

**CT B.A.S.S. Nation
Meeting Minutes
November 20th 2014**

ROLL CALL: Clubs absent – Milford Black Bass & Thayers

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Paul Mueller has won the 2014 Old Milwaukee BASS Nation Championship and received a 2015 Classic Berth, the Brian V Kerchal Memorial Trophy and an Elite spot should he choose to take it. Congratulations Paul!!
- **Carhartt Bassmaster College Series Sets Dates For 2015:**
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Carhartt Bassmaster College Series has been expanded to three-day tournaments for 2015, instead of two, B.A.S.S. announced as it revealed the 2015 College Series schedule.
“College teams competing in our series are so strong now, they can easily step up to the challenge of a three-day tournament,” said Hank Weldon, director of the college fishing program for B.A.S.S. “It’s exciting to see the level of competition increase every year.”
The Southern Regional ushers in the new season, Jan. 3-5, on Florida’s St. Johns River. When the Bassmaster Elite Series visited this fishery in March 2014, Florida native Chris Lane took the tournament by storm with huge bags each day — including one that weighed 37-9 — and winning with 90 pounds, 13 ounces over four days.
In March, the Central and Eastern Regionals take place. The Central will be March 5-7 on the Red River out of Natchitoches, La., close to where the 2012 Bassmaster Classic was held. With the new three-day College Series format weights are hoped to rival that of the former Classic.
The Eastern isn’t far behind on March 26-28 on North Carolina’s Lake Norman. Here the reigning 2014 Carhartt Bassmaster College Series National Championship team from University of North Carolina at Charlotte will have a chance to fish for the title again on their home waters.
The Western Regional, April 30-May 2, will be held in conjunction with the Bassmaster Elite Series event in California. The pros will be competing on the Sacramento River, and the college anglers will fish on nearby Folsom Reservoir. The final day Western Regional weigh-in will take place on the Bassmaster Elite Series stage Saturday, May 2.
The College Series returns to the Mississippi River out of La Crosse, Wis., for the final regular-season event of 2015, the Midwest Regional. The last time the College Series visited the Mississippi River in 2012, the University of West Virginia claimed the victory with a two-day total of 31 pounds, 1 ounce.
The top anglers from each regional qualify for the 2015 Carhartt Bassmaster College Series National Championship, to be held at a date and location to be announced later. For competitors who do not qualify for the championship through their regional, the Wild Card tournament gives them another opportunity. The Wild Card will be June 4-6 on Lake Barkley in Paris, Tenn. It will be held in conjunction with BASSfest, which will be on nearby Kentucky Lake.

MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque

Conservation Report: Dean Rustic

- **Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting**
 - Encon Report – List of infractions that Encon responded to over the past month were mostly associated with illegal deer hunting.
 - Striped Bass – It is the position of the state environmental protection agencies of the East Coast States that the Striped Bass population is in decline due to over fishing by some “Bad Actors” and recreational fisherman. State environmental protection agencies are looking to come up with Striped Bass regulations for the East Coast.
- **Fishing Advocacy – Working directly with CT DEEP to promote Fishing with these initiatives.**

- Shimano Youth Conservation Initiative
- Remaining Community Waters:
 - Bridge Pond, Bristol - Edward Swicklas
 - Hubbard Park Pond, Meriden - Michael Roberts
 - Butternut Park Pond, Middletown - William Russo and Debbie Stanley
 - Stanley Quarter Park Pond, New Britain - Bill Demaio
- Shimano/Bass Youth Grant has been extended to January 15th, 2015.
- Will be working with the DEEP for the structures to be placed on Lilionah for the NRD Grant.

Boating Advisory:

- No Meeting. Need someone to go to the December 17th meeting for Tom

CLA Report:

- Larry Marsciano has notified us that the CLA has applied for a Grant through the DEEP Grant Program. Public Hearings will be held on this matter. No hearings yet. Larry said there were 17 applications for Grants through the DEEP program.
- Phyllis Schaer is going to attend a spring meeting and answer any questions or concerns we may have about Grass Carp.

