyla, “and have picked up thousands of pounds of trash at boat ramps and other areas through our ‘Leave It Better’ projects.”

For their studies beginning in fall 2018, Shimano will award up to fifteen (15) \$2,000 scholarships to U.S. and Canadian high school seniors, college undergraduate and graduate students who are members of B.A.S.S., and majoring in biology, fisheries, wildlife or a natural resource related field. A specially selected panel, including Morlock, B.A.S.S. Conservation Director Gene Gilliland, and Chris Horton with the Congressional Sportsman’s Foundation, will determine the scholarship winners.

Application forms – with a May 31 deadline - are available on the Shimano website at [Shimano Varsity Program Scholarship](#).

Successful applicants will be notified by July 1. The award is made directly to the student winner and can be used as needed for tuition, textbooks or living expenses.

For more information about on the ‘Shimano Varsity’ program, visit: <http://varsity.shimano.com>.

- **MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

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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 Trout / Salmon Stamp and Regulation Changes that effect Bow Fishing**
- 2. Fisheries Advisory Council**
 - a. Missed meeting for the Classic. Will get report for next month.**
- 3. DEEP Items**
 - a. Discussed many items with Ed Machowski at the classic**
 - i. Regulations for keeping bass**
 - ii. Have Ed speak at our June meeting**
 - iii. Discussed better Data Sharing**
- 4. Conservation Summit**
 - a. Dr. Hal Schramm presented the findings of study for delayed mortality of bass**
 - b. Florida Fisheries doing a study on delayed mortality of Tournament bass**

- c. **Michigan DNR presented their report of using a Tournament Permit system**
- d. **Bob McAlister and Dave Wilson, McAlister Communication spoke about using social media and the various applications and who uses each.**
- e. **Pat Neu, National Professional Anglers Association – Spoke about controlling the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species – and Minnesota Cleaning Station**
- f. **CBN was awarded with the Community Conservation Award for our work in placing habitat in community ponds and lakes and for our fellowship with the CT DEEP's C.A.R.E. Program and including Youth Anglers to teach new anglers.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Dean Rustic
Conservation Director**

- **CLA REPORT: NONE**
- **TOURNAMENT REPORT**
2018 CBN Trail App, Rules & Zebra Mussel Letter is posted on ctbass.com and all Presidents were e-mailed them also. PLEASE make sure new members are paid for and updated Rosters submitted through the CBN and the Bass Nation On line Roster 120 days prior to the Two Day if they wish to fish the Two Day!

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 - Zoar

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

9/22/2018 - 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: Thayer's Marine is offering an Evinrude Contingency Program for The CBN Tournaments #1, #2, & #3. Be the highest finishing Evinrude (Bought at Thayer's Marine) and win \$1450.00!!!**
- **2018 Skeeter Real Money is available as usual; however, the Reynolds Skeeter Contingency program will NOT be offered this year.**

- **CBN Scholarship-Working on Chairperson & 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.**

- **Banquet Report:
Still Collecting Fees form 2017 Banquet
Banquet Date Nov. 10th, 2018
Any idea for prizes would be appreciated!**

- **Membership Committee: Dave Miller has connected a few new members and has compiled a Letter to pass out at the show next week. He passed out a signup sheet for clubs to let him know if they are looking for new members and if they will accept Boaters or Non-Boaters or Both. Only 6 clubs signed up..... He also asked that some of the clubs that have a waiting period for new members consider waving that as time is a factor here. If we get new members at the show they have to be in a club within two weeks so they can apply to fish the CBN Trail by the mailing deadline and be members by the first week in May to be able to fish the Two Day. We need to accept new members, we need them!**

- **Website: The Triton Group has started to build the new website. Vinny has looked at it and likes it so far.**
- **Audit Committee: No Date Set Yet, working on it.**

- **Finance: No Report**

- **CBN Youth Report
3/28/18
Annual Meeting scheduled for 3/31 in Meriden- four points Sheraton.**

**Joe Kowalski will be giving a 15-min. presentation on basic fishing skills
Dean will be doing a conservation update
If some would like to do boating Etiquette- I would welcome you to the meeting!**

This year's Trail is going to include both HS and Juniors.

We will have:

22 confirmed HS teams...6 with boats or defined captain.

8 juniors- 2 (maybe 3) have boats.

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- **State Team Administrator: Sylvia Morris
2018 State Team Meeting Report March**

All are scheduled to work the NEHFS

All are scheduled to be a Boat Captain or Helper for the High School Tournaments

Still working on Paperwork and Sponsorships. All MUST be in by their NEHFS scheduled time slot.

Houses have been paid for in full and I have talked at length with the owners. Very Nice places, Vinny drove to them when he went to the Classic. Says they are very nice.

The Team will be instructed to be respectful of the properties and maintain the cleanliness.

Next meeting will be At the NEHFS during each time slot, one on one meeting.

We will have some driving alone as work or family issues have come up for the week prior.

All will drive back with someone. There will be some driving up with three people in a vehicle.

Jerseys have been ordered and waiting for shipment, approved two weeks ago should be anytime now.

Rob Germain & Kevin Rose have paid their 250.00 sponsorship. I have turned it in tonight.

Sample of the KD Hat was shown. A very sharp looking hat!!! Dan & Christina Dobroczyński and the KD Foundation Donate hats each year to the State Team. Thank you!!!!

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

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: CBBA & Candlewood**
- **WE NEED A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR!!!! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT EACH EVENT ALSO. PLEASE CONTACT VINNY MUCCI 203-525-4105 TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP OR TO BE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR!!!!**
- **Talked about removing the remainder of the Grant Fund, \$5000.00 to our CBN Grant Account to use as Dean had outlined in the beginning, going to fellowship at a Marine School, still choosing at this point.**
- **Remember the Danbury Super 8 is offering a great Fisherman rate of \$69.00 a night for a completely remodeled room, ease of parking boats and powering is no issue. Free hot breakfast also, if there are enough of you booking let them know when you book and breakfast will be ready early for you on Tournament days!**
- **Trailer Registration has been updated**

ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?

NEW BUSINESS

- **Lee Housley has once again done an outstanding job creating the CBN Membership Flyer for the Show! Thank you Lee!!!**
- **Skeeter will be funding food for the CBN Tournaments, 1, 2, & 3. The High School/Juniors volunteers will cook, serve and cleanup. DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND WILL GO INTO THE HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIORS ACCOUNT!**
- **The 2018 Veterans Tournaments have been scheduled as follows:
Tues May 8th, Congamong
Tues Sept 18th, Candlewood, Danbury
ANYONE WISHING TO VOLUNTEER AS A BOAT CAPTAIN FOR A VETERAN
PLEASE CONTACT AL GUILTE: 860-436-8646**
- **Lake Lillinonah will be treated with Diquat in the near future, Vinny will be notified prior.**

ANY MORE NEW BUSINESS???

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

ASK FOR CAROLYNN OR ANNA & FISHERMAN RATE, \$69.00

Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:08

NEXT MEETING IS WED. April 25th, 2018