

CBN Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2016

Meeting called to order: 7:30PM

Guest speaker: Steve Marone and Steve Marone Jr. from Mid State Battery.

Roll Call – taken by Al Guite at 8:15PM

Correspondence:

- We received a check for \$5000.00 from Fishing Holdings for our Triton leads we connected with in 2015!!! (24 Connected)
- The CLA sent a Thank you Letter for our Sponsorship support of their projects in 2015.

Announcements:

- The CBN'S 2016 By-Laws, Standing Rules and Tournament Rules have been posted on CT bass.com in the proper areas for all members to view at any time and were sent to all club Presidents and a few members. We will no longer provide a copy to each Club President. Each Club President or Secretary will be responsible for printing up and having a copy available at all you're Club Meetings. I will always have a copy available for viewing or reference at all CBN Meetings.
- Tackle Supply Depot website, <http://www.tacklesupplydepot.com> is up and running! Please support our Sponsors!
- Harry Gordons Mom passed away, the CBN sent a Dish Garden Arrangement.
- Vinny Mucci's Mother in law passed away, the CBN sent an Edible Fruit Gift.
- HUK Performance Fishing to Title Winyah Bay Elite Event
- A.R.E. Secures Title Sponsorship of Bassmaster Elite Event On Toledo Bend
- Johnson Outdoors Signs Multi-Year Premier Sponsorship with B.A.S.S.
- Shimano to Extend Supporting Sponsorship of All B.A.S.S. Tournament Circuits
For more information on Shimano bass tackle, visit fish.shimano.com or www.facebook.fishshimano.
- Mountain Dew Partners with B.A.S.S. for 2016 Elite Events
- Tulsa Sets Great Expectations for 2016 GEICO Bassmaster Classic Presented By GoPro

More Info on All Above B.A.S.S. Announcements can be found on BASSMASTERS.COM

A motion to accept the December 2015 meeting minutes at posted was seconded and approved by the Board of Directors

Officer and Committee reports:

Treasurer Report: Was provided by Marc Levesque

Conservation & FAC Report: Dean Rustic, Conservation Director

CBN Conservation objectives for the 2016

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. Discussion on Trout Stamp.
 - b. Special Attendees
 - c. Election of Officers
2. Fisheries Advisory Council - No meeting
 - a. E-mail about Trout Stamp. Much discussion as a way to help save the Hatcheries.
 - b. Positive feedback from the CT River Watershed
3. Attended CT DEEP 150 Anniversary Kick Off at 79 Elm Street. Presentations by Commissioner Klee, Deputy Chief Bill Hyatt and a Video highlighting the accomplishments of the DEEP. The bright spot of the afternoon was the live Bald Eagle.
4. The Moss Back Fish attractors for the Shimano/Bass Youth Grant have arrived. Earmarked for three lakes, one each in the towns of Watertown, Farmington and Southington. Farmington is looking for April 10th to deploy. Southington for April 17th.
5. Started discussions to create our top list of New/Improved boat ramps.
6. Shimano/BASS 2016 – No Go
7. BASS Class – May 15th at Winding Trails.
8. Presentation at the Classic – Worked with Mike Beauchene.
9. Project for Meeting on March 14th for Planning of NRD Grant Placements

Boating Advisory: Report was provided by Sylvia Morris. Written by Tom Reynolds

The DEEP is hiring 2 new officers this year. The following ramps are getting new docks:

Niantic River and Baldwin Bridge
Rainbow Reservoir is being paved.

They are testing a new loading device for handicapped boaters and hope to install them at many ramps soon, it is a bench/ramp design.

Proposed legislation:

H.B. No. 5145 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BOATING SAFETY ON CANDLEWOOD LAKE', to reduce the overnight speed limit on Candlewood Lake. Proposes to reduce speed of vessels from 15 mph between 11pm and sunrise.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

Public hearing 2/19/16

H.B. 5055 AN ACT DECREASING WAIT TIMES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, Governor's bill would delay titling of vessels for 2 years. Otherwise, titling goes into effect this year for 2017 model year boats.

No public hearing yet.