CT Haddam Canal Issue:

- Norb Heil – Connecticut River – CY Station:
- Discussed at the Nationals President meeting and they were all asked to go on and vote.

Tournament Report: Sal Messina

- Nothing new to report

Sponsorship Report: Robert Nelson

- **Kistler Rods** – Gold Level sponsor for 2015. They have given us 6 rods for the awards banquet. Visit their website at www.kistlerrods.com
- **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
- **Livingston Lures**
 - New sponsor for the CBN, check for \$1500 received, product coming for banquets, tournaments etc.

CBN Scholarship: Nothing New

Robert S Malloy Scholarship: Marc is sending a check for \$1050.00 to UConn and then UConn will interview Candidates and get in touch with David. Judging will be done first week of December.

Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris

- Change of Date: Due to the nationals being help on our original date of November 8th, we will now be holding in on November 22nd. Please be sure to notify all club members of the change. Getting prizes for the youth that will attend, right now that is about 24!
- Make reservations – Over \$18,000.00 in prizes!!
- Plaques for the Banquet were \$1,773.92

Membership Committee: Paul Dingee – Nothing New

Website Committee: Nothing New

Audit Committee: Nothing to report

Youth Report: Ron Frisk

- Very successful 2 trail season. Long but a heck of a time for all involved. Participation was outstanding, parent support and help was amazing.
- Nonnewaug High School 1st place in both trails
- Ellington High was 2nd in 1st trail
- Berlin High School Team 1 2nd place in 2nd trail
- Nonnewaug and Fairfield prep fished HS National Championship on Kentucky Lake in Tennessee.
- Nonnewaug and Berlin will fish 2015 HS National Championship at a lake and date TBD.
- We will have a huge turnout at the banquet – Have fantastic gift packages for the high school/juniors and each will get a special prize.
- Plans for 2015:
 - Trail is set, currently plan to fish 6 events with 1 drop. May drop to 5 events with 1 drop. The plan is to use the 9/19 permit as a fun day with a live bait tournament for all friends and families.
 - May pick another permit date during the season to have another fun filled day or possibly have an all species fun tournament.
- 8th graders who will fish the HS trail their upcoming senior year and have a partner can fish events while still in 8th grade.
- High school kids can NOT drive the boat.
- BASS offering 3 opens this year – more info to follow
- We are 1 of 10 states to still have a junior program alongside the High School program.
- Looking to add at least 2 new High Schools and a few juniors.
- Also hope to get a community club going with a group of kids that make up 3 high schools and form a group called “Tomorrow’s Sportsmen”

Finance Committee: Ray Bessett – Will have budget for December Meeting

State Team Report: Sylvia Morris

- **2014:** \$16,631.47 - total expense after Team members brought in sponsorship of \$2500.00 and \$500.00 in paper goods, zip lock for lunches, desserts, bread, buns, waters and sodas.

- **2015:** There is a change in the members of the 2015 State Team, Paul Mueller will come out and we will move everyone up and add Norb Heil to the 2015 team. Paul is already in the 2015 Nationals, no need to fish the Divisional
- Revised 2015 CT River State Team: Chris Beilert, Alex Wetherell, Tom Reynolds, Dino Moutogiannis, David Dziob (Mr BASS), Reed Johnson, Daryl Biron, Jose Soler, John Knowles, Ed Kohl, Joe Mahood, Rob Pepe, and Norb Heil.
- High School Team – Nonnewaug High: Doug Marino & Noah Winslow
- Went to the Farmington Extended Stay in Farmington, where we stayed 7 years ago, and the manager Evan gave us a price of \$109.00/night.
- We would be spending about \$4500.00 for the Team for 4 nights, High School Team for 3 nights and one room for 5 nights as headquarters. I have a contract from them and am waiting to sign as we are still waiting for BASS to sign the paperwork with Riverfront.
- Dorree Jeffrey and Sylvia Morris went scouting and the expense was \$45.25.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN

