

**October 24th, 2018
CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting**

7:08 Roll Call

- **CLUBS ABSENT: Xtreme, Sweetwater & Ct Yankee**
- **Correspondence:**
- **Announcements:**
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**
Marc also said Taxes had been done for 2017, cost of \$1050.00.
Marc will do the State Annual Report for the CBN.
Marc also told us the Accountant has expressed concern for the way we write our Audit Report in the minutes. We should be careful to write them to be conducive to our Organization. He has given Marc an example which we will follow.
The Accountant also told him that we should send receipts to Sponsors when asked or deemed necessary. We are a 501C7, we are not Tax exempt.
- **Conservation & FAC Report: Dean Rustic-**

CBN Conservation Report

November 28, 2018

CBN Conservation objectives for the 2019

- 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. I was unable to attend. Will provide info at for next meeting**
- 2. Fisheries Advisory Council**
 - a. Next meeting is Thursday Dec 13th.**
- 3. DEEP Items**
 - a. Edward Machowski is looking for support and some input from the CBN:**
 - i. Ed wrote “I want to get a better handle on the status of fish and fishing on our current list of Bass Management Lakes. Attached**

is an excel file that has the lakes listed by type of regulation and when the regulation took effect. I will be adding a lot more data to this file, but what I would like is for you guys to look over the list of lakes and give me your impression as to the status of the fishery. Is it good, declining, improving etc.. I will be adding in our sampling data and evaluating pre and post regulation change, but sometimes our data doesn't tell the whole story. I will also be creating a list of lakes currently not part of our Bass Management Lakes (e.g., East Twin, Lilly. . .?) to determine which of these additional waters might benefit from a regulation change or some type of management.”

- b. Burr Pond – Shore fishing site review. Tom O'Connor of MVBC assisted me in doing a site review from the water for possible areas that could be cleared along the trails to allow for more shoreline fishing. With this information I will be meeting with Edward Machowski and Tammy Talbot (West Parks Supervisor) to discuss what can be done.
- c. Discussion with DEEP on the effectiveness of the habitats we placed at lakes Housatonic, Zoar and Lilly. Will seek to develop a plan for measuring by early spring.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Rustic
Conservation Director**

- **Leadership Conference 11/10-11/12 Florence Alabama: Bob Jeffrey**

Leadership Conference 11/10-11/12 Florence,Alabama

Jon talked to us at the beginning of the Presidents meeting and gave us a rundown of what has been transpiring at BASS.

There will be a new Bassmaster internet Application coming out soon.

Create youth boards to assist the youth director.

The Eastern Regionals will be on Sebago and the state agency in Maine is considering allowing locking into Long Lake.

BASS Nation Championship will be at Lake Hartwell. Sometime in October, waiting on Clemson schedule before a date can be confirmed.

Sponsors.

- ‡ **Alliance package will still be on board**
- ‡ **Hummingbird/Minnkota**
- ‡ **Lowrance**
- ‡ **Toyota, Abu Garcia, Huk, Mercury, Nitro, Power Pole, Skeeter, Triton, Yamaha and Academy Sports.**

Supporting sponsors:

- ‡ **T-H Marine, Carhart and Basspro.**

There will be six regions instead of three. Possibly seven if the foreign countries are given their own region.

Cash will be won at Regional events instead of a boat. The monies will be distributed evenly between the Regions. For 2020, possibly 2019.

Remember that the non-boater has a chance to make it to the Classic.

The Pro/Am method of running a tournament is working in some states and not working in others. If your state needs to adjust the system for your state to maintain or grow membership it is possible to deviate. Contact Jon to discuss options.

BASS Conservation Director Gene Gilliland spoke briefly to us:

Please inform Gene of any hot conservation topics that occur in-state that BASS can possibly help with.

Provide content to BASS of any conservation accomplishments that state nations may be involved in to print in the Bassmaster magazine.

Promote soft plastic recycling.

Tentative items discussed with the presidents in groups:

- ‡ **Dues: High School members will get their dues raised to \$25 or \$30.**
- ‡ **The break out groups voted to keep the President's conference at the Bassmaster Nation Championship. It was discussed to have the tournament start earlier in the week so the conference would be Saturday and Sunday.**
- ‡ **The groups voted to keep the state team size at 20.**

‡ The groups voted to have six regions. Possibly seven with a foreign country region.

‡ The groups voted to keep the team format and have members of the Team Championship join BASS and the Nation as full members.

- **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**

- **CBN Sponsorship Report:**

- **Alliance money has all been received for 2017. Working on 2019, 28 Leads so far means we are at \$5,000.00!!!! Awesome! Thank you Thayers Marine!!!!!!**
- **A new Sponsor Has come on Board with the CBN, Interstate Battery of Killingsworth. They are giving us a Certificate for Product for the 2019 Banquet Raffle.**
- **Raymarine has come on board as a 2019 State Team Sponsor and gave us a Axiom Unit for the 2018 CBN Banquet.**
- **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:**
- **2018 CBN Banquet Report**
We had 180 in attendance.
6 people did not show and owe us money:
Bailey Hood-40

Mickey Soler-40

Bob Stella & Guest-70

Jean Ries-40

Shane Smith-40

They have been contacted and are sending payment.

Totaling \$230.00

Money taken in at the door was \$5090.00 when added to the CBN payment of 880.00(out of General Fund) for guests, TC and E Board, and the High School payment of 1080.00 for the Kids (out of the High School account) we took in 7050.00 the exact cost of the Banquet food and facility. Once we collect the no shows, we will have a profit of \$230.00.