S.B. No. 78 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF DREDGED MATERIALS FROM CERTAIN HARBORS AND PORTS ON LONG ISLAND SOUND', to establish a preference for not disposing of harbor and port dredged materials through open water placement and to have benthic surveys and studies inform the decision of how to dispose of such dredged materials.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

Pub Hearing 2

CLA Report: Report provided by Sylvia Morris

Candlewood Speed Limit Issue, CLA would like it to be different see letter: Environment Committee
Testimony Submitted by Laurence J. Marsicano, CLA Executive Director

Raised House Bill No. 5145 – AAC BOATING SAFETY ON CANDLEWOOD LAKE

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Members Sen. Chapin and Rep. Shaban, and Members of the Environment Committee:

We apologize for not responding to this bill sooner. While the Board of the Candlewood Lake Authority has not had the time to formally take a position on this bill, they did believe it important that I provide some perspective for your consideration.

It is quite likely that Candlewood Lake experiences higher boating use at night relative to other lakes in Connecticut. This is due, in part, to the significant access by shoreline residents and those with boats at commercial, public or private marinas who may want to boat at night for a variety of reasons (e.g. visiting other lakefront residents, overnighting on the water, visiting Down the Hatch Restaurant, fishing, etc.). To our knowledge, these incidents of night time boating use have never been quantified.

In recent years, night time organized prize fishing tournaments have been scheduled on the lake. During the summer of 2015 no less than twelve night time tournaments were scheduled for eight summer weekends. Total anglers and boats scheduled were 325 and 203, respectively. These tournaments were scheduled to start at 7 or 8 pm and end sometime between 4 and 8am depending on the tournament. Each year for literally decades the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department holds an evening fireworks display on a weekend night in celebration of Independence Day. Literally hundreds of boats are on the water that night to view the display which goes on after dark (approximately 9:30pm) and end sometime after 10pm. Both the State and the CLA provide additional patrol man-hours on the lake for the event. 2

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Candlewood Lake is a highly utilized recreational boating resource used by a wide variety of recreational users during a wide variety of times and is also the “backyard” for over 1,500 lakefront homes and another three to four thousand homes in surrounding lake homeowner’s associations, tax districts, etc. of which there about sixty. All of these factors have contributed in numerous recreational user conflicts, e.g. water-skiers vs fishermen; paddlers and sailors vs power boaters; etc. Perhaps the conflict most reported to the CLA is that between lakefront and lake community homeowners and the organized fishing tournament community. For a complete report on recreational boating pressures and user conflict on the lake see:

<http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=12077765>

Candlewood Lake is also under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission through their licensee, FirstLight Power Resources. The recent submittals to FERC by FirstLight, e.g. Form-80 / 6 Year Recreational Summary Report or Report on the recent Lake Advisory Committee Meeting minutes did not discuss nighttime use. In fact, FirstLight depicts Candlewood’s recreational boating pressures as far below carrying capacity which most on the CLA, our Lake Patrol and I would not subscribe to. FirstLight’s recent submittal to FERC with response to some of our concerns (Appendix B) can be found at:

<http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/OpenNat.asp?fileID=14130308>

We believe there will be support for this bill among many, but not all, of the residents living around Candlewood Lake and less support from the portion of our community who visit. In the interest of understanding community sentiment on this issue we recently posted the bill’s concept on social media with a link to an electronic questionnaire. Responses to the post included:

What is the current speed limit for the same time span?

Safety? What about sundown to 11pm? I think they need to rethink the proposed hours. The current rule makes more sense. There are more boats on the water in the evening before 11pm than there are after. The proposed hours seem more like a noise concern.

Do you know when this bill will be voted on?

Definitely should be lower at sunset too.

Our post appears to have reached over 1,770 people and has been shared 15 times. So far our electronic questionnaire which has been responded to 98 times with almost equal numbers of supporters (43) as there are opposed (55). 3

CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY
Laurence J. Marsicano
Executive Director

Tournament Report: Report provided by Sal Messina

2016 CBN Tournament Trail Applications are on the website, please try to send in all three at one time. Helps out a lot! Don't forget all applicable paperwork!!!!

CBN Sponsorship Report: Report provided by Sylvia Morris. Written by Robert Nelson

- We have three Nose spots available on the Trailer, please let Bob or one of the Executive Board know if you have any leads! We also have two side spots available, prorated for the remaining Two Years, \$1700.00 cash and 2000.00 merchandise. Please let one of us know if you might have any leads.
- Stormr has agreed to come on board as a Gold sponsor for 2016, they are sending us 2 Typhoon Jackets. They will be used at this year's Banquet, 2015 and they will send three more in January they will be saved for the 2016 Banquet.
- Livingston Lures will not be back for this year, but will return for 2017.
- Ardent Reels--OFFER TO ALL MEMBERS