OLD BUSINESS:

- Excused Absences: BASS Attack, CT Yankee & Naugatuck Valley
- By-Law Proposals were handed out – There was no discussion regarding them. We will vote on them at the December meeting. They will also be posted in the forum.
 - Standing Rule Change Proposal – 1-2015
 - Existing rule - Rule 6- Trip Reimbursement. Representation at B.A.S.S. Sponsored Events
 - It shall be Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation policy that representation to the Bassmasters Classic, the Nation Nationals and/or President's Conference shall be reimbursed for the costs of the trip, i.e. commercial transportation costs or personal owned vehicle mileage (at the current GSA guideline) or gas reimbursement with receipt both ways plus food and lodging costs en route and during return. The president or his/her designee shall attend the functions stated above. The Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation representative to the B.A.S.S. Nation Nationals shall also be entitled to the same reimbursement privileges. All lodging and food costs shall be substantiated by a voucher/receipt and exclude costs for spouses or any other person accompanying. All other individuals attending B.A.S.S. sponsored events expecting reimbursement must be approved prior to the trip by the Board of Directors. Advanced payment of travel costs may be disbursed to defray costs of the trip and such advance payment shall require full accounting upon completion of the trip.
 - Proposed change - Rule 6- Trip Reimbursement. Representation at B.A.S.S. Sponsored Events
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- Proposed Bylaw Change – 1-2015
 - Existing Bylaw - A. Standing Committees 2. Youth Activities
 - The number of members to serve on this committee shall be determined by the Board. This committee shall review youth activity programs and projects related to indoctrination of our youth in the sport of fishing, sportsmanship, aquatic resources, boat and water safety and conservation practices as may be implemented by CBN organizations; it shall recommend improvements thereto; review and determine suitability of similar projects proposed for CBN sponsorship and assist in the planning and implementation of such projects.
 - Proposed change - A. Standing Committees 2. Youth / High School Directors
 - The number of members to serve on this committee shall be determined by the Board. This committee shall produce a proposed High School /Junior Trail by the October meeting. The committee shall review youth activity programs and projects related to indoctrination of our youth in the sport of fishing, sportsmanship, aquatic resources, boat and water safety and conservation practices as may be implemented by CBN organizations; it shall recommend improvements thereto; review and determine suitability of similar projects proposed for CBN sponsorship and assist in the planning and implementation of such projects.
- NRD Grant: Sylvia is working with Molly Sperduto. Email sent out to all presidents with an outline of what is going on. It is complicated and we are still waiting for permission to update the information with the Dunn's number and move forward. Dean is working on our new proposal and budget to present to First Light & Power and the NRD board as soon as possible. We are looking at doing the project in April and will need clubs willing to provide volunteers. Take this back to your club members, we will need help – the Grant is \$46,050.00!!
- New CBN/NEBA Team Championship Trail has ended and we have a winning team. Abe Kalechman and Chris Parker are going to Arkansas, Lake Degray in December. Good Luck guys!! Let's get another CT angler in the Classic in 2015!!
- Triton Alliance Leads Program, we already have some sales pending for this year. Please let Sylvia know as soon as someone THINKS they are going to buy a Triton. She will email all the info (name, email, phone number and what boat he is interested in if possible) to put the lead in.
- Fold of Honor awarded CT BASS Nation with a Silver Award for our contribution in 2014.
- Tournament Trailer issue had been looked into when we did the trailer cleanup. Bids were received from a few places and we found Stick it to it graphics, whom Sylvia had contact with 4 years ago, came in with the best options and price. He has given us a bid and will be happy to do it in March to give us time to get our sponsors in order.
- Abe Kalechman has received his State Team reimbursement check for \$960.00
- Trailer cleanup was held at Sal Messina's house, Thank you Sal and Donna!! We disposed of two garbage cans, two coolers and sold the wagon for \$25.00. Check has been given to Marc for the Tournament Trail account.
- Vinny Mucci installed the electric brake hookup in Sal's vehicle. All set to tow now.
- Norb Heil has retracted his appeal for \$60.00 for Chris Zurchel who heads up Environmental Headlines as he is no longer accepting donations.
- Paul Muller has turned in his receipts for practice to the Nationals and has spent well over \$2000.00. He will be reimbursed for \$2000.00
- Working with Don Barone and Tackle the Storm on this possible partnership with Casting Kids. His lawyers are looking into how to do this right.
- The \$1000.00 worth of gift cards were purchased by me on the CBN credit card at Cabela's as asked by Terry Baksay for the Junior awards at the banquet. Marc moved the money from the High School account to the general fund to cover the credit card charge.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Nationals Report:**

