

**3/22/17**

**To: Vinny Mucci C.B.N. President**

**Re: March 22, 2017 CBN Monthly Meeting**

**As recorded by Mike Billings, CBN Vice President**

**Meeting Start: 7:00 pm**

**ROLL CALL: All Present**

**Last month's minutes, motion to accept, motion seconded, approved by the Board of Directors.**

**Announcements: None**

**Correspondence: Craig Mergins canceled his addressing the CBN tonight. Will be discussed under New Business**

**Reports from Officers & Committee Chairs**

**Treasurer Report: Presented by Marc Levesque**

**Conservation & FAC Report: Presented by Dean Rustic**

**March 22, 2017**

**CBN Conservation objectives for the 2017**

- 1. Conservation Projects for Candlewood Lake (Boat Launch & Habitat)**
- 2. Youth/School based Conservation/C.A.R.E. Program (Fishing Equip for rent)**
- 3. Create a C.A.R.E. Bass Class**
- 4. Create an on the Water Bass Course (like Golf Course)**

**Information from this past Month –**

- 1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting**

- a. Meeting canceled due to storm.
2. **Fisheries Advisory Council**
  - a. No Meeting
3. **DEEP Items**
  - a. (Boating Advisory Council March 8th) Bantam Lake ramp update was reviewed at a meeting. Tom Reynolds and I pointed out the design had the courtesy dock blocking the launch. There was agreement with other BAC members and the chairwoman will provide the feedback to the designers.
  - b. The CBN Conservation Director had lunch with DEEP Commissioner Klee on Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a very worthwhile time as the hour with the Commissioner provide insight into his thoughts of Bass Fishing and his thoughts of the CBN. I was able to address our frustration with the quality of the launches on Candlewood Lake.
  - c. Still working on the SCORP Project. For those who took the surveys, thank you. You others please take surveys.
4. **Winding Trails**
  - a. Request from Winding Trails to do the BASS Class for May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017
5. **NRD Grant**
  - a. Worked with Andy Benson of Moss Back and discussed logistics for shipping and staging also got additional discount to bring the price down to \$34,707.96 vs \$37,050.00 which is an additional savings of \$2,343.00.
  - b. Structures for Housatonic and Zoar have arrived as on 3/20
  - c. Delays due to weather and temp we are now looking to pour concrete on April 1 and begin the placement on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> for Housatonic and Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> for Zoar. Again this is all weather depending.

**Dean Rustic**  
**Conservation Director**

**Boating Advisory: No Report**

**By Laws: No changes**

**Candlewood Lake Authority: Bob Jeffrey**

**\*Majority to 2/3 of people at the meeting were from New Fairfield. New Fairfield Meeting on March 2, 2017 was attended by Bob Jefferies.**

**\*Bob Reports, approximately 230 – 240 people attended the meeting on the use of pesticides in Candlewood Lake. 90% percent of the people were against the use of the herbicides. Paul Muller spoke against it also.**

**\*Chemical Company & DEEP answered question, mostly by Chemical Company.**

**\*Waiting to see how the carp program is working over the next 2-4 years.**

**\*New Fairfield has final say as to whether this will be done. We don't know if New Fairfield even applied for application to do this yet.**

**Paul Mueller also spoke against said proposal.**

**Tournament Report: Sal Messina**

**Apps are coming in for The CBN Tournaments**

**Sal will be working on tournament dates for next year.**

**\*Tournament Schedule & App on Web site**

**High School/Juniors & Youth Director: John Piscioniere**

**\*Meeting to be held on March 25, 2017 at Tackle Supply for all High School & Junior fishermen & parents. All information will be given out and release forms will be signed. Pizza will be served.**

**\*Should have final number of teams after that.**

**\*Still need more Boat Captains for tournaments.**

**\*Juniors have 11 kids. 10 is all we are supposed to have but #11 came in with a boat Captain.**

**\*Captains do need to members of B.A.S.S.**

**\*Kids will be volunteering to help out at the C.B.N. tournaments.**

**Membership Committee: Paul Dingee**

**Several inquiries about membership. Forwarded to appropriate clubs. Will be working the NEHFS in Membership to acquire more.**

**CBN Sponsorship Report:**

**Check from Fishing Holdings, Triton for \$2500.00 has been received, waiting for the Mercury check for \$2500.00. This is the Alliance money we earned in 2016.**

**All CBN sponsors, products and programs can be found at [CTBASS.com](http://CTBASS.com)**

**Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**

**\*Banquet to be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Chowder Pot in Hartford.**

**\*CBN is in need of banquet donations for the Raffle Table.**

**RSM Scholarship -Dave Santos**

**Waiting to hear back from Recipients to see if they are going to Join Bass and the CBN?**

**CBN Scholarship – Dan Monroe**

**Judging before April meeting 5 pm Tackle supply depot (Kevin Lavender, Rob Germain & Matt DeSimone)**

**Applications due by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017!**

**State Team: Sylvia Morris**

- **Meeting was held at Tackle Supply Depot, March 12th, 12:00.  
Thank you Tackle Supply Depot!!!!**
- **Pizza, snacks & Water was served.**

