

September 26th, 2018
CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting

7:08 Roll Call

- **CLUBS ABSENT: Ct Valley, Naugatuck Valley, Extreme**
- **Correspondence: Toyota Bonus Bucks sent a check for \$1700.00 to the CBN because Kevin Rose and Jim Morris owning qualifying Toyotas qualified for the 2018 BASS Nationals. They also received Checks! This is a great program, pays to be in a Toyota!!!**
- **Announcements:**
- **Thayer's Open House, Dec 8th, 4 to 8, Pizza and Beer. Guest is Edwin Evers.**
- **Reynolds Open House is Nov 8th, 8 to 4, Guest is Matt Herron.**
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

September 26, 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. Keith Cagle, President of the CCAC was absent and I ran the meeting**
 - b. I presented our letter of gratitude to the representative of the Northwest Sportsman Council and expressed our thanks for their support.**
 - c. Discussed the various meetings about the Candlewood launches**

d. Discussion on Sportsmen Access to Fishing and Hunting

2. Fisheries Advisory Council

a. Budget and Legislative Report – Bill Hyatt

- i. 12 positions were approved for BNR!**
- ii. One position lost with the resignation of a Fisheries biologist in Habitat, Conservation and Enhancement program. This is a federally funded position so there is a chance that it can be refilled.**
- iii. State funding income is fairly stable. No budgetary need for additional cuts going forward.**
- iv. Federal funding**
 - 1. Sport Fish Restoration Act funds are up 12%**
 - 2. Wildlife Restoration Act Funds – begun to settle in to a normal pattern**
- v. Association of Fish and Wildlife Meeting – State level data from national survey many not meet data needs as they have in the past due to reduced resources for survey and analysis. Results do not correlate with local data. CT will most likely decline to use the report.**
- vi. Legislation**
 - 1. Concepts being developed for the next session - Reg change to remove requirement that notices must be put in the Newspaper.**
- vii. Recovering America's Wildlife Act – currently the Senate Bill requires that the funding be appropriated each year. This will be problematic.**
- viii. Bill announced that he will be retiring at the end of the month. Has submitted paperwork to make Rick Jacobson acting Bureau Chief. Submitted simultaneous paperwork to refill the Bureau Chief position. It will be a competitive process. There will be a retirement party for Bill on October 12th 5:00 pm at Sessions Woods in Burlington.**

b. Trout and Salmon Stamp Art Contest – Mike Beauchene

- i. Youth Based – contact point for next generation of anglers**

- ii. Focus on TIC and SIS**
 - 1. Leverage existing relationship**
 - 2. Interdisciplinary connection (Science and Arts)**
 - 3. Potential to connect with DEEP CARE**
- iii. Develop logistics (model CT Waterfowl Assc Duck Stamp Contest)**
 - 1. Organizational lead, Develop Rules, Assemble Judges, etc.**
 - 2. Printed stamp made available for licenses?**
 - 3. Art for sale?**
 - 4. Calendar (Similar to LIS)?**
 - 5. Other ways to use the contest to promote fishing**
- iv. Member discussion**
 - 1. Jason Vokoun gave a synopsis of the Duck Stamp program and would not advise investing in limited edition stamps that would be sold due to the current market for fish and wildlife art.**
 - 2. Mark Swenson had the suggestion that the request goes to the Paier School of Art and the Universities which may bring the offer down to the High Schools.**
 - 3. Jack suggested that a committee be formed – Mark Swenson, Sam D’Ambruso, Jason Vokoun and Tom Chrosniak agreed to be on the committee.**
- c. Fishing Access Easements – Greg Sharp**
 - i. The Waltonian Club once had easements (an 1870 deed) on the Farm River in North Branford with exclusive rights to fish. When the Club went out of business, it deeded the easement to the State in 1942. The problem now is that there is no longer signage on any of them. Greg fears that landowners will not allow anglers to use the property. Deed searches only go back 40 years.**
 - ii. Greg reported that Graham Stevens said there have been issues on the Housatonic with a similar easement situation because the language of the easement was not specific enough.**

- iii. **Another potential issue is that the Attorney General's office prefers to have an A2 survey.**
- iv. **Peter Aarrested said that there are college students who are looking for internships and perhaps this would be a good issue to address with interns.**
- v. **Tony Petrillo said he has a list of land purchased with federal money and can provide this to Greg.**
- vi. **Brings up the question of signage.**
- d. **New signage for areas stocked/managed for trout**
 - i. **Mike Beauchene gave a presentation of proposed signage to bring attention to stocked water.**
 - ii. **Mark Swenson said that there will be an issue with anglers not knowing where they can park and may cause issues with local residents where the signs are posted. Also, that the signs should be visible from the road.**
 - iii. **Mike Piquette said that they should be color coded.**
- e. **Inland Fisheries Report – Peter Aarrestad**
 - i. **Quinnebaug is making improvements – good information in the report**
 - ii. **Sam asked if there has been a determination as to how widespread the zebra mussels infestation. Pete said the impoundments will become most prominent.**
 - iii. **Mark Swenson asked if temperature monitoring data will be available. Peter said it can't be made available on an instantaneous basis but will talk about it more internally.**
 - iv. **Dean Rustic asked about weed treatments on Lillinoah. Contractors have received permits hired by homeowners but the landowners' land ends at the water line. Other landowners have expressed concern about this as well. Pete said these are valid points about the process and he is not sure this can be addressed at the agency. He thinks this may be an issue for our legislators to resolve. Dean also asked "how far a dock could extend into a lake?" Greg said that the town inland and wetland commissions have jurisdiction over structures.**