- Triton Alliance Presentation- Same as last year with additional Team Jerseys. They will provide State Team jerseys for 14 members, President, Two High School Teams, (4) and Two Boat Captains. Now providing 21 State Team Jerseys. Still giving us, Two Trolling Motors TR 82-45's, 3 Props Tempest SS 3 19 to 27 pitch choices, 6 Cases of oil Premium 2 Cycle or Premium Plus. Upgrades possible for additional charge. Still doing the Leads program, we have 4 connected sales so far. We have until the end of January to connect with 2 more and we will have 2,000.00!!!! Right now we have \$1000.00.
- Mercury State Team special offers and State special offers
- Lowrance is providing Special Pricing for State Team will be coming not ready yet. New Contest will be ready by the end of December. Not sure what yet? Lowrance is hiring, has 15 positions to fill, if interested let Sylvia know.
- Old Milwaukee New this year and looking for ideas of how to get the product out there and what we would like for sponsorship. Maybe Banquet Items, T-shirts Etc.
- Old Milwaukee Fishing Team New The six National winners will get \$1000.00 and they will put decals on Truck and Boat and logo on their shirt.
- Power Pole: Rebate program again, same as last year. Buy the product and Register Product, click on Rebate put in your BASS #, your position, State, Club or member. Follow instructions and you will receive your rebate in the mail. You may purchase two each and accessories if all bought at once! State Team- 30%, Executive Board-20%, Club Executive-15%, Members 10% Make sure to sign up for Captains Cash, (on line)! \$250 is you win a Divisional and \$500.00 for Nationals. Will let us know if High School kids with Boats will be eligible along with the State Team (14)
- Shimano: Sent e-mail to all presidents and some members about For each rod purchased between Nov 6th and Dec 31st a form must be filled out and sent to me along with receipt, I collect them up (10 minimum) send them in and we get an average credit of what was spent to purchase rod or rod of our choice for Banquet prizes! Please see your president for the form or I can e-mail it to you.
- Rigid Industries: New Skeeters, Rangers, & Tritons will have options available for Rigid Lighting to come on the boat! B.A.S.S. Nation has 30% discount. He will send the code. As soon as I get it I will e-mail all Club Presidents and Bob will include in his Sponsorship report.
- Berkley: They have signed a three year contract with B.A.S.S. looking to get very involved with High School! Starting Jan 1st there will be an access through the B.A.S.S. Nation website to go in and order Berkley products at a 25% discount. You will be prompted to enter your B.A.S.S. Number in order to be eligible. There was abuse of the old sight.
- Humminbird/MinnKota State Team Program: Now available to purchase Two Talons, Two Units, 1 trolling motor and 1 Charger per person. Cannot purchase for anyone else and must have on your boat for the 2015 season. Only those High School Teams with a boat will be allowed to utilize the program.
- Toyota, Boat US and Leer: Toyota program is back for State Team members, High School Teams and Boat Captains and also includes the Team Championship Tournament in Dec. Highest placing Toyota get money. 2012 and up. Leer Cash, you must register on line and have a Leer cap or Tonneau Cover on your Tow vehicle used in the qualifying Event. \$250.00 State qualifier.
- Carhartt: Coming back, will receive code soon. State Team and High School and Boat Captains
- Skeeter/Yamaha: President's package available through your local Dealer 2015, Real Money National Champion will win 25,000.00, Classic winner will win 50,000.00. Yamaha oil available to the State at a discount to sell and make money for the State. Stabilizer same offer. Ring Free same offer.
- FOLDS OF HONOR: Sponsored a Banquet and we received an award for our contribution in 2014. Is asking all States to hold some kind of event and raise money for them in 2015. Patriots fishing Day, any day you like this year, hold an event for Folds of Honor. This is a good thing for the children to get them into fishing! B.A.S.S. gave the young man Grayson that spoke to us about losing his Father in the war a lifetime membership to B.A.S.S. and got him hooked up with a High School club for 2015! B.A.S.S. gave him a Lifetime membership to B.A.S.S.!
- HIGH SCHOOL: Every state should have a High School Director! There were three States that do. Holding Three Opens this year. High School by-Law sample will be sent in Dec. Thinking about allowing 8th graders this year to fish as a High School team in the spring. 99% sure. Will get confirmation when B.A.S.S sends all information to the Presidents and High School Directors. Possibly allowing 7 year olds to fish juniors? It will be up to us to decide if they allow it. Possible Team Trail for High School also? Just discussion at this time. Would have a minimum of four tournaments, 25 Teams.
- CONSERVATION: Conservation Director should have help if needed! Looking for content for website. Grants available:
 - Aquatic resource: \$1500.00 Nov 30th deadline
 - Berkley Conservation Institute: \$2000.00 best Conservation project \$1500.00 worth of product from Berkley for Angler Recruitment and Retention. Can use ongoing projects. Nov 30th deadline may get extended!
 - Fish America Foundation Application on line and a little bit tougher.

