

# CBN Meeting Minutes

## March 24, 2016

Guest: Craig Mergins, Assistant Director of Community Relations & Park Operations  
Riverfront Recapture, Inc. Craig was promoting the Sporting Chance for Youth Day to be held  
on June 11, 2016 at Riverside Park in Hartford. Volunteers are needed.

**Roll Call** - 7:50PM – All CBN clubs present

### Correspondence:

- We received a thank you letter from UConn for our \$1000.00 Scholarship for 2016.
- We received a thank you card from Vinny & Linda Mucci for the Edible Fruit we sent in memory of Linda's mom Passing
- Harry Gordon thanked us for the Dish Garden we sent in memory of his Mom's passing.

### Announcements:

- The CBN 2016 Tournament Schedule has been added to BASS TOURNAMENT FINDER. The Listings are By Region, State and Date. A link is provided to your website. Bass Tournament Finder has proved very popular because of the current information and user friendly format.  
Bob Roberts  
[www.basstournamentfinder.com](http://www.basstournamentfinder.com)
- Rapala Signs Agreement To Sponsor B.A.S.S. Tournament Circuits  
  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Rapala, maker of premium lures and other fishing tackle and accessories, will sponsor the 2016 Bassmaster Elite Series, the world's premier professional bass fishing tournaments, as well as other major B.A.S.S. tournament circuits, B.A.S.S., LLC announced today
- Plano Signs On As Title Sponsor For Mississippi River Elite Event

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Tackle storage magnate Plano Molding Co., Inc., has secured the title sponsorship of the 2016 Bassmaster Elite Series season finale.

The final event of the regular Elite Series season will take place Sept. 8-11 on the Mississippi River in La Crosse, Wis.

- Lowrance Signs Multiyear Agreement To Continue Bassmaster Sponsorship

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Lowrance, a world leader in marine electronics and GPS navigational systems, and B.A.S.S. will continue their long-standing relationship after striking a deal on a multiyear sponsorship agreement

More Info on All Above B.A.S.S. Announcements can be found on [BASSMASTERS.COM](http://BASSMASTERS.COM)

A motion to accept the previous month's meeting minutes was made

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

- **Treasurer Report:** was provided by Marc Levesque
- **Conservation & FAC Report:**

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. No Meeting
2. Fisheries Advisory Council
  - a. Discussion on Trout Stamp. Much discussion as a way to help save the Hatcheries.
  - b. Presentation on DEEP Budget and funding
  - c. Hatcheries are about 3.1 Million a year
  - d. Discussion on creating Special Interest Groups to help get things done
3. Attended Conservation Summit

- a. Social Media to get to the Millennials
  - b. Fish Care and Handling second to Water Temp
  - c. Other States with Conservation Projects - Presentation
  - d. South Dakota study on MossBack Fish Attractors
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 10<sup>th</sup> to deploy. Southington for April 17<sup>th</sup>.
  5. BASS Class – May 15<sup>th</sup> at Winding Trails.
  6. NRD Grant – Waiting on new Data from South Dakota for Fish City Designs.

Dean Rustic  
Conservation Director

**Boating Advisory:** Provided by Tom Reynolds

The big issue that impacts us is the DMV issues.

The DMV will soon notify about 4,000 boat owners in the state that inconsistencies in some vessels' make and model numbers created a delay in transferring them to our new registration system. To be clear, these inconsistencies are another illustration of why we needed a new computer system — they are not the result of a code. Rather, they are being fixed because the new system allows us to remedy these issues.

Most important to us, though, are our customers affected. We want to assure all boat owners that their registrations will be processed on time and before the April 31 deadline for all vessel registration renewals. In the boat renewals to these vessel owners, DMV will include a card to return to us with the accurate model name and numbers. The owners will also be given a phone number to call to renew the vessel over the phone.

There are also two changes for boat owners this year.

♣ Any owners with any delinquent vehicle taxes will be unable to renew their vessels until the taxes are paid. DMV no longer accepts clearance letters from tax collectors. These delinquencies must be resolved electronically by the municipality. A recent review showed 5,475 instances of delinquent taxes among registered boat owners. To be clear again, boat owners being unable to renew because of delinquent taxes stems solely from the department's adhering to a bill passed by the legislature in 2013. It is completely divorced from any type of "backlogs," "bugs," or otherwise relating to the computer system.

♣ Also, if the vessel is documented with the United States Coast Guard, vessel owners will see that a Connecticut registration number has been referenced on their "certificate of decal" renewal invitation. This state number is there for accounting purposes only — it is not a valid registration number. They should not put this "CT" number on the

vessel. The final registration document will reference only the U.S. documented number. This is their official number.

— from the Connecticut DMV

I have also been told that the DEEP officers will be told to give some slack to owners that may have not gotten renewal letters on time.

### **CLA Report:**

Candlewood Lake has been sold

March 2, 2016 - Candlewood Lake — the largest lake in Connecticut — is being sold by FirstLight Power Resources' parent company to a Canadian firm as part of a \$1.2 billion acquisition. The sale of Candlewood Lake and other FirstLight properties in western Connecticut is expected to be finalized in mid-June.

Candlewood Lake Clean Up

The 2016 Candlewood Lake Clean Up is planned for May 21st with a rain date of May 22nd. Registration coming this spring.

State of the Lake Meeting being held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 to 12:30. We were invited to attend. We are working on it.

### **Tournament Report:** Provided by Sal Messina

- We had 2 new Tires were put on the trailer by Joes Tires in Waterbury. Cost - \$175.00.
- Please get your CBN Tournament Applications in and remember to write your name in the memo portion of your checks. It is preferred if you pay for all three tournaments up front.

