

CT B.A.S.S Nation

Meeting Minutes

March 27th, 2014

Prior to the monthly meeting, special guest Craig Mergins spoke about the Riverfront Recapture program. They are currently finalizing the schedule for 2014 and brochures were passed out to club representatives. The Riverfront Recapture program is working to revamp the Greater Hartford waterfront with recreational activities for all ages and backgrounds. Currently working on the Sporting Chance for Youth event to be held on June 7th, 2014, with sponsorship from ESPN, Dattco Bus, CCMC so far. Hoping for a great turnout this year and to keep the youth interested in all outdoor activities.

ROLL CALL: Clubs absent – CT Black Bass & CT Yankee Bassmasters

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Jack Vinyard sent a check for the Juniors/High School for \$250.00, thank you Jack!
- Mercury's share of the Triton Alliance money came in (\$500.00)
- Thank you card from Mrs. Marilyn Reynolds for the donation to the Fire Department of Lyme in Mr. Gary Reynolds memory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mark Menendez's (a BASS Elite Angler), wife Donna Menendez has passed away (March 10th, 2014) after a long courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.
- **1-A.R.E. Is New Title Sponsor Of Bassmaster Elite Series Events**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A.R.E. Accessories has obtained title rights to the third and eighth events of the 2014 Bassmaster Elite Series

The Massillon, Ohio-based company's name heads up the April 3-6 tournament in Missouri and the Aug. 21-24 competition in New York. The event names, respectively, are A.R.E. Truck Caps Elite at Table Rock Lake and A.R.E. Truck Caps Elite at Cayuga Lake. The two titles mark the first time A.R.E. has partnered in such a sponsorship, with B.A.S.S., which conducts the Elite Series, the most prestigious bass fishing circuit in the world. A.R.E. is offering a bonus to Elite pros: At both of the 2014 Elite events, the highest finisher who has an A.R.E. truck cap or cover on their tow vehicle will receive a \$2,500 A.R.E. Fishing Team Award. "Long-time leaders in their respective industries, A.R.E. and B.A.S.S. are a great fit," said Bruce Akin, CEO of B.A.S.S., which owns the Bassmaster Elite Series. "Both companies know and serve their markets very well. As B.A.S.S. kicks off its ninth Elite Series season this month, we are proud to combine that expertise for the benefit of our 500,000-plus B.A.S.S. members and fishing fans worldwide." "We look forward to the Bassmaster events because they bring together a large population of outdoor sporting enthusiasts who truly value high-quality trucks, accessories and sporting gear," said Bryan Baker, A.R.E. director of marketing. At the Missouri event in Branson and at the New York event in Union Springs and Auburn, fans can view the custom 2014 A.R.E. Fishing Team Toyota Tundra topped by an A.R.E. Z-Series Truck Cap. Several Elite pros serve as A.R.E. brand ambassadors, such as Elite Series rookie Justin Lucas of Guntersville, Ala. He displayed his A.R.E. Z-Series truck cap on his 2014 Toyota Tundra at last month's 2014 GEICO Bassmaster Classic presented by Diet Mountain Dew and GoPro. A.R.E. is best known among outdoor enthusiasts for its truck caps and tonneau covers. The 45-year-old company also manufactures and markets a wide range of other vehicle accessories such as cargo slides, storage racks, pickup vaults and fishing rod transport holders, as well as work truck and commercial products. For product information, go to www.4are.com. A.R.E. began manufacturing aluminum frame truck

caps in 1969 and has become a leading manufacturer of fiberglass truck caps and hard tonneau covers. At its ISO-9001:2008-certified manufacturing facilities, A.R.E.'s more than 700 employees create the products that are sold through a network of more than 650 independent authorized dealers. For more information, contact A.R.E. at 400 Nave Rd. S.E., P.O. Box 1100, Massillon, OH 44648; email contact@4are.com; call [330-830-7800](tel:330-830-7800); or visit www.4are.com

- **2-Mercury and B.A.S.S. Team Up For Another Season**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Mercury Marine is onboard with B.A.S.S. again for the 2014 competition season at the highest level of sponsorship.