Special Offer Ends February 29th 2016

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| Order | Receive |
| 1-5 Reels or Rods | 50% Off Retail, |
| Any Assortment | Free Ardent Hat & Ardent Decal |
| 6 – 10 Reels or Rods | 55% Off Retail |
| Any Assortment | Free Ardent Hat, Ardent Decal & Weigh-In Bag |
| 11 – 30 Reels or Rods | 60% Off Retail |
| Any Assortment | Free Ardent Hat, Ardent Decal, Weigh-in Bag & Smart Cull |

2016 Yearly Offer to all Members 50% off all Items!

Instructions for Registering on the Ardent Web Site

To qualify for Connecticut Bass Nation pricing on products ordered on the Ardent web site, the user must be registered on the site and their team status must be changed by the system administrator. Following are step by step instructions for the registration process.

1. From your internet browser, type ardentreels.com in the address bar and press enter.
2. You may or may not see a site certification. If you do see this certification click accept.
3. You should be at the Ardent Reels home page at this point.
4. Click on the small icon that looks like a computer just right of the username box. This is the icon that has a + on it.

5. The registration page will appear. Complete the form by filling in the information in all the gray boxes. The boxes with an * are required and must be filled in to allow approval as a Connecticut Bass Nation shopper.
6. Click the box that says “I am not a Robot”
7. Complete the short quiz that appears to prove to the system that you are a valid user.
8. You will receive an email to verify the account. THIS EMAIL MAY END UP IN YOUR JUNK OR SPAM FOLDER. The mail should show a box at the top stating “Please use this link to activate your account”. Click on the box to finish the registration process.
9. After you have finished the registration process, please send an email to tcole@ardentoutdoors.com. Simply type Web Registration Connecticut Bass Nation in the subject line and type your User name, First & Last Name, Mailing Address & phone number in the body of the email.
10. The system administrator will change your status to Connecticut Bass Nation upon verification of your team status.

- Release Ruler

This promotion is helping us spread the word of conservation through Catch, Measure & Release. Our rulers are designed for quick measurement and they provide a quick weight based on length. We have over 20 species of rulers and this promotion includes all of them. www.releaseruler.com

Release Ruler Features:

- Innovated Fish Measurement Device
- Patented Weight Measurement
- Durable Material & Long Lasting
- Promotes Conservation by Quick Catch Measure & Release
- Educational
- Made in the USA

The key factors of the promotion are:

- No Risk
- 20% off Ruler Purchases
- 20% of Net Proceeds Donated Back to the CBN
- No Product Restrictions
- Negotiable Length Terms
- No Upfront Cost

www.releaseruler.com

The Promotional code is “CBN”. Then you can offer it to all your members and supporters of the CBN. You can promote your nation and the rulers via the social media outlets and your CBN newsletters to help promote conservation and help fund theNation. If you need help with any promotional content we are more than willing to help. We at Release Ruler are looking forward to working with you on this great promotion. If you have any questions please let us know.

Nick Poza

www.releaseruler.com

Berkley Discount Program Back for 2016!

- The Berkley discount for B.A.S.S. Nation members It is 25% off all Berkley Products for B.A.S.S. Nation members. Available 24/7 365 days a year! 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
- WHIP EM BAITs Back for 2016!

“If You Can’t Beat Em Whip Em”

They will be providing \$800.00 worth of product for our Tournament Prize table, Banquet, High School/Juniors and give aways at the CBN meetings in addition to the members discount program.

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!

- Midstate Battery Back for 2016!

A discount is available to ALL Nation members.

Every club Rep received a packet with all the discounts available to us at the Feb 25th 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

- POWER POLE 2016 OFFER

Power-Pole is a proud sponsor of the B.A.S.S Nation in 2016. We will continue to offer a rebate program to B.A.S.S. Nation Members. 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. Rebate checks may take up to 30 days to receive.

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 the “Pro’s” column header then “Join Our Pro-Staff”. You will have to have an account setup to move onto the application. Once approved on the program State team members will receive a 30% off retail certificate. This certificate is to be redeemed at the anglers endorsing dealership.

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. All rebates must be submitted within 60 days from date of purchase.

AB Builders --is coming back \$600.00 cash for Nose of trailer.

CBN Scholarship: No Report

Robert S. Malloy Scholarship Fund:

David Santos explained that they cannot meet in the evening anymore so he is trying to get the Malloy's to meet with Jason from UConn during the day. If this cannot be done we will have Jason choose the top Applicants and e-mail them to the Executive Board and we will do a conference call to choose the winner.