- Mossback Fish Attractor: Best plan on how to use them wins \$2500.00 of product.
- Shimano Youth Conservation Initiative: Up to &5000.00 for each division. Jan 15th deadline.
- ANY YOUTH ORGANIZATION MENTORS MUST BE B.A.S.S Members!!!! Must have Liability Release Forms signed for all youth activities!
- Nesbitt Ins: Company is staying
- International Countries: Have not paid BASS Nation dues in the past but will be starting in 2016.
- BASS Media: Please send things to the blog at fish@bassmaster.com
- MEMBERSHIP: 18,429.00 adult members, High school 1,558, College 884, Youth 935. B.A.S.S. Membership Drive envelopes did not work out well. Life memberships offered for 350.00 to use as fundraisers if you wanted to. 5 year membership for \$100.00. These offers are a way to make money for the States.
- BY-LAW Updates: ARTICLE III – Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility
 - Section 1: Officers shall conduct the affairs of the Club in a manner consistent with these Bylaws. In addition, the State B.A.S.S. Nation Board of Directors is required to be comprised of members who are free to serve the State and its members without a conflict of interest. B.A.S.S. Nation State Board Members and Officers are not permitted to hold positions within any other B.A.S.S. Nation-type organization. SHOULD ADD TO YOUR BY LAWS!
- Divisional Schedule Discussed: CT up in 2018, discussed responsibilities for the Divisional for the state, Economic impact form, Working on communicating better with all correspondence (give them a day to get back to you),.
- Other Discussion: Encourage Junior program to stay, discussed college and conference map, BASS Nation State requirements, New BASS Nations (Namibia, Australia, Portugal).
- More information to come after Christmas!!
- Trailer:
 - Proposal from David Reilly (Stick it to it Graphics):
 - I can wrap that trailer in a custom full color design that is of high resolution photographic quality. We will create a design that “sells” your organization by showing the excitement and sportsmanship of bass fishing. We are the only full-time wrap company in New England and we offer a 5 year free maintenance program on all our wraps. This allows you to bring your wrap in once a year for the next 5 years for a free upkeep exam. We will reseal any lifts, edges, snags or tears. We can even replace any missing tears or add images for a small fee. The fee for this would be \$2000.00 but I am willing to trade \$500 of that fee in sponsorship for my logo to appear on all sides of the trailer at 14” x 14” in size. There will be a place to add and remove yearly Sponsors.
 - Voted and passed to go with Stick it to it Graphics in March for \$1500.00
 - Put hooks in the nose of the trailer to hang weigh in bags
 - Purchase some new bungees
 - Purchase 2 Pop Up garbage cans
 - Build something to hold the Banner Poles (Possible to have them lay on the bottom of the trailer to the right side in a wood box)
 - Thank you to the people that came out to clean the trailer in the freezing cold: Jim Morris, Ron, Travis and Logan Frisk, Paul Dingee, Bob Nelson, Dave Gilbert, Sal & Donna Messina, Jenn Schaller, Vinny Mucci
- Nominations were due in tonight. Sal Messina provided the list of nominations to Sylvia and were read as follows:
 - President: Sylvia Morris
 - Vice President: Bob Nelson & Vinny Mucci
 - Treasurer: Marc Levesque
 - Secretary: Alan Guite
 - ****Please bring back to your club – nominees will be voted on at the December meeting****
- It is with great concern and sadness that I let you know that our good friend Noreen Clough is seriously ill. Noreen told us today that she has been diagnosed with cancer of the pancreas and liver and that the prognosis is not good. Let’s do something for her from CT.
- MVBC Toys for Tots is Saturday, December 6th at the Wallingford Walmart from 9a-2p. Would like to donate the usual \$500.00 from the CBN to go shopping for toys. Voted and passed.
- Tobacco Valley has notified me that they are not coming back as they have aged out. A few of the members have been reached out to and made sure they knew they could relocate. None did.