Mercury is a Premier Sponsor of the Bassmaster Elite Series, Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens presented by Allstate, Carhartt Bassmaster College Series, B.A.S.S. Nation events, the new Toyota Bonus Bucks Bassmaster Team Championship and the Bassmaster Classic.

"B.A.S.S. and Mercury have one of those enduring relationships that just gets better every year," said Bruce Akin, CEO of B.A.S.S., owner of the Bassmaster circuits. "We place a very high value on our longtime partnership and look forward to continuing our joint efforts to further grow the sport of bass fishing."

Mercury has been a sponsor of Bassmaster events for almost two decades.

"We're very pleased to continue our sponsorship with B.A.S.S.," said Mark Schwabero, president of Mercury Marine, "not only because we understand and support the powerful relationship between the people of this country and fishing, but perhaps even more so because nothing better defines the relevance of speed on the water than a Mercury engine on a bass boat. That is the essence of tournament fishing."

As it has for years, Mercury will offer activities for fans at 2014 Bassmaster Elite Series events. One activity is the Mercury ProXS Demo Tour, free rides in new bass boats powered by Mercury ProXS engines. Riders ages 14 and up can sign up for a spin on the same water as the Elite competition.

Fans' first opportunity to experience the ProXS Demo Tour at a 2014 Elite Series event will be in Bainbridge, Ga., at the March 13-16 Dick Cepek Tires Bassmaster Elite at Lake Seminole presented by Hardee's.

Mercury also will continue to have a strong presence within B.A.S.S.' extensive TV, digital and print media platforms, which includes *The Bassmasters* TV show, Bassmaster.com, and *Bassmaster* and *B.A.S.S. Times* magazines.

Headquartered in Fond du Lac, Wis., Mercury Marine is a division of Brunswick Corp. Founded in 1939; Mercury is celebrating its 75th year in 2014. Long recognized as a leader in marine propulsion, Mercury recently was named the 2013 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year, an award Mercury also won in 2006. Mercury Marine took top honors in the category that recognizes companies with more than 750 employees. Mercury employs 5,400 people worldwide, with 3,100 employees in Wisconsin.

Mercury sponsors many Bassmaster Elite Series pros, including Randy Howell, who became the 44th Bassmaster Classic champion on Feb. 23.

- **Plano Signs As Supporting Sponsor Of Bassmaster Events**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Plano Synergy, an industry leader in tackle storage solutions, is a new Supporting Sponsor of 2014 Bassmaster events.

Plano Synergy's sponsorship includes the Bassmaster Elite Series, Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens presented by Allstate, Carhartt Bassmaster College Series, B.A.S.S. Nation events and the new Toyota Bonus Bucks Bassmaster Team Championship.

"Plano Synergy is pleased to be more involved with B.A.S.S. in 2014," said Ben Rand, Plano Synergy marketing manager.

"We feel this to be a great opportunity to partner with an organization that reaches such a large audience in so many different ways.

"Outside of drawing the most talented anglers, B.A.S.S. engages the consumer with on-site activation, print, digital and television," Rand added. "These areas help us, as a brand, reach our consumer and go such a long way in furthering the reach and exposure of fishing altogether."

Plano and B.A.S.S. have partnered many times over the years. The two companies most recently joined forces last August when Plano was the title sponsor of the final Bassmaster Elite Series competition of 2013, the Plano Championship Chase on Lake St. Clair in Michigan. At the event, Aaron Martens — known as the king of tackle organization — was crowned 2013 Toyota Bassmaster Angler of the Year.

