

# CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting Minutes

## June 25, 2015

- Roll Call – 7:35 p.m.
- **Clubs Absent:** CT Bassmen, Tolland County Bassmasters & CT Valley Bassmasters
- **Correspondence:** We received a Thank you from Riverfront Recapture for the \$1000.00 donation and for Ron Frisk and his Juniors / High School Kids volunteering at the Sporting Chance for Youth Event.
- **Announcements:**
  1. MR. BASS applications and Invitation Letters have been handed out, one per each club representative. Sylvia will be e-mailing this documentation to all CT club Presidents tonight. A decision was made last year to no longer mail these documents. Sylvia asked that all clubs provide updated e-mail contact information before leaving the meeting and to please make sure they get to the right members of their clubs. In addition she asked that they are returned with all proper documentation and monies prior to the deadline.
  2. Tournament #3 mailing deadline is Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Late Fees will be accepted until Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. It must be in my possession by then or you will not be in the pairings!!!! Pay attention to the pairings as some of you may be launching at Lattins Cove!
  3. Ron Frisk handed out his 2016 High School/Junior Trail and we are asking all clubs to please do not put Club Tournaments on these dates if possible. We will need quite a few Boat Captains, please let Ron know if you are interested. The dates are as follows;
    - 5/7/16 - Candlewood
    - 6/4/16 - Connecticut River
    - 7/16/16 - Lillinonah
    - 8/13/16 - Zoar

A motion to accept the previous month's meeting minutes as posted was made, seconded and approved

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **Treasurer Report:** was provided Marc Levesque

## **Suspension of normal business**

**At the monthly meeting in May a motion was made by Vinny Mucci to suspend all regular business at the June meeting in order to allow extra time for the Board of Directors to discuss the three State Team qualification proposals for 2016 forward. The motion was seconded and approved.**

All members of the Board of Directors were allowed to voice the concerns of their clubs and after a lengthy discussion it was decided that an additional proposal should be developed to ensure that we have put our best options forward for voting.

The following proposal is a collaboration created from the three previous proposals by the CBN Board of Directors. With the understanding that the three previous proposals for State Team qualification for 2016 and beyond could possibly have great negative impacts on our organization, the Board of Directors felt the need come up with an alternate proposal. The group worked diligently to remove as many concerns as possible and have developed this new proposal in an effort to promote the CBN Tournament Trail and State Team qualification while remaining aligned with the new criteria set forth by B.A.S.S. This proposal needs to be communicated to all CBN members and will be voted on at the July CBN meeting.

### **Board of Directors Proposal;**

**CBN Tournament Trail** – Will consist of three events with the entry fees for each being \$75 for a boater and \$35 for a non-boater. These three events will run as they have in the past where some boaters may not be paired with a non-boater. These are Pro/Am style events. The boater has control of the boat at all times. The CBN trail will utilize the same payout criteria as in past years. The 20% of entry fees that were previously retained to fund the Classic payout will now fund the State Team.

**CBN Classic** – The top 25 boaters and the top 25 non-boaters in the Angler Of the Year standings from the three previous CBN Tournament Trail events will qualify for this event. All participants must be paired. The entry fee will be \$100 for a boater and \$50 for a non-boater. The point standings from the previous three tournament trail events will be reset to zero. The top three finishers in each division will qualify for the State Team. This is a Pro/Am style event. The boater has control of the boat at all times. There will be no cash payout. 100% of entry fees will be retained and utilized to fund the State Team

**Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass)** – Each club must provide a boater and a non-boater for this event. The entry fee will be \$100 for the boater and \$50 for the non-boater. The first place finisher in each division will qualify for the State Team. This is a Pro/Am style event. The boater has control of the boat at all times. There will be no cash payout. 100% of entry fees will be retained and utilized to fund the State Team.

**Two Day State Championship** – This tournament will be open to all CBN members. Each boater must have a linked non-boater listed on their application to ensure all participants are paired. The entry fee for this event will be \$150 for a boater and \$100 for a non-boater. The top seven finishers in each division will qualify for the State Team. The seventh place finisher from each division will hold the position of team alternate. This is a Pro/Am style event. The boater has control of the boat at all times. 100% of entry fees will be retained and utilized to fund the State Team.

Meeting adjourned – 9:50 p.m.

Next meeting – Thursday, July 23, 2015

Respectfully submitted by Al Guite