The Raffle brought in \$4250.00

The cost of Raffle Prizes were as follows:

Gift Cards TSD 100.00 & Women's Prizes 210.00

So right now, we have a profit of \$3940.00, once payments have been received from the no shows, we will have 4170.00.

Rebooked for Nov 9th, 2019.

Respectfully,

Sylvia Morris

CBN Events Coordinator

Any idea for prizes would be appreciated!

- **Membership Committee: Dave Miller**
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 Will be up and running by next week, Dec 1st.**
- **Audit Committee: Report will be given at Dec Meeting.**
- **Finance: No Report**
- **CBN Youth Report: John Piscioniere-NO REPORT**
- **State Team Administrator: Sylvia Morris**

- **I have finally tallied the Final total Expense for this year's State Team, total is 20,180.08. It was about \$3000.00 less than I anticipated.**
- **Next State Team Meeting is Feb 10th, My house 12:00pm.**

Respectfully

Sylvia Morris, CBN State Team Administrator

- **National 2018 Report:**
- **Total spent for Gas, food and Lodging by Kevin Rose & Jim Morris was \$1815.42. Stayed under the allotted \$2500.00. They had a great time and were treated very well by B.A.S.S. Fishing was not so good for both, however Jim had the smallest fish for the Tournament! At least it was something!**
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN, SECOND, ALL IN FAVOR**

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: CT Bassmen, Ct Valley, Mohawk Valley**
- **ROSTERS NEED TO BE TURNED IN ASAP!!! Six clubs need to do that. All others are in.**
- **No By Law Proposals were turned in so By Laws stay as is for 2019. We will get dates changes and send to all club Presidents and have put on the new website.**
- **Nominations for Executive Board for 2019 are**
Vinny Mucci – President
Mike Billings – Vice President
Marc Levesque – Treasurer
Bob Jeffrey – Secretary
Running unopposed so Secretary will cast one vote for the existing Executive Board at the Dec Meeting should they accept the nomination.
- **Spoke about spending all the monies in the Grant account before the end of the year with Dean. He is working on it, he suggested with the \$5000.00 we buy four Cameras for the DEEP to use to see the effectiveness of the Bass Habitats we placed on Housatonic, Zoar and Lilly with the remainder being donated. The rest of the monies will be distributed to the people who used their boats to help with the Mossback Fish Attractors.**
- **Still no Tournament Director?????? We need one!!!!**

ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?

NEW BUSINESS

- **KD Foundation gave a check for \$2000.00 to the High School/Junior Account. Thank you so much!!**
- **Heart of Ct Gave a check to the High School/Juniors account for \$1500.00 from their Bryan V Kerchal Open and their Heat of Ct Open Tournaments.**
- **An anonymous donation of \$2500.00 was received to purchase the 22 2019 State Team Jackets!!!! Thank you!!!**
- **We need a rules Committee any volunteers??? Dave Miller, Mike Billings and Greg Tesch so far anyone else??? Contact Vinny 203-525-4105**
- **E Board Meeting will be Dec 19th at 6:00, prior to the regular meeting.**
- **WE NEED A SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR!!!!**

- **2019 CBN Meeting Dates, Tackle Supply Depot, 4th Wed of each month, except Nov and Dec, will be third Wed because of Holidays, 7:00pm**
- **Dec 2018, is on the 19th**
2019
- **Jan-NO MEETING**
- **Feb 27th**
- **March 27th**
- **April 24th**
- **May 22nd**
- **June 26th**
- **July 24th**
- **Aug 28th**
- **Sept 25th**
- **Oct 23rd**
- **Nov 20th**
- **Dec 18th**

- **NEXT MONTHS MEETING IS ONE WEEK EARLY, DEC.19TH, 7:00pm Short Meeting and food!**

ANY MORE NEW BUSINESS???

- **Thayer's Open House, Dec 8th, 4 to 8, Pizza and Beer. Guest is Edwin Evers.**
- **Thayer's Spring Open House April 13th, Hank Parker is the Guest.**
- **Reynolds Open House is Nov 8th, 8 to 4, Guest is Matt Herron.**
- **Thaayer's Team Trail 2019:**
June 22nd Cheseapeake
July 13th Lake Champlain
Aug. 10th, Cayuga Lake

Sept. 7th, St Lawrence

Oct 26th and 27th Candlewood

Guaranteed 1st Place, Evinrude Sponsored \$5000.00

Top 25 Teams Total points from the four Events, with a drop, will qualify to fish the Two Day in Oct for a Ranger 175, with a 115 E-Tech. The Two Day is also an open to anyone, do not have to fish the first four but will not be eligible for the boat, only prize monies.

- **Reynolds Boats Northern Bass Tournament**

2019 Events

All Events Limited to 75 Teams

4/20/19	Candlewood Lake (Danbury Town Park)	\$250.00
5/11/19	Lake Winnepesaukee (Ellacoya State Park)	\$250.00
6/8/19	CT River (Haddam Meadows) Reynolds'	\$250.00
	Customer Appreciation Event	
7/13/19	Lake Champlain (Ticonderoga)	\$250.00
8/10/19	Lake Champlain (Plattsburgh)	\$250.00
9/21 & 9/22/19	Sebago Lake (Point Sebago) – Double	\$250.00
	Points Event	
10/11 & 10/12/19	T.O.C. - TBD	\$200.00

**HOTELS TO UTILIZE: Super 8 Hotel 3 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT
06811 ASK FOR CAROLYNN OR ANNA & FISHERMAN RATE, \$69.00**

**Raffle Winners: Marc Levesque, Bob Jeffrey, Mike Billings & Dave
Miller**

Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:28

NEXT MEETING IS WED DEC 19th, 2018