

CBN Meeting Minutes July 23, 2015

Roll Call – 7:30

- **CLUBS ABSENT: Bass Busters, Greater Hartford, Pachaug, Silver City Bassmasters**

Correspondence: None

Announcements: Next Year's show Dates have changed!!! CMTA Jan 28th to the 31st and NEHFS Feb, 12th to the 14th.

MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **Treasurer Report:** No Report
- **Conservation & FAC Report:** Dean Rustic

CBN Conservation objectives for the 2015

1. Work closely with CT DEEP Officials to create a C.A.R.E. Bass Class
2. Conservation Projects for Housatonic Watershed Organizations
3. Create a Youth/School based Conservation initiative
4. Leverage our position as number 1 for fishing revenue to get funding for CBN endorsed projects

Information from this past Month –

1. Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting
 - a. No Meetings for July & August
2. Fisheries Advisory Council
 - a. No Meeting
3. Updated the Statement of Work for the NRD Grant. This is the Grant for placing structure in the 3 bodies of water in the Housatonic watershed (Lilly, Zoar, Housatonic)

Dean Rustic
Conservation Director

- **Boating Advisory:** No Meeting

CLA REPORT: Grass Carp have been put in CANDLEWOOD Lake ON June 26th. There have been reports of some dying. The CLA is looking into this as they think too many have died.

CT Yankee Haddam Canal Issue: No word, waiting to hear back from Norb.

- **Tournament Report:** Sal Messina MR
B.A.S.S. apps in are 16 clubs out of 22. Pairings will be up on Tuesday morning along with the location.
Sal asked that going forward at the Candlewood Squantz Tournaments that when you beach your boat to weigh in please weigh in and move your boat immediately so the next ones can come in!!! Sal witnessed some going to eat after weighing in and leaving their boat on shore and in our way of the weigh in.

Sylvia thanked all that pitched in and helped at the July Candlewood Tournament!!! It really helps if everyone runs one trailer!!!

- **Sponsorship Report:** Nothing new
- Livingston Lures has come on as a Gold Sponsor for the CBN this year. In addition to all that they have done for us they provided us with a code to give to all members to use ONCE per Member. It is for your use only!!!! Do not give to anyone who is not a CBN member please!

You must get the code from your Club President or any Executive Board member the code cannot be put into the minutes. It is for 15% off of your one time order, Guys, please utilize this so we can continue this great sponsorship!

Berkley Discount

- The Berkley discount for B.A.S.S. Nation members has changed in how it will be processed. It is 25% off all Berkley Products for B.A.S.S. Nation members. What has changed is that it is now available 24/7 365 days a year! Also what has changed is the way you receive the discount. Members **must** follow these steps in order to receive the discount.
 1. Go to Bassmaster.com – Join B.A.S.S.- Benefits or go to this link. <https://ssl.palmcoastd.com/pcd/apps/index.cfm?iMagId=57000&iPage=BASSBENEFITLOGIN&iXz=A05CF3B4374EA0549ED41FBFF6A7F39F>
 2. Log into the benefits page with B.A.S.S. Number and last name
 3. Click on Berkley Nation Discount
 4. Order
- “If You Can’t Beat Em Whip Em”

25% Discount Offer

Just like the B.A.S.S. Nation, we are a grass roots company. We believe in our 100% American Made Products and make baits for all levels of anglers, from beginners to seasoned pros.

From an idea developed in our basement four years ago we continue to grow at a rapid pace requiring us to move to a separate building on our property. As our growth continues we are looking to expand that building in 2015. Just like most of you, we also work full time jobs. Even with this limitation, we now have fourteen dealers across the United States, one in Australia, one in Spain, and are bringing on our newest dealer in Nova Scotia.

Our process is one step at a time, one person at a time, and one dealer at a time. We aim to take care of every individual customer the same way, whether you are the beginner or a Bassmaster Classic Winner. We take pride in sustaining our down home family company identity.

Henry, one of the owners of our company, spent over twenty years as President of a B.A.S.S. club in Western Pennsylvania. He also spent several years as President of the West Virginia Federation. Matt, our other owner, provides the creative mind that is helping our company grow.

We would like to extend a 25% discount on any order purchased from Whip Em Baits for all of the B.A.S.S. Nation. We are asking you to help spread the word to your Federation members. With your help we can continue to grow and compete with much larger companies.