2016 CBN Banquet: November 12, 2016. Chowder Pot, Hartford

Membership Committee: Reports under Old Business

Website Committee: Working with Armand on updating, E Board will e-mail him their ideas.

Audit Committee: Report provided by Dan Monroe

On Monday January 25th, 2016 the audit committee consisting of Chris Bielert, Rob Germain and Daniel Monroe (Chairperson) met with Bass Nation representatives, Marc Levesque (Treasurer) and Sylvia Morris (President) to perform the yearly audit of Connecticut Bass nation financial records, as prescribe by Bass Nation by-laws. (Ar. XII sec C). Also present was Alan Guite (Secretary) and Stephanie Buonfiglio (Non-Member). The meeting was called to order as of 5:30pm and was concluded as of 9:45pm.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes the examination of financial records, including receipts, expenses reports and other supportive materials. We believe our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

After thorough review of all supportive documents, minor discrepancies and concerns were discovered. Minor discrepancies were found in the state team receipts. All refunds were under \$5.00. For the CBN website 2015 fee there was a missing receipt. Lastly it was reviewed that when the treasurer writes a check to themselves; example a tournament placing check, another executive board member is required to sign it as well.

In our opinion, the financial records referred to above, represent fairly, in all material respects, the financial records of the Connecticut Bass Nation, as of December 31st 2015.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Germain

Chris Bielert

Daniel Monroe (Chairperson)

High school & Juniors: Report provided by Sylvia Morris

- Our High School program is growing rapidly. For 2016 we will need each club to send at least one boat per event, (20 Clubs Plus our regulars could be 28) not counting the ones who volunteer always. We have been getting the HS Clubs started with the full knowledge that they must find a boat captain in order to fish. Hopefully we can get them all on the water. Please help if you can. Our High School program is the future of the CBN. We have a potential of 11 more HS Teams who have requested packets. We have 15 teams from last year returning!
- HS/Juniors have raised \$4000.00 from selling Sponsor Spots on their Alliance Team Jerseys!!! Double the adult State Team!!! This will enable each Team (Two Kids, One Parent Each, One Boat, One Truck, Possible one Boat Captain if not a parent) to be reimbursed allowable expenses of up to \$2833.50. We voted to allow up to 1500.00 per Team, now with their \$4000.00 raised split three ways it is up to \$2833.50!!! That should cover the entire trip if gas stays the way it is!!!! Sylvia will do up expense forms for them prior to them leaving.

Finance Committee: No report. We still need financial advisor.

State Team 2016:

- We had our meeting on Feb 6th at 1:00, at Bass Pro Shops. Next meeting march 5th 1:00 Bass Pro Shops.
- New Path to the Classic was explained.
- Paperwork was turned in, more will be turned in by March 1st per the Contract
- Collected Sponsorship monies from, Jim Morris, Paul Mayo, Nick Papotto, all Toyota Bonus Bucks, Matt Desimone Northeast Brokerage, Terryville Chevrolet, Uncle Ron & Co Workers sponsored him for \$250.00, Bob Jeffrey, Prospect Printing gave \$100.00,he owes \$150.00, Matt Sweeney Cadi Company sponsored him, Joe Mahood, Hilltop Firehouse sponsored him, Ed Kohl, David Santos, Garrett Kruger, Scott Janus, Kevin Rose, & Dan Dobroczyński sponsored by Katie Dobroczyński Memorial Foundation by buying a \$500.00 spot on the State Team Jerseys & Pi Gas Company \$250.00, Kevin Noel sponsored by Brenda Noel Consulting purchasing a \$500.00 spot on the State Team Jerseys, Mike Billings, Billings Sports.
- Discussed websites to visit with info of Douglas lake, Matt shared a good one.
- Mike Rezendes and John Knowles shared info of Douglas Lake from their trip there.
- Discussed who is traveling with who, almost all going up early, Monday April 25th. Four Others will travel on Thursday and get a few extra days practice in.
- Jackets have been ordered not in yet.
- Ordered Alliance Jerseys. Will pay for Sponsors and Tall sizes approx. \$65.00.
- All have fulfilled their duties as per the Contract for the Shows.
- All have committed to Boat Captain for one High School Tournament for 2016 as per the Contract. (Some are doing two because they missed a show or meeting)
- Collected all monies for the week ahead.

- We sold \$2000.00 worth of Sponsorship on the State Team Jerseys!! Thayers Marine, \$1000.00, Katie Dobroczyński Foundation, \$500.00, Brenda Noel Consulting, \$500.00. We added the CT B.A.S.S. Nation to make it even.