- v. Justin Davis is now the Assistant Director**
- f. Marine Fisheries Report – Justin Davis and Dave Molnar**
 - i. Atlantic Herring - Stock is not doing well. Fishery has been reduced. .**
 - ii. Scup - Stock is in good shape so quotas are the same.**
 - iii. Black Sea Bass - Stock is at 250% of target biomass. But because the last assessment was done in 2014, the data has not caught up with current conditions. Another assessment in 2019.**
 - iv. Summer Flounder - All indications that populations are not in great shape and we are very close to over-fishing the stock.**
 - v. Atlantic menhaden - Virginia is not in compliance with the fisheries management plan. Unfortunately, there will be no consequences and will be given another chance to come into compliance.**
 - vi. American Eel - Populations are depleted. Cap remains at current level but prevented an increase.**
 - vii. Angler Survey (Wave 3) - Fewer anglers but catch rates were higher**
 - viii. Headboat Sampling – a good way to get discard length data.**
 - ix. Marine license sales are slightly down this year**

3. DEEP Items

- a. Keith Cagle, President of the CCAC and I met with Bill Hyatt, Michael Lambert and Tony Petrillo of the CT DEEP on Friday August 31st at Squantz Cove Boat Launch. It was clear to all in attendance the need for safety improvements at this facility. The following Items were discussed:**
 - i. Widen the current boat ramp**
 - ii. Provide a courtesy dock system in addition to the launch pier**
 - iii. Clear and create a Handicap parking area near the launch**
 - iv. Widening of the park entrance**
 - v. Marking designated parking areas**

b. Bill Hyatt is retiring. There is a retirement party for Bill on Friday October 12th, 5:00pm to whenever at Sessions Woods in Burlington CT. \$30.00

**Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Rustic**

- **CLA REPORT: None**
- **TOURNAMENT REPORT- Vinny Mucci**
- **We have changed the Two-Day Dates for 2019 due to the Regionals conflicting with the original dates. Next years Two Day will now be Oct 5th and 6th. Here are the corrected dates and locations for 2019 CBN Tournaments: (Still working on a Scholarship date)**
- **CBN Trail 2019**
 - May 5th- CBN T #1 Candy Squantz & Latins 75 Boats 8 to 3**
 - June 9th-CBN T #2 River Haddam & Salmon 65 Boats, 7 to 3**
 - July 14th T#3 Candy Squantz & Latins 75 Boats, 8 to 3**
 - JUL 28th Classic CT River Haddam 25 Boats, 7 to 3**
 - Aug 18th Mr Bass TBD 16 Boats 7 to 3**
 - Oct 5th & 6th, Two-day, Candy, Squantz 50 boats 7 to 3**
 - ? Scholarship Tournament, Candy Squantz 40 boats, 7 to 3**
- **Mr. Bass Aug 26th, 2018. We have 11 Clubs participating.**
- **Two Day was held on Sept 7th and 8th. We had 22 boats.**
- **Here is the Complete 2019 CBN State Team, Congratulations!!! They will be representing CT on Lake Sebago, Maine in September 2019!**

2019 State Team	
Ryan Pereiras	Top Two Boaters from The CBN Trail
Al Gambardella	
Vinny Mucci	Top Two Boaters from CBN Classic
Mickey Soler	
Chris Warren	Top Boater CBN Mr Bass
RobPepe	Top 5 Boaters from Two Day
Garrett Kruger	

Mike Browning	
Bob Jeffrey	
Kevin Rose	
1st Alternate	
Bailey Hood	#6 from Two Day Boaters Side
Todd Rose	Top Two Non Boaters from trail
Joe Sodora	
Rob Kittredge	Top Two Non Boaters Classic
Bob Stella	
Karl Sundquist	Top Non Boater CBN Mr Bass
Nick Lawrence	Top 5 Non Boaters CBN Two Day
Alex Shvartsman	
Bryan McCleary	
Gary Belanger	
Ryan Aldieri	

- **CBN Sponsorship Report:**
- **Alliance money has all been received for 2017. Working on 2018, 15 Leads so far means we are at \$3,000.00 so far, 6 more to go for \$5000.00!!!!.**
- **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.**
- **CBN Scholarship- Chairperson, Jim Young is working on Application for 2018. Almost ready to send out.**
- **Banquet Report:
Banquet Date Has Been Changed due to a Conflict with the B.A.S.S. Nationals to Nov. 17th, 2018, \$200.00 deposit has been paid.
Any idea for prizes would be appreciated!**
- **Membership Committee: Dave Miller has connected a few new members. Two into his club. Should start recruiting for 2019!!!**

