

**CT B.A.S.S Nation**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 21, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the CT B.A.S.S Nation was called to order on November 21, 2013 at approximately 7:35p by Sylvia Morris.

**ROLL CALL:** Clubs absent – Thayers Marauders

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED**

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**Treasurer Report:** Marc Levesque

**Conservation Report:** Dean Rustic

- CAC Meeting – Bill Hyatt reported
  - Brood Stock Salmon – dropped another 100 in Naugatuck River (1800 YTD)
  - Brood Stock Trout – put in Beach Pond, Black Pond, Mashapaug, Stillwater Pond, Squantz Pond, West Hill Pond and West Side Pond
  - This past year 1800 kids signed up for the Fishing Passport
    - They will be adding 6 more community lakes for next year
- Fishing Advocacy – Working directly with CT DEEP to promote fishing with these various initiatives
  - Bass Program
    - Removal of small bass from donor lakes into community lakes
    - Trial run this weekend to run through procedures
    - Fear is that we may not catch any small fish
  - CT BASS Nation CARES
    - Specific training day set for February 8<sup>th</sup> at Cabela's
    - Applications are due on January 24<sup>th</sup> and may be filled out electronically but must be printed and signed in ink per requirements for state police background checks. DEEP will send out new instructor training packets to all applicants. Packets will contain a DVD to preview, an agenda for training session and directions to the training
    - CARE Instructors once certified are committed to participate in at least one CARE class or event every year. They have certified over 650 instructors since 1986.
    - Also included is a “Family Fishing Class” agenda. These are the subjects that are taught to our students. You will notice that these are the very basics.

**Boating Advisory:** Dean Rustic

- Hearing on Lake Warmaug 6mph limit had only 13 attendees and only 38 email/mail comments
  - DEEP extending comments until December 31<sup>st</sup>

- DEEP very impressed with Naggi & Brothers who are doing the work on Lilionah. They have started paving the lot. The project was 1.2 million and 75% came from Wallop-Boroux funds
- MTA looking to get 6 million to dredge New Haven Harbor
- There was a little glitch in the system to get your boating certificates to print electronically. They should now print out on your fishing licenses.
- December 11<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting for the CLA and the Zebra Mussel Task Force. There is a new way to fight the Zebra Mussels using CO2 in the Pipe coming from Laurel Lake.
- Hartford Boat Show will have the guys from Wicked Tuna coming
- CBN presented the request for updating the launch at Squantz Cove. Feedback is that it is not on the radar and the next boat launch scheduled is in Branford. DEEP alternates between Fresh and Saltwater. Plan is for updating Lattens not Squantz.
- CBN Expressed concern over the growing number of private swim areas on public lakes. Discussion was help and they will look into the matter. All permitted swim areas need to have the permit number. If you do not see a permit number, report it to the DEEP.
- CBN has asked to look at the HP restrictions on lakes and has asked to have a speed limit instead. This is good timing as the Governor is asking for a task force to streamline regulations or remove old ones.

**C.L.A Report:** Chris Bielert

- Lake level is currently at 427 feet
- CLA Technical committee will be meeting to discuss and make a recommendation to First Light for this year's drawdown
- Hazard Buoys have been removed – please use caution
- Candlewood has been affected by an unusually large Blue-Green Algae (Cyanobacteria) bloom this season
  - Suspect the record summer temperatures and a warm fall lake are likely causes.
  - Algae is caused by excess nutrients in the water
    - Nutrients come from many places like leaves from trees and runoff
    - There are potential human and animal health issues with some blue-green algae blooms. Please go to the DEEP website to learn about the hazards. To learn about Blue-Green Algae in general go to [www.ctlakes.org](http://www.ctlakes.org)
- CLA is looking for any signs of Zebra Mussels in Candlewood Lake this season. If you have any information regarding Zebra Mussels in the lake please let me know so that I can pass along the information
- There is an Invasive Species Subcommittee meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> that I will be attending. Topics of discussion will be Zebra Mussels in Lilionah and Zoar, winter drawdowns, Eurasian Milfoil and possible control methods of Blue-Green Algae
- Any questions you can reach Chris at [cbielert@yahoo.com](mailto:cbielert@yahoo.com)

**Tournament Report:** Paul Dingee

- Need someone to store 8 Batteries, Back up scale, 4 flashlights, 6 walkie talkies, 2 Lanterns and gas tank for the grill for the winter – Sal Messina has volunteered (Thank you Sal!!)
- Below is the corrected Tournament Trail for 2014:
  - **May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>** – Two Day CBN Scholarship Tournament – Candlewood Lake, Danbury Town Park – 7a-3p
  - **May 18<sup>th</sup>** – CBN Tournament #1 – Candlewood Lake, Danbury Town Park – 7a-3p
  - **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – CBN Tournament #2 – CT River, Haddam – 7a-3p
  - **July 13<sup>th</sup>** – CBN Tournament #3 – Candlewood, Squantz & Lattins – 8a-3p