"We are proud to have this leader in the fishing tackle industry within our sponsor family throughout 2014," said Bruce Akin, CEO of B.A.S.S., which owns and operates Bassmaster events. "B.A.S.S. members and fans already know the Plano name, and most probably grew up fishing with a Plano tackle box by their side. Tying in with Bassmaster events will bring

the brand's newest offerings to our ever-expanding audience of the most avid anglers and fishing fans."

Plano will have a strong presence on site at 2014 Bassmaster tournaments, and especially at the nine Elite Series events. The season opener is this week, March 13-16. Out of Bainbridge, Ga., the event — the Dick Cepek Tires Bassmaster Elite at Lake Seminole presented by Hardee's — pits 108 pros against one another for a first prize of \$100,000 and an instant-in to the 2015 Bassmaster Classic.

Plano has been supplying equipment protection and storage solutions to outdoor enthusiasts for more than 60 years.

Headquartered in Plano, Ill., Plano is best-known among anglers for its tackle storage systems, boxes and cases.

Fans who attend Elite events will be able to see the new Plano Guide Series Bags, among other items in the extensive product lineup. For product information, go to www.planomolding.com.

About Plano Synergy:

A tradition of excellence: Owning a Plano® tackle box has become a heritage that has endured for more than half a century. In 1952, Plano introduced the first molded plastic tackle box. For the next fifty years, the Plano brand found its way into the hearts and hands of four generations. Today, there's a 4 in 5 chance that if you own a tackle box, it was made by Plano.

There are many reasons why consumers choose Plano, including quality, durability and innovation, but our favorite is "It's what my dad always used."

MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque

Conservation Report: Dean Rustic

• **CAC Meeting**

- Sunday Hunting was submitted by Bob Crook on the Senate side using that support. Was passed out of Committee
- Act for the staffing levels of for Conservation Officers – Bring staffing levels up to 60 officers by July 2014 and then 65 for July 2015, 70 for July 2016 and finally 75 for July 2017. Was not passed out of Committee
- Hatchery picked up 50,000 sea run Brown trout eggs from Finland and incubating in the Burlington Hatchery - Are doing well

• **Boating Advisory Council (BAC)**

- Eleanor Mariani Called to ask for our support for a Bill that is moving the basic training for boating operations to online which is SB71. Go here for more information http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill_num=sb71&which_year=2014

• **Fisheries Advisory Council (FAC)**

- Major presentation on the Trout Production Lean Update by Tim Barry of the DEEP Fisheries Division – Based on the Lean Manufacturing Processes. The Ideas are to update the State's Fish Hatcheries
- Save The Hatcheries – Update from Jim Carroll of CT Salmon pointed out the that most effective voice for the Hatcheries during the last budget cycle was not the trout or salmon fisherman, but the Schools, Parents and Children who participate in the various Hatcheries Programs. Trout in the Class and Salmon in the Schools
- Inland Fisheries – Peter Aarrastad presented the 2014 Anglers Guide Wining Photo – Andrea Repko. Fishing from a canoe looking for Small Mouth Bass, Andrea caught a large Northern Pike. Great Picture. Andrea spoke at the DEEP Event and Peter commented how well she spoke with the passion of fishing about the event. Peter thanked CBN for the opportunity to attend the B.A.S.S. Conservation Summit at

the Bassmaster Classic. Peter spoke how big Bass Fishing is and how it was an eye opener for him and how it correlates to the State's information that Bass is the largest purchasers of Fisheries Licenses.