You can use the discount by entering the discount code **BNM2015** at the end of your orders. Check out our products at www.whipembaits.com. With soft plastics, jigs, spinnerbaits, and buzzbaits, we've got a wide variety of proven bass catching baits!

We thank you for your support and wish you the best of luck this season.

Sincerely,

Matt Marsula Henry Likar
Co-Owners Whip Em Baits

- Midstate Battery

A discount is available to ALL Nation members.

Every club Rep received a packet with all the discounts available to us at the Feb 26th Meeting. We have it posted on the Forum also. Please let Sylvia Know when you order & the amount. They can be reached at:

139C West Dudley Town Rd. Bloomfield, CT 06002

Phone 860-243-0646 Fax 860-243-5945

Email: smerone@midstatebattery.com

- Reynolds' Garage and Marine Contingency Program 2015

Qualifying Events...

May 17, 2015 CBN Tournament #1, Candlewood Lake

June 14, 2015 CBN Tournament #2, Connecticut River

July 12, 2015 CBN Tournament #3 Candlewood

October 18, 2015 CBN Classic/Tournament #4, Lilly

Payout...

1. CBN Guaranteed Payout???
2. Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money based on the age of the highest finishing Skeeter Owners boat (only one award per event).
 - a. \$3,000.00 (2012 model Skeeter boat or newer)
 - b. \$1,000.00 (2011 model Skeeter boat or older)
3. Skeeter Real Money up to \$3,000.00

Rules...

1. 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...2012 model or newer Skeeter boat will qualify for \$3,000.00 per event, 2011 model or older Skeeter boat will qualify for \$1,000.00 per event.
2. 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 2015 CBN Events.
3. 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.
4. There will be no limit to the times an angler can win per calendar year.
5. The four CBN Events outlined above will also be sanctioned for 2015 Skeeter Real Money. Each CBN Event must have a minimum of 30 boats and 60 anglers to qualify for 2015 Skeeter Real Money. To qualify for 2015 Skeeter Real Money, each individual registered Skeeter Owner must register for the 2015 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.
6. In the event that two or more Skeeter Owners daily catch weight results in a tie, each angler's largest fish of that day (by weight) will be used as a tie breaker to determine the winner of the Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money at each CBN Event.
7. The highest finishing Skeeter Owner must catch and weigh-in one legal bass to qualify for the Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Contingency Prize Money. In the event that no registered Skeeter Owners catch and weigh-in one legal bass, the Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money will not be awarded for that event.
8. The tournament director has final decision in all issues and disputes.

- Rigid Industries

There is a 30% off offer to all members. You will need a code. We will get it out to you as soon as we receive it. NO CODE YET, WORKING ON IT!

- Effective March 1st

Power-Pole B.A.S.S. Nation Rebate Program

Dear Presidents,

Power-Pole is a proud sponsor of the B.A.S.S Nation in 2015. We will continue to offer a rebate program to B.A.S.S. Nation Members. The new rebate structure will be effective March 1st 2015. The new discounts will be as follows:

- Sportsman 2 Model: \$75
- Pro 2 Model: \$100
- Signature Series 2 Model: \$125
- Blade Model: \$150

The above stated discounts are available via rebate program through our website. In order to receive your rebate, you will need to register the Power-Pole at www.Power-Pole.com located under the "Support" column header then "Product Registration".

Once the product has been registered, you will then find the link "Apply for Rebate" to complete the rebate form. Once all the given information is verified we will issue you a check or credit in accordance with the discount you are slated to receive. You will need to provide a copy of your purchase receipt and membership card.

For the State Team Members, we want to invite you to apply for our Pro-Staff program. The program is geared towards your status within the fishing community. The application can be completed at www.power-pole.com under "Pro's" then "Join Our Pro-Staff". With this program you will receive your discount at the time of purchase. For more information about our prostaff program please contact our pro-staff manager Casey Carpenter at Casey@power-pole.com

This rebate is not valid on any boat where the Power-Pole anchor is standard equipment. This program is subject to change or be terminated at any time. The rebate program is only valid towards one purchase per person per year and does not include accessories, installation or any other additional expense.