- **August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Mr. BASS to be determined – it's a secret
- **October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>** – CBN Two Day – TBD
- **October 19<sup>th</sup>** – CBN Classic/Tournament #4 – Candlewood Lake, Squantz – 7a-3p

**Sponsorship Report:** Robert Nelson

- **Reynolds Garage & Marine** – Reynolds & Skeeter Highest Finishing Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money
  - Qualifying Events:
    - May 18<sup>th</sup>, CBN Tournament #1
    - June 22<sup>nd</sup>, CBN Tournament #2
    - July 13<sup>th</sup>, CBN Tournament #3
    - October 19<sup>th</sup>, CBN Classic/Tournament #4
  - Payout:
    - Reynolds & Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money based on the year of the highest finishing Skeeter Owner's boat (only one award per event)
      - \$3,000.00 (2011 model Skeeter or newer)
      - \$1,000.00 (2010 model Skeeter or older)
    - Skeeter Real Money up to \$3,000.00
  - Rules:
    - The Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money will be paid to the highest finishing Skeeter Owner in each of the four CBN Tournaments outlined above. Only one prize per event will be awarded. Dollar amount of the award will be determined by the age of the highest finishing Skeeter Owners boat...2011 model or newer Skeeter boat will qualify for \$3,000.00 per event, 2010 model or older Skeeter boat will qualify for \$1,000.00 per event.
    - The highest finishing registered Skeeter Owner must have verifiable proof that he or she is fishing from his or her Skeeter boat to qualify for the Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money. Proof of ownership and insurance must be produced and verified by the CBN Tournament Director at weigh-in at each of the four 2014 CBN Events.
    - In the event that the highest finishing Skeeter Owner cannot provide verifiable proof that he or she is the registered owner of the Skeeter boat that he or she used in the event, the second highest finishing Skeeter Owner will become the winner of the Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money.
    - There will be no limit to the times an angler can win per calendar year.
    - The four CBN Events outlined above will also be sanctioned for 2014 Skeeter Real Money. Each CBN Event must have a minimum of 30 boats and 60 anglers to qualify for 2014 Skeeter Real Money. To qualify for 2014 Skeeter Real Money, each individual registered Skeeter Owner must register for the 2014 Skeeter Real Money program. Go to [www.skeeterboats.com](http://www.skeeterboats.com) and download an application. Annual dues are \$25.00 per year. Skeeter Real Money rules are available by clicking on the Skeeter Real Money logo on the [www.skeeterboats.com](http://www.skeeterboats.com) website homepage.
- **Rigid Industries** - There is a 30% off offer to all members. Members should follow the instructions and using the order forms and links on the CBN website.
- **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)
- **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.
- **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.
- **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
- **Bassmaster And ScoutLook**  
Free Fishing Weather App for iPhone And Android. To download the app visit: <http://www.scoutlookweather.com>

**CBN Scholarship:** Nothing to report

**Robert S. Malloy Scholarship:** Dave Santos – Should have recipient picked 1<sup>st</sup> week of December and will report at December meeting

**Banquet Report:** Sylvia Morris

- Banquet was a great success!! 200 people attended (75 women) which is a record.
- Thank you to all that attended and helped

- Jon Stewart was a great speaker and an honor to have him; B.A.S.S is donating a lifetime membership to the 26 Angels tournament on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 20% of raffle ticket sales went to High School Fishing (approx. \$1300)
- Rebooked for next year on November 8<sup>th</sup>

**Membership Committee:** Paul Dingee – Nothing New

**Website Committee:** None

**Audit Committee:** Vinny Mucci – None

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

- 2014 High School Fishing trail in the works
- Some High School fishing challenges
  - Difficulty finding partners
  - Getting teams registered
- Attempting to get 1 team qualified to go to Divisionals this year
- High School Fishing will breed new Nation members

**Finance Committee:** Ray Bessette – None

**State Team Report:** Sylvia Morris

- 2013 State Team – Financial Report: Total expenses were \$17,400.17
- 2014 State Team
  - Meeting was held prior to the banquet and contracts were signed – next meeting in March
  - 2014 Divisional is on September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Lawrence Seaway, Waddington, NY
  - Housing has been negotiated and accomplished. Thank you Doree Jeffrey for driving & helping. Cost of exploring \$242.10.
    - 7 rooms for the team & 1 apartment with kitchen for team headquarters, two rooms for the high school team – 1<sup>st</sup> payment due in January

## **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Excused absences: Bass Busters
- Nominations for Treasurer and Secretary were turned in by Sal Messina
  - Nominations are: Rachel Rose for Secretary and Marc Levesque for Treasurer
  - Voting will take place at the December meeting
- CBN Roster and dues were due at the October meeting and due to BASS Nation online by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember to use the correct form completely filled out (available on [www.ctbass.com](http://www.ctbass.com)) Be sure your club name is on the check and that it is the right amount. Members over 60 that have been with us 5 years or more are \$25.00 and all others are \$50.00. IT WILL BE REFUSED IF IT IS NOT ON THE PROPER FORM AND COMPLETELY FILLED OUT. **Must update online before November 30<sup>th</sup> to avoid interruption of the magazines.**
- Bylaw proposals were passed out in October and brought back to your clubs. Much discussion was held, Al Guite, Bylaw Chairperson answered many questions. We will vote on Bylaw proposals at the December meeting (each club gets 1 vote).