- **Fishing Advocacy** – Working directly with CT DEEP to promote Fishing with these initiatives.
 - Fishing Day at Cabela's
 - April 5, 2014 set for a Family Fishing clinic at Cabela's
 - Cabela's will create starter packs and tackle packs for the families to purchase at a slight discount
 - Will have guest appearance by Andrea Repko – Winner of the cover photo for the 2014 Fishing Guide
 - Shimano Youth Conservation Initiative
 - Call with Peter Aarrestad, Mick Beauchene, Ron Frisk & Dean Rustic
 - Discussed the Shimano Award guidelines for grant
 - Initial idea includes DEEP's Youth Fishing Passport and Community Lakes, CBN Youth & High School kids, Mossback Fish Attractors, & Local Government at Community Lakes
 - Dean & Ron to draft program (project) and submit to DEEP to move forward
 - MossBack Fish Attractors
 - Delivered Fish Attractor to Peter Aarrestad and we spoke as to where these would work and best be used.
 - Possible tie in with Shimano Grant
 - Friends of Reservoirs Foundation
 - Filling out registration – Need approval to spend \$25.00 to join
 - By joining we will be a FOR member and get 10 bonus points in our grant application
 - E-mail application will be out by June 1st
 - Application due back Aug 1st
 - Check comes June following year
 - Keep America Fishing
 - Keep Fishing Day – June 7th, 2014

Boating Advisory:

- Not much to report other than ramp at Lillinonah is scheduled to open 4/19. Legislative is very quiet for us, no impacts.

C.L.A Report: Chris Bielert – Nothing New

Tournament Report: Paul Dingee

- Tournament Application, Rules & Zebra Mussel forms are up on the website. Please be sure to include two separate Zebra Mussel forms with your applications (one dated May 18th and one dated July 13th), Insurance and copy of Boaters certificate. **Make sure to mail by the mailing deadline!!** Late fees will be charged for anyone who does not meet the deadline, **no exceptions!!**
- Trail is sanctioned under:
 - Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Highest finishing Skeeter Owner Contingency Program
 - Skeeter Real Money
 - Stratos 2X the Money
 - Triton Gold

Sponsorship Report: Robert Nelson

- **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.
- **Thayer's Marine** – Thayer's Marine has become a Gold Sponsor!!
- **Midstate Battery** – A discount is available to ALL Nation members and the Nation will receive a Volume Rebate
 - MidState Battery was very pleased with the use of the sponsorship by our members! Members spent a total of \$4,400.00!! We earned a check of approx. \$88.00!! At the April meeting there will be a presentation of the new line of Northstar AGM Batteries, MidState will be donating \$600.00 in gift certificates again for the banquet also!
 - 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
 - Notify Sylvia about all purchases so she can keep track of what the CBN rebate should be.
- **Reynolds Garage & Marine** – Reynolds & Skeeter Highest Finishing Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money
 - Qualifying Events:
 - May 18th, CBN Tournament #1
 - June 22nd, CBN Tournament #2
 - July 13th, CBN Tournament #3
 - October 19th, 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 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 website homepage.
- **Lowrance Insight Genesis B.A.S.S Nation Challenge**

- In addition to the current Lowrance Social Media challenge, Lowrance has issued another, please see below. PLEASE send to all your club members!
- The program is split into two groups, large and small B.A.S.S Nations. The contest will award \$20,000 in Lowrance product to the large state that ends up on top, and \$12,000 in Lowrance product to the top state in the small division. They didn't want to lump you all together and give the states with larger member numbers too much of an advantage.
- Clubs can earn \$3,000 of Lowrance product awarded monthly
- Individuals that take part have the opportunity to win and HDS12, HDS9 or HDS7 in the monthly awards for the top three people respectively, and if they are the top person for the entire year, they will earn and all-expense paid fishing trip with one of the Lowrance Tour Pros (I was told it would be an Elite Pro).
- **Power Pole**
 - Power-Pole is now a sponsor of the B.A.S.S Nation for 2014. Effective January 1st, they will be offering a discount to all B.A.S.S Nation members. They will match your officers listed with the B.A.S.S Nation against the rebates applied for and will match members names with current B.A.S.S Nation rosters. You must be a CBN Member to be eligible.
 - The discounts are available via a rebate program through <http://www.power-pole.com> The product will be purchased at the retail value of the Power-Pole (limit 2 per year per boat). In order to receive your rebate you will need to register the Power-Pole at <http://www.power-pole.com> located under the "Support" column header, then "Product Registration" Once the product has been registered you will then be prompted to fill out the rebate form, with this the discount will be issued in accordance with the discount you are entitled to receive. The discount levels will remain active on accessories and apparel purchased through the website for a period of 12 months. Should you have any questions, contact Casey Carpenter @ 813-689-9932 ext. 2021 or email casey@power-pole.com
- **Navionics**
 - Navionics will be a sponsor of the CBN For 2014. They will be giving the CBN four (4) Navionics+ Charts to be used at the CBN Awards Banquet.
- **Livingston Lures**
 - New sponsor for the CBN, check for \$1500 received, product coming for banquets, tournaments etc.