- **Excused from the meeting were Sal Messina, Joe Mahood, Mark Condron, Chris Simons & Jason Chase. This is their one meeting missed, only one allowed. State Team Jackets (Thank you Lunker City!!!!) and KD Hats (Thank you Dan & Christina!!!!) were handed out. They have been instructed not to wear these until the Regionals in June so they do not lose them or damage them. They must bring them to the Regionals for pictures and so the Team is dressed the same.**
- **Vinny Mucci attended and went over the MD Boaters Guide, each member had been sent this in a document to read over and be sure their boats comply with all that is required in MD.**
- **Members were reminded to be sure their Boats & equipment are in A-1 condition for the Regionals and Non-Boaters were reminded to be sure they do not bring too many Rods and tackle boxes etc. They were also reminded that they will be pre-fishing the week ahead with Boaters who want to get on the water at a specific time and off at a specific time, be ready when they are and be prepared to stay the day! They are encouraged to be considerate of the Boaters Space and Time. Boaters please be considerate of the non-boaters needs also.**
- **Members were reminded to be sure their B.A.S.S. Memberships stay current and to be sure their CBN Clubs have a Rep at each CBN Meeting each month! This keeps them members in good standings.**
- **All monies were collected for the week ahead. Some monies were collected for Sponsorship: Todd Rose, Gary Bellanger (B&B Overhead Doors) & Robert Timms (Miscellaneous Steel & Rails) Have turned in theirs. ALL SPONSORSHIPS MUST BE IN BY THE APRIL 8TH STATE TEAM MEETING!!!**
- **Balance of the State Team Housing in MD for 2017 will be paid this week.**
- **Required Copies (Boat Ins, MD Licenses, Bass Card & Boaters Certificate) were turned in. There are still some copies outstanding and MUST be in by the next State Team Meeting.**
- **Next meeting will be APRIL 8TH, 2017 TACKLE SUPPLY DEPOT, 7:00PM**

**Social Media—Eric Kohler**

**3/22/17**

**As I have now been added as an administrator to the facebook page I have a few new ideas I'd like to move forward with.**

**1. I am going to provide each of the state team members both boater and non-boater with a questionnaire to fill out. I would like to feature one of each in the weeks leading up to the regional tournament so that all our followers can get to know the people who make up our state team.**

**2. I am speaking with Christine from mid-state battery about a feature they'd like to have run on our website and social media sites. I would also like to do similar features for our other sponsors.**

**3. I have created accounts on both Instagram as well as snap chat. Snap chat is to be more active during the fishing tournaments at the ramp during the launch in the am, on the water during blast off, and at weigh-in.**

**4. I will be more active in posting on all of our accounts now that we are getting closer to tournament season.**

**5. I have created a social media email for the Ct Bass nation, so anyone wishing to have something posted on social media should send their request to the new mail. I will provide strips of paper with all my information as well as the new email.**

**ctbassnationsocial@gmail.com**

**Website Committee: No Report**

**Audit Committee: No Report**

**Finance Committee: No Report. Still seeking Advisor**

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

**Old Business:**

**\*Excused Absences:** Tolland County, was excused.

**\*Candlewood Veterans Tournament on Tuesday May, 9th needs boat Captains. Please contact Joe Kowalski if interested.**

**New Business:**

**Addressed Craig Mergins coming to the April Meeting to give his annual plea for a donation for the Sporting Chance for Kids from us. A motion was made to give him 500.00 as usual and Marc can just hand him a check at the April meeting. It was seconded and passed. Marc will have a check for 500.00 for Craig Mergins Sporting Chance for Youth program ready.**

**Shimano Scholarships (undergraduate) see facebook page**

**BASS looking for “judges” for bassfest See facebook page**

**Pledge to” pitch it” campaign Plastic lure collection. We will be collecting used plastic lures at all our tournaments.**

**The CBN/NEBA Team Trail is changing the Two Day Champlain Tournament, July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> to a one day event, Classic will be on Sat the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Trail Tournament will be on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>..**

**Evinrude has new contingency program, no information yet. More to come!**

**Here is the Hotel info:**

**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 (No Longer owned by Rosaria)**

**OPENS & EVENTS FOR 2017**

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

**26 Angels Open, April 29th, Candlewood, Squantz**

**Bryan V Kerchal Open, April 30th, Candlewood, Danbury  
Mixed Open, June 18th, Lilly, Steelbridge**

	<b>2017 RBNB SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>LAKE</b>	
<b>4/22/2017</b>	<b>Candlewood</b>	
<b>5/13/2017</b>	<b>Winni</b>	
<b>7/22/2017</b>	<b>Champlain- Plattsburg</b>	
<b>8/26/2017</b>	<b>Champlain- Ticonderoga</b>	
<b>9/16 &amp; 9/17/17</b>	<b>Sebago</b>	
<b>10/6 &amp; 10/7/17</b>	<b>TOC-Champlain - Ticonderoga</b>	<b>Friday/Saturday</b>
<b>10/7 &amp; 10/8/17</b>	<b>TOC-Champlain - Ticonderoga</b>	<b>Saturday/Sunday</b>
<b>6/10/2017</b>	<b>Reynolds Cust. App</b>	

**Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor.**

**NEXT MEETING IS WED. April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**\*Motion to adjourn, made & accepted. 7:50pm**