### **CBN Sponsorship Report:** Provided by Sylvia Morris

- Keitech is back as a gold sponsor for 2017
- Snag Proof is a New Silver sponsor for 2017, Thank you Stan Socha for getting this for us!
- LubriMatic & Paul Narducci Outdoors have come on as a CBN Tournament Trail Sponsor. Thank you!!!

**CBN Scholarship-** No report

**CBN Scholarship Robert S Malloy Scholarship committee:** 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.

**Banquet Report:** Banquet for 2016 has been booked for Nov 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership Committee-** No report

**Website Committee-** Working with Armand on updating, We added a Sponsorship Section in the Members Only Forum. This is where the Sponsorship Report and any Sponsorship news will be posted from now on.

**Audit Committee** – No report

**High School & Juniors:** Ron Frisk

Looking good for boat captains for the 4 tournaments. Heart of CT graciously offered to have their tournament coincide with ours so we have the captains we need.

Should have 20 total teams fishing first event.

Now at 10 juniors which will be max of program unless we change to shore style or something else to ensure high school program has boat captains.

Kids are already signing up to volunteer at events.

Holding meeting on 4/2 at tackle supply depot. Dave generously allowed me to do it at the store and is giving some discounts to the kids. Thanks Dave!! Will provide pizza and water.

Will have grant work going on at winding trails in Farmington on 4/10 installing mossback structures

Bass class at winding trails on 5/15. Will try and get handful or more kids to help there.

Will have 1-2 high school kids help me at casting kids finals on 4/3 at bass pro shops.

Thanks

Ron Frisk  
CBN High School and Youth Director.

**Finance:** We currently need a volunteer to chair the Finance Committee.

**State Team Report:**

- We had our meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00, at Bass Pro Shops. Next and final meeting April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 Sylvia's house.
  - Mike Iovino had to drop from the Team, moving Jim Morris up to Non Boater and myself as second alternate. Changes have been made with B.A.S.S.
  - Jim has agreed to bring his boat as a spare boat if needed.
  - We went over the 2016 BASS Nation Regional Rules, one at a time and made sure all understood all rules!
  - Paperwork was turned in, waiting on a few Insurance Policies as they renew in April.
  - All Sponsorship monies paid!
  - Discussed who is traveling with who, almost all going up early, Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Three Others will travel on Thursday and get a few extra days practice in.
  - Jackets passed out, they are very nice! Needed to reorder one, it did not fit.
  - Ordered Alliance Jerseys. Will pay for Sponsors and Tall sizes approx. \$65.00.
  - Jerseys are in and will get passed out at the April meeting
  - Tackle Supply Depot extended a discount to the State Team members, a onetime only discount on line. Thank you Tackle Supply Depot!
  - Stormr offered the State Team a discount, one time, orders went in and all have received their orders, Thank you Stormr!
  - Paid the balance of the housing for the State Team (Total cost of the Team housing 2016 is \$3859.00), will pay the final deposit of a refundable \$500.00 on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN, SECOND, ALL IN FAVOR

## **Old Business**

**Excused Absences:** None

- Still Working on list of potential members. Please let Sylvia know if you are looking for new members, Boaters or Non Boaters? I will be sending phone numbers and names to clubs of the New Members for your clubs. You must call them and touch base right away so we do not lose them.
- Update on the College Team from CCSU, Heart of CT is still working with them at this time.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Judging will be April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.
- NO Scholarship Apps came in yet!!!! Let all your members know the mailing deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!

- Casting Kids Finals, sponsored by Tackle the Storm, will be held at BASS PRO SHOP April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday 11:00. They will be giving each contestant a rod & Reel combo. Tackle The Storm will be supplying the Two winners a check for \$250.00!
- Al Guite talked about hosting the Veterans Tournament, May 10<sup>th</sup> Candlewood Lake, Danbury Town Park, and needing Boat Captains.
- 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 two leads already for 2016! We have already made \$1000.00!
- 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.

## **New Business**

- A motion to make a donation of \$500.00 to Riverfront Recapture. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously. Marc will send a check for \$500.00 to Riverfront.
- Al Guite spoke about CT Fishermen possibly donating monies earned from their Game Dinner to a Good cause and they are considering Major Steven Roy Andrews Fishing Outreach Program. Al will speak to them at the Game Dinner on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Motion was made to put Major Steven Roy Andrews Fishing Outreach Program on the Nose of the CBN Trailer, we tabled it to bring back to your clubs, discuss at the next meeting and vote. Executive Board will discuss also.
- As a member of B.A.S.S., you may be eligible for a special discount on auto insurance from Nationwide.

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- 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

### **OPENS & EVENTS FOR 2016**

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

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

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

GFB Open, Candy, Squantz, April 19<sup>th</sup>

26 Angels, Candy, Squantz, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Bryan Kerchal, Candy, Danbury, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

GFB, Candy, Lattins, May 21<sup>st</sup>

Reynolds Garage & Marine Customer Appreciation, June 11<sup>th</sup> Ct River, Haddam

GFB, Candy, Lattins, June 4<sup>th</sup>

Mixed Open, Candy, June 5<sup>th</sup>

### **CBN/NEBA TEAM TRAIL**

Reynolds Boats Northern Bass Tournaments Trail & Opens, many dates

CBN Scholarship Open, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, Squantz, Candy

Reynolds Open House March 26<sup>th</sup> with Ish Monroe 9 to 4:00

Thayers Open House March 26<sup>th</sup> with Casey Ashley 9 to 5:00

Snag Proof Frog Raffle Winner: Steve Roberge

**Meeting adjourned – 8:45PM**

**Next meeting is April 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 - One week early due to Eastern Regional Tournament**