Sincerely,

Curt Hill,

Advertising Manager

9010 Palm River Road. Tampa, FL 33619 phone 813.689.9932 fax 813.689.8883 power-pole.com

- WAVE AWAY OFFER

I've been a fellow BASS Nation Member for nearly over 20 years. I'm excited to see how quickly the youth tournament programs are growing and would love my company to be a part of it. I own a product called Wave Away and we offer a Sonar/GPS Screen Cleaning Kit that's endorsed by BASS Nation Champion Brandon Palaniuk. I've put together a fundraiser where BASS Nation Clubs can earn \$5 per referral when they send folks to our website to purchase Wave Away. Clubs can also earn \$20 per referral when telling potential retailers about our product and they sign up to carry Wave Away.

- Signing up to raise funds is simple. Log onto www.waveaway.com and sign up now. It takes about 1 minute to register and it can earn your club a ton of money. We also have a few fun prizes for participating clubs. Bassmaster Elite Series Pro Brandon Palaniuk will be doing a private seminar for the club that makes the most referrals. We will also draw one random participating club and they will receive a free Hydrowave mini unit.
- Sincerely, Chris Lambert Wave Away LLC www.waveaway.com

CBN Scholarship-none

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- Banquet : November 14th 2015
- Membership Committee – Nothing
- Website Committee-Nothing
 - Audit Committee –No report
 - High school: Ron Frisk Need one more boat Captain for Aug 2nd, Pachaug. Please let me know who can help out with this!!!! The next one is Aug 22nd, will need boats then also.

- T-Shirts are in and will be given out at Mr Bass Tournament and the Aug CBN meeting. Get your monies together!!!
- **Finance:** No Report

State Team 2015

- Meeting was held on July 12th, all paperwork is in, waiting on one sponsorship, all others have satisfied their 250.00 in sponsorship!
- All entries have been filled out and sent in to Jon Stewart.
- Next meeting will be Aug 23rd 1:00 my house. We will pair up for practice Monday & Tuesday of Divisional. We will meet as a Team on Monday Sept 14th. At 7:00 am.
- All have received Shirts and Jackets. Tom Reynolds will have Lowrance Hats at the next meeting for all.
- Received Joe Mahood's sponsorship of 250.00 from Hilltop Engine Co. No 1
- Alex Wetherell gave 20.00 Cabalas Gift Cards to all.

A motion to accept all reports as given was seconded and approved.

Old Business

- Excused absences- Tolland County-excused
CT Valley Bassmasters & CT Bassmen did not ask for an excuse. I asked them and they said they did not want it.
- **Vote on 2016 & Beyond Proposal was passed out and each club voted and passed them to Vinny. Vinny counted and the vote was unanimous to accept the new tournament trail format as follow;**

New Trail Format for 2016

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.

- CBN/NEBA TCT held T #3 on Lake Champlain all 22 Teams attended. So far Reed Johnson & Justin Mesick are leading the CBN/NEBA TCT.
- The NRD Grant: Dean has redone the Scope of Work and sent it to Andrew to be submitted. Cross your Fingers, this could be it!!!
- Folds of Honor Tournament was held and we had 13 Teams and raised 780.00 for Folds of Honor. Karl Sundquist won Lunker, 130.00 and gave it to Folds of Honor!!! Thank you Karl!!! So a total of 910.00 was sent to Folds of Honor!!! Hopefully will do better next year!!!