A motion to accept all reports as given was made, seconded and approved by the Board of Directors.

Old Business

- We attended both Shows with a Casting Kids contest and a Membership Drive, attendance for us was low, first show is something I think we should get out of all together. Not our target audience. Numbers were:
 - CMTA Show
 - Kids 77
 - Patches 0
 - New Members 0
 - New HS 0
 - Donations for HS/Juniors \$21.50
 - Talked to very few people interested in us!
 - NEHFS
 - Kids 149
 - Patches \$6.00
 - New Members- 24
 - New High Schools 9
 - Donations for HS/Juniors \$26.50
 - Talked to a lot of people interested in us and what we have to offer! Gave out 65 Membership Letters to those who did not sign their names. Those who signed their names received our Membership Flyer.
- We are currently working on list of potential members. Please let Sylvia know if you are looking for new members, Boaters or Non Boaters? She will be sending phone numbers and names to clubs looking for additional members. We must call them and touch base right away so we do not lose them.
- Hummingbird/MinnKota has announced they will no longer have contracts with the States. They will continue Sponsorship of the State Teams only.
- Sylvia has updated the SAM Account as it needs updated every 12 months. Will need updated again Feb 17th 2017.
- Triton Alliance Leads Program please let Sylvia 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 two leads already for 2016.
- Website and Calendar updated! If you have anything that needs to go on the Calendar or website get it to Sylvia so she can get it up.

New Business:

- Scholarship Applications are on the website and were sent to all Club Presidents, please make sure all members receive this, we would love to see a lot more applications this year!!! Mailing deadline is April 1st. Judging will be April 21st, 5:00, prior to the CBN Meeting. Our Judges are Dan Monroe, Rob Germain, Matt Desimone and Chairperson, Kevin Lavender. There will be two awards this year, First place, \$1500.00 and \$1000.00, second place. Hopefully the Scholarship Tournament will be attended better this year! If we can start bringing in what we are paying out we can increase the places paid for the Scholarships again.
- Path to the Classic - there has been a slight change. Please see below.

B.A.S.S. NATION PATH TO THE CLASSIC

Largest Payout Ever - Awarded within B.A.S.S. Nation!!!!

Total of seven (7) boats to be awarded, individual cash, and three (3) BASSMASTER Classic Invitations

Each State conducts a BASSMASTER Open Style Event to determine State Team Members
Each State allowed 10 Boaters and 10 Non-boaters, + 2 Alternates

B.A.S.S. NATION REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

West Regional Event

Central Regional Event

East Regional Event

3 Day Event in each Region of US (West, Central, and East)

Day 3 - Final Day Cut to the money line on each side (Boater and Non Boater) plus the Top 3 boaters + Top 3 non boaters from each if they are not inside the money line.

Entry Fees - Boater \$200 Non-Boater \$100

Boater -5 fish limit / Non-Boater - 3 fish limit

Anglers fish for individual cash and merchandise prizes / payment to top 38 places boater/ non-boater based on 190 boat field

Top State Team wins a prize boat at each Regional Championship (Total of three - 3) to be awarded after day 2

Top Boater and Non Boater from each State Advance to BASS Nation Championship

B.A.S.S. NATION CHAMPIONSHIP

3 Day Event

Day 3 - Final Day Cut to Top 10 boaters + Top 2 boaters from each Region if they are not in the top 10, + Non Boater Champion
Non Boater Champion awarded after Day 2 / will be provided a boat to compete out of on final day

Total possible fishing Day 3 - 16 anglers

Anglers fish with Marshals final day

Boater - 5 fish limit / Non-Boater - 5 fish limit

No Entry Fee

Anglers fish for individual cash and merchandise prizes / payment to top 12 places for boater/ non-boater

Top 3 anglers after the final day earn Bassmaster Classic Berth
Champion also earns - BASSMASTER Elite Series Berth, paid BASSMASTER Opens Entry to Division of Choice, Prize Boat, plus a "BASS Nation's Best prize package" which is the use of a Toyota Truck and fully rigged tournament ready boat for one year.
Second and Third Place Boaters also win paid BASSMASTER Open Entries to the Division of their choice, prize boat, plus a "Nation's Best" prize package consisting of the use of a Toyota Truck and fully rigged tournament ready boat for one year.
Non-Boater Champion wins Memorial Trophy, a prize boat, BASS Opens entries
BASSMASTER Classic Marshal spot.