- CBN Bylaw change proposal 2014 -1
  - **Institute a new section to the bylaw as Article XII, B, 3, d.** Note: each lettered paragraph including the current Article XII, B, 3, d which will follow this addition will be re lettered accordingly in an ascending manor. (I.e. if adopted the current Article XII, B, 3, d will become Article XII, B, 3, e and so on)
    - **Proposed Addition:** d. Linked Entries: Boaters, entering the Two Day State Championship, who identify a linked non-boater on their tournament application, will guarantee use of their boat during both days of competition provided that their linked non-boater is physically present during both days of the event. In the event that a boater's linked non-boater fails to show up on a competition day the Tournament Director and their designated committee will adjust the pairings accordingly and if at all possible the linked boater will be paired with a non-linked boater. In the event that a non-boaters linked boater fails to show up on a competition day the linked non-boater will be ineligible to participate in that days competition. Entry fees for linked anglers (boater/non-boater) must accompany the tournament application.
- CBN Bylaw change proposal 2014 -2
  - Revision to Article XII, B, 3, c: Current wording – c. A properly completed and signed application fee must be postmarked by a mailing deadline determined by the Tournament Director
    - **Proposed Change:** Application process - A properly completed and signed application, along with any additional documentation that is required by the CBN and/or State Agencies, plus the full entry fee must be sent in one complete package and postmarked by a mailing deadline determined by the Tournament Director. Failure to provide all required documentation by the mailing deadline may deem the individual or individuals ineligible to participate. It is encouraged that each CBN club, send all application documentation and fees in one combined package for all of their members who will be participating in this event.
- The President and Youth Director went to the Nationals at Lake Dardanelle, Russellville, Arkansas on October 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 27<sup>th</sup>. Paul Mueller has won and will be representing CT at the BASSMASTERS Classic!! Noah Winslow has also made us very proud by finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and bringing home a \$2,000.00 scholarship. Congratulations to both of them!!
- Livingston Lures has been in contact and are coming up with a proposal of their own.
- Executive Board meeting was held at Sylvia's house on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to go over all that was discussed during the Nationals Presidents Meeting.
- Shows are coming up – please call Sylvia if you are interested in working. The State Team will work 4 hours at each show.
  - January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

## **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Paul Mueller asking for help with practice for the Classic. Motion was made and seconded and passed to allow up to \$2,000.00 in reimbursement with original receipts.
- Nationals Report – Sylvia Morris
  - Sponsors this year: Triton Alliance Package (Contract signed), Lowrance, Humminbird/MinnKota (Contract signed and 8' Talon and 998 received for the 2014 Banquet), Skeeter, Yamaha, Toyota, BoatUS, Nationwide, Carhartt, Rigid Industries, Berkley Pure Fishing, Mercury, Motorguide, Evan Williams
  - New Lowrance program – we won \$4,000.00, we will purchase 2 units for the Banquet at a discount and the rest goes into the general fund to help cover the expensive year with travel for the Nationals and Classic.

- New Lowrance program for 2014: Quarterly postings of pictures of Lowrance products being used or events featuring Lowrance products gives us 1 point for each, videos of the product or event featuring Lowrance gives us 2 points, pictures or videos with a new idea using the Lowrance gives us 3 points and finally a unique event or idea gives us an extra point for each. Points will be added and prizes awarded in each quarter. 3 prizes for each: 1<sup>st</sup> place highest point state gets a touch 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> place a touch 9, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place gets a touch 7. A state can win in multiple quarters. You must notify Sylvia when you post anything to the Lowrance Facebook page or any other form of social media. Let's try to win all four...starts January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014!!
- New Team Championship – All club Presidents have the info and it will be up on the forum soon. PLEASE discuss in your clubs and let us know how much interest there is in your clubs before we move forward with this
- Toys for Tots – Mohawk Valley hosting December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wallingford Wal-Mart. Please come out to support them. CBN will be there.
- B.A.S.S Insurance stays with Nesbit, new forms will be out soon. They will be posted as soon as we receive them.
- **Next month's meeting is early on DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> and we will have pizza!!**

**Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:07 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rachel Rose, CBN Secretary**