- **Website:** The Triton Group has started to build the new website. E Board held meeting with Nick to fine tune the site. Should be up soon!!! **You can preview by going to [ctbass.com\dev](http://ctbass.com/dev), please preview and send Vinny Mucci your thoughts, vinnymucci@sbcglobal.com**
- **Audit Committee: NONE?????**
- **Finance: No Report**
- **CBN Youth Report: NONE**
- **State Team Administrator: Sylvia Morris**
Lodging at Point Sebago Lodge has been secured (200.00 Deposit) and 10 Boat Slips have been secured for the week of (arriving after 3:00pm) Sun Sept 8th to the 14th, Sat (Leaving in the AM).
- **We will have to get Milfoil Stickers for each boat (11) at \$20.00 each. I will order them as we get closer.**
- **We will be holding a State Team Meeting Oct 24th, 5:30- 6:00, Tackle Supply Depot prior to the CBN Meeting at 7 to go over what is expected of the Team and what they can expect from us and BASS.**
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN, SECOND, ALL IN FAVOR**

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: CT Sweetwater, Ct Yankee, Housatonic Valley, Tolland**
- **Xtreme was not there again, needs to attend, can not ask for an excuse, already has two excused and now two not excused. I have notified Xtreme.**
- **State Team Jackets was brought up again for this year's Team (2018) who lost out on jackets because of the usual sponsor not continuing this year. We received a bid from Mike Billings of Billings Sports with an aprox cost of \$1800.00. It was questioned as to being not necessary with the Regionals being in the summer months usually. Discussion was held and a motion was made by Marc Levesque for the CBN to purchase the 22 jackets for the 2018 State Team only through Billings Sports at the cost given, up to**

\$1800.00 with the future State Teams 2019 and beyond getting a Sponsor to buy them, seconded by Bob Jeffrey and passed.

- **Nominations are open for Tournament Director for 2019!!!! Please contact one of our Nominating Committee with any nominations: ANY NOMINATIONS????**
Kevin Rose-860-978-3987
Mike Billings-203-213-0146
Dave Miller-203-243-2188
- **Nominations are open for Executive Board for 2019!**
This is our Nominating Committee, Nominations for, President, a 2-year term, Vice President, 2-year term, Secretary, 1-year term and Treasurer, 1-year term. Nominations will begin in September, turned in, in writing, at the November meeting and voted on at the Dec. meeting.
Please contact one of the Nominating Committee with any nominations:
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- **The Veterans Tournament that was to be held Sept 18th, 2018, Danbury Town Park, Candlewood Lake was canceled due to inclement weather. Not being rescheduled.**

ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?

NEW BUSINESS

- **September 1st the B.A.S.S. Nation on line roster was cleared and is ready to accept 2019 Dues of \$30.00 a person as usual. 2019 B.A.S.S. Nation on line roster dues are due by Nov 1st, beginning September. 2018 CBN Dues & Roster are due, starting in Sept to be in by Nov 1st also. YOU MUST USE THE ROSTER FORM PROVIDED FOR YOU ON CTBASS.COM, fill out completely, turn in with ONE check per club!!!! Club Name on the check please!!! ☐**
- **By Law proposals are usually due in by Sept meeting, however we forgot to say it at the Aug meeting so we are doing it a little**

different they are due in at the Oct meeting, in writing to the President; they will be reviewed, copied and handed out at the NOV. meeting. Brought back to the clubs, discussed and voted on at the December meeting, for this year only!

- **Two Members of the CBN Mohawk Valley BassCasters, Inc. Club, Steve Sanders and Rick Maloney, were fishing together in a club event on West Hills Pond when a group of Scuba Divers were signaling for help. A Diver had suffered a heart attack, had gone under and did not come up and our members went to work quickly. They got her into their boat, one administered CPR and the other drove to shore where paramedics took over. Great job Steve and Rick. We are proud to have you as members of the CBN!**
- **Dean Rustic asked that the CBN to purchase Banquet Tickets for the E-Board and Committee Chairs to attend the Retirement Gala being held for William Hyatt on Oct 12th, 2018, Session Woods, \$30.00 each with \$10.00 of it going directly to a gift for Bill. Discussed, agreed on 10 Tickets for a total of \$300.00 to be paid by the CBN, motion was made by Dean, seconded and passed**
- **Sylvia asked for Kevin Rose and Jim Morris's allowable expenses for Travel to, Practice, and travel back for the 2018 Nationals in Alabama, Pickwick Lake, to be reimbursed with the proper receipts up to \$2500.00. They will receive an expense form just like the State Team Expense form to submit with the proper receipts within 30 days of returning. Dates are leaving on Nov 2nd, 2018 returning either Sat the 9th or Sunday the 10th depends if they make the cut to fish Sat.**

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 and Bryan McCleary

Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:50

NEXT MEETING IS WED October 24th, 2018

