

# Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation

## Meeting Minutes

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation was called to order on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at approximately 7:33p by Sylvia Morris.

**Roll Call:** The following clubs were absent: CT Bassmen, Tobacco Valley Bass Anglers

**Correspondence:** None

### **Announcements:**

- **Toyota To Host Second Annual No Entry Fee Bonus Bucks Team Tournament**

In appreciation for the tremendous on-going support thousands of avid bass anglers have shown for Toyota Trucks and their Bonus Bucks program, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. announced today that it will host a no entry fee team tournament on *Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013* on northern Alabama's Lake Wheeler in Decatur.

"A no entry fee team event is a great way to celebrate the humbling allegiance and loyalty that serious bass anglers have shown our brand by purchasing and towing with a Toyota Truck," said Jim Baudino, Engagement Marketing Manager for Toyota.

The event will take place at Ingalls Harbor, one of America's top-notch tournament friendly facilities, featuring wide launch ramps, spacious parking and fast access to Decatur's numerous hotels and eateries. Toyota will also provide a free dinner to participating teams on both *Saturday* and *Sunday*.

All currently registered, eligible Bonus Bucks participants are invited to register a team to participate with the exception of Bassmaster Elite Series, PAA and FLW Tour pros, and only one team member must be registered in the Bonus Bucks program to be eligible to compete. Tournament officials from B.A.S.S. will be onsite to help orchestrate the tournament portion of the event.

The Top 30 teams are guaranteed a paycheck, and the first 200 to register will receive a generous tackle pack containing lures, Toyota branded clothing and more. Participants will also get a chance to visit with Team Toyota members Kevin VanDam, Terry Scroggins, Gerald Swindle and other Bassmaster Elite Series Pros.

Anglers are required to pre-register by *Monday, Sept. 2*. B.A.S.S. tournament staff will be onsite *Saturday* afternoon, *Sept. 7*, at Ingalls Harbor for official angler check-in.

Participants are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible for this fellowship-filled, prize-rich event. Limited space is available. To register, please visit [www.ToyotaFishing.com](http://www.ToyotaFishing.com), or call Kendell at [918-742-6424](tel:918-742-6424).

- Gary Reynolds, Tom Reynolds father passed away after a short battle with Brain Cancer. The CBN donated 200.00 in his name to The Lyme Ambulance, PO Box 911, Hadlyme CT 06439. Juniors donated to in his name to The Lyme Fire Company, 213 Hamburg Road, Lyme CT 06371. Jim & I attended the Funeral and it was certainly moving and well attended! He was a great man!

**A motion was made and passed to accept the previous month's minutes.**

### **Report of Officers**

**Treasurers Report:** Marc Levesque.

**Conservation Report:** Dean Rustic:

- CAC Meeting – No Meeting
- Fisheries Advisory Council Meeting in Old Lyme – No Meeting
- Fizzing Kits
  - Kits will be \$3.00 per kit – Let Dean know how many for your club members would want one & they will be available at the next meeting

- If you ordered kits please contact Dean with your shipping address and forward a check and he will ship you the kits or they can be picked up at the next meeting.
- **Conservation Project for CT B.A.S.S Nation**
  - Community Fishing Lakes with Clean-up efforts – Clean-up day for each of these lakes is possible for August 24 or 25. Please let Dean know at [Dean.Rustic@gmail.com](mailto:Dean.Rustic@gmail.com) which day and which lake you would like to do near you. Coordinating with the DEEP to have media coverage for us. We only need a few from your club to make a difference.
    - Bunnells Pond, Bridgeport
    - Keney Park Pond, Hartford
    - Lake Wintergreen, Hamden
    - Mohegan Park Pond, Norwich
    - Lakewood Lake, Waterbury
    - Upper Fulton Park Pond, Waterbury
    - Freshwater Pond, Enfield
    - Pickett's Pond, Derby
  - Conservation Grants – October 2013
    - Working with DEEP and Watertown for a Habitat project. Meeting with the Town of Watertown for approval of the project as they have control of the lake.
- National Conservation
  - \$50 given for a parting gift for Noreen Clough from all BASS Nations states

