

**May 23rd, 2018
CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting**

7:08 Roll Call

- **CLUBS ABSENT: Ct Bassmen, Candlewood Bassmasters, Ct Sweetwater, Bass Attack, & Xtreme**
- **Correspondence: NONE**
- **Announcements: NONE**

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

May 23, 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. New member organizations are being added**
 - b. Working on expanded Sunday Bow Hunting**
 - c. Looking to have Senator Craig Minor attend**
- 2. Fisheries Advisory Council**
 - a. Meeting Set for June 7th**

3. DEEP Items

a. Hosted Bass Class at Winding Trails

- i. Had 10 CBN High School & Junior volunteers**
- ii. MVBC provided 5 volunteers and 2 boats**
- iii. Junior Ben DeVecchia brought his kayak**

b. June meeting, we will have Edward Machowski from DEEP Warm Water Division present

Respectfully Submitted,

**Dean Rustic
Conservation Director**

- **CLA REPORT: Under New Business**
- **TOURNAMENT REPORT- Vinny Mucci**

Tournament #1 was held, 49 Boats. It went very well thanks to all who stepped up and helped! Greg Tesch for operating the scale, Dean Rustic for operating the sink, State Team for helping tear down & run trailers, all who arrived early set up, ran trailers and all who helped run trailers at the end. Thank you to our Youth and Families that cooked and ran fish!

Special Thanks to our sponsors, Skeeter, Joe Horvath, for supplying the food and beverages, Paul Narduci for supplying 6th place Angler Division prize, stay put drawing prizes, giveaways from Ultralube, Cozys and Keitech for their product prizes!

There were also two \$100.00 prizes given away at our stay put drawing!

We will have this at each of the three CBN Tournaments! You MUST be in the immediate area to win!

Pitch It Program was initiated and went well.

- **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!!!
The T#1 Winner of the Evinrude Contingency money was Al Gambardella!!! Congratulations Al!

2018 Skeeter Real Money is available as usual; however, the Reynolds Skeeter Contingency program will NOT be offered this year.

- **CBN Scholarship- Chairperson, Jim Young is working on Application for 2018**
- **Triton's share of the Alliance money of \$2500.00 was received, along with an additional \$500.00 for two Qualifying Mercury Motors according to the State Mercury incentive program!**

- **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:**
Banquet Date Nov. 10th, 2018, \$200.00 deposit has been paid.
Any idea for prizes would be appreciated!

- **Membership Committee: Dave Miller has connected a few new members. Only 6 clubs have accepted new members**
We need to accept new members, we need them!
He is putting together a FAQ sheet for new members. Some of the potential new members think it is too expensive to join. Dave polled clubs about their club dues, most are affordable.

- **Website: The Triton Group has started to build the new website. E Board is setting up a meeting with Nick to finetune the site for next week.**

- **Audit Committee: NONE**
- **Finance: No Report**
- **CBN Youth Report**

May 2018

First tournament went great...we had 24 boats....winning bag for HS was 20.6 pounds and Jr. was 20 pounds

We have Lilly coming up June 2nd. I still need at least 6 boats. Please if anyone can step up I would really appreciate it....

All of our champion teams have their boat captains for nationals! They are very excited to go.

Kevin Smith

Tony Sommo

Ben Vnh

We've had over 30 volunteer opportunities....and filled them all so far....

Starting to think about next year's trail.

John Piscioniere

- **State Team Administrator: Sylvia Morris**
May 23rd State Team Report 2018

Held our meeting after the CBN T#1 Candlewood, all attended except Ron Humiston, this was his one excused.

Passed out the Alliance Jerseys.

Went over who is traveling with who and when.

Went over the things to remember list.

Talked about the housing and how we need to be respectful of the properties.

Talked about all helping with the transport of items we need to take with us. They will load up these things at the Ct River Tournament on June 10th. I will be leaving on June 11th. Some will be leaving then also, others are all coming at different times but all will be there by Sunday June 17th 6:00pm according to the Contract.

Dan & Christina Dobroczyński and the KD Foundation Donate hats each year to the State Team they are absolutely beautiful!!! Thank you!!!!

Thayers and Michael Gaunya also donated Triton Hats to the Team this year. Thank you!!!

Sylvia Morris, CBN State Team Administrator

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

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: Housatonic**
- **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!!!!**
- **Emptied the remainder of the Federal 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. Need to spend the monies in the account in the allotted time frame set forth by the program.**
- **Lake Lillinonah will not be treated with Diquat, application has been withdrawn and meeting canceled for now Thanks to Dave Miller and his many phone calls and persistence, Thank you Dave!!!!**

ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?

NEW BUSINESS

- **CLA has sent its annual plea for money, our usual amount we donate is \$250.00. Vinny suggested we raise that this year, if funds allowed in leu of the devastating Macro burst that ripped through parts of the Lake leaving quite the mess for the CLA to clean up. Motions were made discussion was had and voted to donate \$500.00 this year. Marc will send the \$500.00 to the CLA.**
- **Greg Tesch brought up a question, is the State Team getting Jackets this year? The answer is no, we do not have a sponsor for them this year. He suggested that the CBN purchase them for the team this year. It was decided to research the cost through Mike Billings of Billings Sports and bring back to the next meeting, June 27th, 2018 for discussion and vote.**
- **Sylvia has received the invitation to the NEHF Show for 2019, March 29 to 31st, 2019. She asked what we thought about going forward without doing Casting Kids. It is not drawing the kids like it used to and BASS does nothing for it anymore. Motion was made to not do Casting kids, just a membership booth, seconded, discussion was held, voted and we will no longer have a Casting Kids Event. After the vote some thoughts were presented to do something involving kids. Will have more discussion and ideas later.**

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

Keitech Raffle Winners Greg Tesch & Dan Dobrycznski

Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:35

NEXT MEETING IS WED. June 27th, 2018