CBN Scholarship: Only 1 application has been received so far. Will be meeting next month prior to the normal meeting.

Robert S. Malloy Scholarship: Dave Santos – Waiting for Jason to provide the winner and bio to announce.

Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris

- Banquet booked for next year on November 8th

Membership Committee: Paul Dingee

- Some new members have been placed so far – if you have received a name please work with us to get them in a club

Website Committee: None

Audit Committee: Vinny Mucci – Completed on 3/8 with Al Guite, Dan Monroe, Vinny Mucci. Reviewed all bank statements and expense reports. A couple small under & over payments that have been corrected by Marc. All financial records are in order.

Youth Report: Terry Baksay & Ron Frisk

- We currently have 8 official teams from 5 High Schools
 - Berlin High School – 2 Teams

- Ellington High School – 1 Team
- Fairfield Prep – 3 Teams
- Nonnewaugh High School – 1 Team
- Suffield High School – 1 Team
- First tournament is 4/6 at Lake Lillinonah out of Pond Brook Launch (all set with Boat Captains)
- BASS provided the updated official rules for the High School Program
- BASS provided a “Hot Sheet” to hand to school officials to help sway those on the fence. It outlines the key parts of the program and more importantly the benefits for the students.

Finance Committee: Ray Bessette – Nothing to report

State Team Report: Sylvia Morris

- 2014 State Team
 - Meeting was held on March 15th at Sylvia’s house. All team members attended. Went over contracts and everyone is now committed. If they were to withdraw from the team or be removed for any contract violations, they would have to reimburse the CBN for any expenses incurred so far as stated in the contract. Discussed boaters, non-boaters, spare boat procedure and respect for teammates.
 - Some of the required paperwork was turned in. The rest is due at the May meeting.
 - Sponsorship needs to be in by August 1st.
 - Stormr gave each State Team member a long sleeve t-shirt to wear under their State Team shirts. Thank you Dennis Sikorski and Stormr
 - Carhartt order was placed
 - Team captain was chosen, Bryan McCleary
 - 14th Man was appointed, Jim Morris, as he needs to get Sylvia there anyway. Save money for the CBN for no extra room or gas money for travel. He does not get a jacket or any share of the winnings.
 - A check for \$250.00 from Toyota Bonus Bucks was received for the State Team (Jim Morris sponsorship)
 - Terry will be the boat captain for the High School team during Divisionals (Team to be qualified in June)
 - Shirts are being ordered. Jackets will be ordered next week.
 - Next meeting set for May 18th after the weigh-in.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Excused absences: None needed
- New Lowrance program – Details Below:
 - 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: 1st place highest point state gets a touch 12, 2nd place a touch 9, and 3rd 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. You must begin each post with **#Lowrance BN CT or we will not get credit for it!!! 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 1st, 2014!!**