**Boating Advisory:** Tom Reynolds – Nothing new to report

**C.L.A. Report:** Chris Bielert – Nothing new to report

**Tournament Report:** Paul Dingee:

- Third tournament was held at Candlewood Lake, Squantz on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> with a 3 fish limit due to constant heat
  - Thank you to the tournament committee and to the State Team and other anglers for their help
  - 64 Anglers & 31 Co-Anglers
  - 200 Fish caught with only 7 dead fish
- Mr. BASS Pairings will take place this weekend. Pairings and location will be posted July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013
  - Mailing deadline was July 19<sup>th</sup> – Only 18 clubs responded
- The Classic will now be held on the CT River out of Haddam on the same date.
  - DEEP will be closing the launch at Lillinonah beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September
  - Top 40 Anglers and Top 40 Co-Anglers are invited to the Classic. Applications will be posted on the website. You must print, complete and mail out (postmarked) to Paul Dingee by October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will NOT be mailing out the applications to you this year. Check the standings to see what position you are in and complete the application if necessary. Watch the forum for the pairings (posted by October 15<sup>th</sup>).
  - Anglers only #41-44 are asked to fill out and application and write “alternate” on the application and mail by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Only complete if you are able to be an alternate.
- Two-Day Application and Information will be posted next week on the website/forum. There will not be a two-day meeting this year.
  - **DO NOT** mail the Classic & Two-Day applications in the same envelope.
- **NEW TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED.**

**Sponsorship Report:** Bob Nelson:

- **Pure Fishing Discount Program** – Pure Fishing Discount Purchase Program has included almost the entire Pure Fishing portfolio at a discount of 25% MSRP. Each member is allowed to purchase up to a total of 4 items during this quarter and the purchase window is July 15<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>. Each of you and your members are a key element in gaining awareness and education on our brands and products and we are proud to support you with our discount purchase program. This program is not designed to circumvent any retailers and we strongly encourage your members to support them with any additional purchases.

**Here are the instructions for placing orders:**

Click the link below (this is a new address)

[http://mpf.shakespeare-fishing.com/tackle\\_shack](http://mpf.shakespeare-fishing.com/tackle_shack)

Enter your complete email address as your username (this is how we will contact you regarding your order)

Enter the password

Once you are on the home page, click My Account to enter your shipping address, etc. Save the information then click on Products to begin shopping. *If you ordered during the first quarter your account information is still in place.* Add your selections to the shopping card. You may increase the quantity of any product from the shopping cart. When you have completed your order, submitted payment by credit card and logged out, you will receive a confirmation email of your order.

- **Home Depot in Danbury, CT** will be giving the CBN Tournament Committee (6) new two-way radios. These radios are used, by committee members, to communicate prior to the tournaments.
- **BASSGold** – Another Benefit to your B.A.S.S Nation membership and the discount code show has to be closely guarded. It is to be used by your members for their one-year free membership to BASSGold and **cannot be shared with anyone else.** Will still have to use a credit card to enroll in BASSGold but the discount code should trigger the system to not charge for enrollment. As in anything, there could be mistakes made and will be handled on a one-on-one basis should the member be charged.
  - Use BASSGold and give them feedback on it
  - Enter 6 patters, which do NOT have to be tournament patterns; that’s basically only one every 2 months.
    - With a database of thousands of fishing patters from bass tournaments over the years, the program provides fishing recommendations (where, how and with what) for any body of water in the US.
    - A Web-based app that runs on any web connected device has predicted with remarkable accuracy the winning patters and weights for recent Bassmaster Classics, Bassmaster Elite Series events and many other tournaments. It has also helped anglers catch more fish quickly on fun fishing days as well.
- **Power-Pole** sponsorship is open to all CBN members – to receive the discount you have to complete the Pro-Staff application on the website [www.power-pole.com](http://www.power-pole.com)
- The Reynolds’ Angler Incentive Program is back. The incentive is doubled for all customers who have purchased a new boat.
  - Anglers paired with the top 3 finishing co-anglers in each of the 4 tournament trail events will be rewarded as follow:
    - Angler paired with the 1<sup>st</sup> place finishing co-angler will receive \$75.00
    - Angler paired with the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishing co-angler will receive \$50.00
    - Angler paired with the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishing co-angler will receive \$25.00
- Bassmaster and ScoutLook created a free fishing weather app for iPhone and Android. To download the app visit [www.scoutlookweather.com](http://www.scoutlookweather.com)
- **Midstate Battery** – A discount is available to ALL Nation members and the Nation will receive a Volume Rebate
  - They can be reached at 139C West Dudley Town Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002
    - Phone 860.243.0646 Fax 860.243.5945 or email at [smerone@midstatebattery.com](mailto:smerone@midstatebattery.com)
  - Notify Sylvia about all purchases so she can keep track of what the CBN rebate should be.
- **Powell Rods** – “Nation” Special Promotion
  - Offering a discount on rods to the Nation members for 30% off & 20% off retail on Diesel Rods