Executive Board Meeting report from May

- Called to order at 5:45
- Treasurer report was given.
- Discussed Tournament Trail and what is needed for 2016.
- We will be purchasing a New Computer and a new Scale, using the old one as a backup. Ron will search for us. If anyone knows of a possible sponsor that will buy these items for us, that would be great!!!
- Discussed the proposed Trail and all the changes coming in 2016.
- CBN/NEBA Trail has lost some Teams. Will continue to do it as long as we have 20 Teams. This year we have 22.
- Discussed the Trailer Wrap. As you have seen it is beautiful!
- We do have room for more Sponsors, let us know if you know of anyone.
- We are working on adjusting the Sponsorship letters now.
- Scholarship Issues were discussed, Tournament is not bringing in what is needed to cover the \$4000.00 given out each year between the two Scholarships. We decided to cut down the AMOUNT OF Scholarships given for next year. We only have 7 apps this year!!! We will do the CBN Scholarships as 1st & 2nd only. No 3rd place anymore. 1st will be 1000.00 and 2nd will be 500.00. We will continue the RMS at \$1000.00. Saving 1500.00. We will now be giving out \$2500.00. We need to build the Scholarship Tournament. We took in 1920.00 this year. We need to bring in 2500.00 next year.
- We addressed the High School/ Junior Trail and realized we are growing in High Schools b but not in Boat Captains. We decided to cap the program at 15 Boats. Right now we have the High School Teams and Juniors to fill the 15. So if any schools want to come in they can if they can supply a Boat Captain, if not they go on a waiting list for now unless we can come up with more Boat Captains! We will revisit this prior to the start of next year and see where we are at with Boat Captains; hopefully we will have more lined up and can then take new schools!!! We will not be looking for New Juniors for now either. Same applies to them, if they can get a Boat Captain they can come in.
- We have appointed Ron Frisk High School/Youth Director going forward in 2016. We have also appointed John Piscioniere his assistant; he has already been helping out this year.

Terry Baksay has given us a lot of years as Youth Director and we would like to say Thank you!!!, However he is very busy and has not attended a meeting in 15 months so Ron has been doing all the work and is interested in being High School/ Youth Director.

Ron cannot attend the Nationals in November so Vinny or Al will be attending in his place along with Sylvia.

- We talked about the State Team and the upcoming cost increase!! We will be trimming the fat, no oil or license reimbursement, starting this year. Going forward for 2016 all members will have to bring in a monetary Sponsorship only no merchandise or discounts, cash only. The amount will be set when we have a better handle of where we are going for the Divisional and how much the 2016 Trail brings in.
- Banquet prizes are growing, we have received a lot of Merchandise for the Trailer Sponsorship so we will be holding some back for the next two years Banquets.
- BYLAWS will have to be completely redone and Tournament Trail & Two Day Rules will have to be redone also. The Executive Board will work on these at our Aug Executive Board meeting.
- Profit & Loss was looked over and I have a copy here for anyone that would like to see it!
- 2016 Positions open, Financial Advisor, Ray Bessett has been this for many many years and would like to step down. Please let your clubs know and ask if anyone is interested. The President and Vice President are in for one more year. Will need interested parties for 2017. Please speak to Vinny or Sylvia if interested. All other positions will be open to all members if interested. Even though the Chairpersons have agreed to another year.
- Triton Alliance Leads Program, please let me know as soon as possible if anyone in your club is considering purchasing a Triton so we can connect and get credit for the sale. We have 10 already which is \$2000.00. Need 10 more to hit 5000.00
- Website and Calendar updated! If you have anything that needs to go on the Calendar or website get it to me so I can get it up.
- Connecticut Hunting & Fishing Appreciation Day at Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area in Burlington Sat. Sept 26th 2015.
- Anyone interested in attending, helping and or manning a membership booth or Casting Kids Event at either one of the above events please see me after. So far I have Kevin Lavender and sons, Ron Frisk & Logan for September 26th event.
- ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Folds of Honor has sent us 20 Raffle tickets for a 17 1/2 Aluminum Triton, 10.00 each. See Vinny Mucci to purchase one (sold 9 at this meeting). Drawing will be held at the Nationals in November.
- MASS B.A.S.S. Nation is having Jon Stewart come and speak to their membership Monday July 27th at B.A.S.S. Pro Shops.

Remember to utilize the hotels in Danbury that supply us with a fishermen rate!! Newbury, (best parking) Micro-tel & Best Western. All on website!

OPENS FOR 2015

All Applications are on the Table that are available and also on CTBASS.com, on the Calendar.

- Thayer's Open Sept 20th, Candlewood, Squantz, 7 to 3
- MBB High School Benefit Open, Nov 1st, Candlewood 7 to 3

The next Disabled Military Veteran's Tournament will be held in Tuesday, Sept 15th, at Riverside Park in Hartford from 8 to 1. Please contact Al Guite if you are interested in volunteering.

LIVINGSTON LURE WINNER: David Santos

WHIP EM BAIT'S WINNER: Dan Bielert

Motion to adjourn: Adjourned at 8:05 PM

NEXT MEETING - August 27, 2015