- **UPDATE:** We are currently in the lead for the first quarter, ends March 31st. Please try and post something with a Lowrance hat, shirt, unit and write something to go along with photo or video. Let Sylvia know when you do so she can keep track.
- Update on applications for the Scholarship Tournament (still not many received) – Let's get behind the Scholarship fundraiser. Please come out and fish!!
- Livingston Lures contract signed, will be receiving a check for \$1500 and product or clothing for the trail, state team, CBN Meetings, and Banquet.
- New CBN/NEBA State Championship Trail has been started. Everything is up on the website. Call Sylvia with any questions.
- Remember to utilize the hotels in Danbury that supply us with a fisherman rate! Newbury (best parking), Microtel and Best Western, all information on website.
- Vote took place on Marc's proposal that was taken back to the clubs to be discussed about the 1099's: Marc would like permission from all members to be able to give our personal information out to a Bonded accounting firm to do our 1099's for us a price (going rate is about \$5 each). Standing rule #5 states that we need approval of the board to do this – vote passed unanimously. We will work on Standing Rule #5 to clarify.
- Marc is working on getting the taxes done as Cohen has told us he will no longer do them but will help us get someone else. No updates yet.
- Audit was held on March 8th, Vinny Mucci Committee Chair, Al Guite, Dan Monroe were on the committee. Thank you to the committee for the hard work.
- Captain's weekend was held, not very productive but necessary to accept invite by Cabela's. Thank you to Jim Morris, Dave Gilbert, Ron & Travis Frisk, Kevin Noel, Steve Deguzis and Kevin & Rachel Rose for volunteering.
- Triton Alliance Leads Program: we already have some sales pending for this year. Please let me know as soon as someone THINKS they are going to buy a Triton. I will need all the info, name, address, email & phone number as well as what he is interested in if you can find out. Sylvia will put it on the Leads website as soon as she has the info.
- Disabled Military Veteran's Tournament & First Responders Tournament – Boat captains needed. Contact Al Guite to volunteer for any of these events (Al Guite 860-829-0616 or alanguite@comcast.net)
 - Tuesday, May 6th (Rain date May 7th) sponsor Major Steven Roy Andrews Fishing Outreach Program
 - Wednesday, June 25th – First Responders Tournament (Danbury Town Park)
 - Tuesday, Sept 16th sponsor River Front Recapture
 - Sponsor a First Responders Boat forms available on the table (corporate and personal). I would like to suggest a club take the personal one and collect within the club and make it a club donation.
- All Open Tournament Applications are up on the website under "Opens"
 - Scholarship Two Day – May 3rd & 4th – Danbury, Candlewood
 - Reynolds Open – June 8th – CT River
 - 26 Angels Foundation Tournament (70% payout cash & prizes) – Apr 26th – Danbury, Candlewood
 - Bryan Kerchal – April 27th – Danbury, Candlewood (Proceeds go to CBN Youth)
 - Mixed Open – June 1st - Candlewood
- BASS Renewal Envelopes available – CBN gets \$5 for everyone mailed in to BASS.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

- David Santos - Motion made for \$1000 to Sporting Chance for Youth & motion accepted.
- Ron Frisk – Requesting use of CBN Backup scale for High School Trail – motion made & accepted.
- Casting Kids will be held at Cabela's April 5th at 11am.
- C.A.R.E Family Day will be held April 5th at 1:30 at Cabela's also
- Steve Marone, Mid-State Battery will be a guest speaker at the April meeting. Will be giving a demonstration on the new AGM batteries. Please encourage your club members to attend.
- Scholarship judging will be held on April 24th at 5p in the small meeting room at Northeast Utilities prior to CBN Meeting. Chairperson – Kevin Lavender, Judges: Dan Monroe, Matt Desimone Jr & Rob Germain

- Need clubs to accept new members. I have encountered clubs saying they are full. How can we grow if we tell people we are full? I understand clubs have by-laws that might prohibit this, maybe revisit the by-laws? We have quite a few clubs with 6 members. There are four clubs out of 24 that total 106 of our members, when they say they are full it is understandable. The rest have between 6 & 13, the majority being 6. Our total membership right now is 250, not counting the new ones coming in. Please accept new members.
- Thayer's Open House – March 29th.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 24th, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Rose, CBN Secretary