- Richie Thayer has also contacted me about the possibility that their club may fold. They had 6 members and have lost 3 due to unforeseen events in their lives and cannot get 3 others. If there is anyone who knows someone looking to join a club in that area please let Sylvia know as soon as possible?
- The CBN/NEBA Team Trail will collect the \$5.00 travel money a tournament that we collected at each tournament this year all at once in the beginning of the year; so to join the CBN/NEBA Team Championship Trail part of NEBA it will be a \$20.00 a Team BASS Dues and a \$30.00 a team Travel money. \$50.00 a team. This money collected with go to the winning team that goes to the championship. Abe & Chris got \$945.00 Travel Money.
- In the past we have donated \$1,000.00 to the Riverfront Recapture to help with the events they hold that benefit the Youth primarily. This year Sylvia would like to donate \$500.00 to that and the other \$500.00 to the 2015 Eastern Divisional event fee (Voted and passed).
 - Sylvia stepped in to help keep this event in CT for 2 reasons: Partly responsible for it coming here as Sylvia contacted Jon Stewart and Craig Mergins at last year's banquet. RI had given the CT River as their choice. The second reason is definitely the good of the CBN. It would be a great deal less expense to keep the team in CT and we have a qualified river team.
 - Things were good and moving forward with the 2015 Easter Divisional coming to the river. Jon did some leg work with the hotels and setup a good package with the Holiday Inn, then they changed their rules.
- Club Challenge by Extreme: They collected \$10.00 per person in their club for a total of \$100.00 and donated it to the High School account. They challenged all the CBN Clubs to do the same.
 - Tolland County accepted the challenge and will bring a check to the December meeting for \$60.00 for their 6 members.
- Livingston Lure Drawing – Rob Kileen

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:46 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 18th, 2014

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Rose, CBN Secretary**