- Purchase 6 Diesel Rods (mix & match) and pick an Endurance Rod (from specially marked rods) as yours free
- Please see [www.powellco.com](http://www.powellco.com) to order
- **Buff USA** is now a State, Trail and State Team Sponsor. You may see their products at: [www.buffusa.com](http://www.buffusa.com)  
Buff USA has a line of buffs and gloves made exclusively for anglers. They have some with bass on them as well. Some of their products were on the prize table at our first tournament.

**CBN Scholarship Committee:** Nothing new to report

**Robert S. Malloy Scholarship Committee:** David Santos – Scholarships to be given again in November

**Banquet Committee:** Sylvia Morris:

- The next banquet has already been booked. It will be at the Chowder Pot again on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Membership Committee:** Paul Dingee: Nothing new to report

**Website Committee:** Training to still be scheduled

**Audit Committee:** Vinny Mucci – Audit Completed

**Youth Report:** Terry Baksay and Ron Frisk:

- Money collected at the CBN Tournament #3 (\$245.00) will be combined with the money collected at the two-day tournament and donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Noah Winslow and Emmett Mitchell have qualified for the Divisionals – this is Noah's 2<sup>nd</sup> year and Emmett's 1<sup>st</sup> year
- High School Fishing should have tournament dates available at the end of August
- Juniors to get hooded sweatshirts from Valley Fashion
  - Approx. \$100/sweatshirt

**Finance Committee:** Ray Bessette: Nothing to report

**State Team Report:** Sylvia Morris:

- Meeting was held after CBN Tournament July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- State Team boaters received their Maine Weed Stickers for their boats. If they lose them they have to buy new ones.
- Money was collected from the wives for the meal plan (\$140.00 each (3 wives) & \$70.00 for the child (1 child)).
- Money was also collected for the week ahead from the 7 people going up early.
- Next Meeting will be September 7<sup>th</sup> at 4p at Sylvia's House. Last meeting before leaving for Divisionals.
  - Reminded team to bring the \$250.00 sponsorship each to the meeting – 5 have done so already.
- Buff USA provided 16 BASS Open style buffs for each State Team member and the 2 Junior qualifiers to be given out at the September 7<sup>th</sup> team meeting and will be worn at the 2013 Divisional.

**Motion made and seconded to accept reports as given**

**Old Business**

- Excused absences: MidConn Anglers
- Lowrance isn't doing a booklet anymore

- CBN must work together to gain benefits from Lowrance at Nationals
  - Friend Lowrance on Facebook
    - Take and post pictures with Lowrance product and let Sylvia know when the picture is posted so she can keep track
- At Nationals they will decide which states did best
  - The better the state has done the better the benefits
- Donation Request made for Tackle the Storm – for victims of Oklahoma Tornado
  - Don Barone has made his way out to Oklahoma
    - \$10 buys a rod/reel combo
  - CBN clubs have raised a total of \$500 – and the CBN has matched this amount for a total of \$1,000.00 being donated to this great cause.
- Nominations for Tournament Director – 2 nominations for Paul Dingee (running unopposed)
  - Vote to be held during August meeting
- Plaque has been completed for Corchran and it will be given to him at Nationals this year.
  - A surprise recognition evening has been planned for him
- Tournament committee shirts are still being worked on
- CT State Flag has been purchased for Divisionals for \$25.24

**Motion made and seconded to accept Old Business**

**New Business**

- \$50.00 has been sent to the W. Virginia Conservation Director for a parting gift for Noreen Clough
- Ron Frisk proposed that the Juniors spend up to \$1,500.00 on hooded sweatshirts out of the Juniors account.
  - Motion made and accepted

**Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:59 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rachel Rose, CBN Secretary.**