Executive Board Meeting: February 12, 2016

Meeting began at 6:30PM:

Joe Kowalski has asked us for some financial help with his Foundation, we discussed it and will bring it up under New Business again.

Taxes are being turned over this month, should be completed by May 1st.

Discussed Folds of Honor and are still looking into how we can help them out? An idea we had was, holding a 50/50 raffle at CBN meetings and Tournaments? Ideas are welcome. Contact Sylvia.

Discussed the CMTA Show, very poor attendance for us, poor location, treated unprofessionally, we do not belong there. We voted to do away with that show and only attend the NEHFS. We are looking into holding a Casting Kids Competition at Bass Pro Shops to take the place of the CMTA Show next year

We are selling the CBN Projector and Screen, \$150.00 for both. Let us know if interested.

We have the TV now and new Computer, worked great! Looked good!

We would like to purchase a smaller lighter Generator, no bigger than 2400 but 2000 would be doable. I have a request into Home Depot for a donated Generator. We are pricing others in case we have to buy it. Anyone have any ideas? Would like to sell our 5500 watt Yamaha generator. Will keep all posted on this.

We are in need of someone to do Social Media for us, please ask in your clubs! Any ideas let us know. This is the way to go.

We will update the Trailer in March, any Sponsor ideas please let us know ASAP so we can get them in time to be on the Trailer.

Discussed State Team Jersey Sponsor spots, we did not do well, \$2000.00 out of a possible \$5000.00. Will adjust pricing for next year. HS/Juniors did well, \$4000.00!

Discussed Team Members who had to miss a meeting or could not attend the Show could pick up a HS/Junior Tournament as their activity replacement. We all agreed.

Ran out of time!

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully,

Sylvia Morris, CBN President

Ron Frisk asked us back in January if we would like to have a full page add in the Berlin Redcoats Basketball Men's Ad Book for \$100.00. Vinny and I discussed it and thought it was a no brainer. Marc will send a check for \$100.00 made out to Berlin Boosters, please put Men's Add Book in the memo. Send to Ron Frisk. Here is the Book and the Ad!

Need a motion for the CBN to donate \$500.00 to the Major Stephen Roy Andrews Fishing Outreach Program. Motion made, seconded, passed unanimously. Marc will send a check.

Casting Kids Finals, sponsored by Tackle the Storm, will be held at BASS PRO SHOP April 3rd, Sunday 11:00. They will be giving each contestant a rod & Reel combo. Tackle the Storm will be supplying the two winners with a check for \$250.00!

Al Guite talked about hosting the Veterans Tournament, May 10th Candlewood Lake, Danbury Town Park, and needing Boat Captains.

Remember to utilize the hotels in Danbury that supply us with a fishermen rate!! Newbury, (best parking) Micro-tel & Best Western. All on website! They have contacted me this past week to remind us to ask for the Fisherman Rate!

Best Western Danbury/Bethel

11 Stony Hill Road, Bethel CT
203-744-3200

Microtel Inn & Suites Bethel
10 Benedict Road, Bethel CT
203-748-8308

Newbury Inn
1030 Federal Road, Brookfield CT
203-775-0220

Tournaments for 2016

Note; all Open Tournaments Applications are available on CTBASS.COM.

MBB HS/Junior Benefit Tournament, April 16th, Candy, Lattins

HOC HS/Junior Benefit Open, April 17th, Squantz, Candy

GFB Open, Candy, Squantz, April 19th

26 Angels, Candy, Squantz, April 23rd

Bryan Kerchal, Candy, Danbury, April 24th.

GFB, Candy, Lattins, May 21st

Reynolds Garage & Marine Customer Appreciation, June 11th Ct River, Haddam

GFB, Candy, Lattins, June 4th

Mixed Open, Candy, June 5th

CBN/NEBA TEAM TRAIL – See Application for details

Reynolds Boats Northern Bass Tournaments Trail & Opens, many dates

CBN Scholarship Open, Oct 2nd, Squantz, Candy

Open house - 2016

Reynolds Open House March 26th - 9 to 4:00 - Special guest - Ish Monroe

Thayers Open House March 26th - 9 to 5:00 - Special guest – Casey Ashley

Winner of the Boost Plus Jump Starter donated by Steve Marone from Mid State Battery was John Hatfield! Thank you Steve!!!

Meeting Adjourned - 10:00PM

Next meeting – March 25, 2016 – Guest speaker will be Craig Mergins from Riverfront Recapture

