

Nov 15th, 2017
CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting

7:05 Roll Call

- **CLUBS ABSENT:** Ct Elite, Candlewood, CBBA, Statewide, Team Skeeter, Tolland County
- **Correspondence:** Survey of Tournament Anglers to be completed by all members. Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTBASS2017>
- **Announcements:**
- **Please send Vinny Mucci, vinnymucci@sbcglobal.net, your Club Members E-mails!**
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**
- **Conservation & FAC Report: Dean Rustic**

November 15, 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. Passed new Bylaws**
 - b. Voted in new Members**
- 2. Fisheries Advisory Council**
 - a. Executive meeting with Chairman, Secretary & Vice Chairman**
 - i. Junior Members (High School) to Join FAC**
 - ii. Fishing Trail via member clubs**

Oct 7th Scholarship Tournament, Candy Squantz 40 boats

NEOT (North East Open Trail, 6 fish limit all opens)

May 20th 2018 Candy

June 24th 2018 Lilly

July 22nd 2018 CTR

Aug 18th 2018 CHAMPLAIN (Could Change to the following weekend will not know until January)

Sept 23rd 2018 Candy

Oct 21st 2018 Zoar

TACKLE SUPPLY DEPOT TEAM TRAIL PROPOSED DATES

Western Division:

4/15/2018 - Candlewood Lake...

5/5/2018 - Lake Lillinonah

6/3/2018 - CT River

7/14/2018 - CT River

9/15/2018 - Candlewood Lake

Eastern Division:

4/28/2018 - Pachaug Pond

5/19/2018 - Beach Pond

6/9/2018 - Quaddick Reservoir or Mansfield

7/7/2018 - CT River

8/11/2018 - Aspinook Pond

9/15/2018 - Gardner Lake

10/6/2018 - CT River

Opens:

5/20/2018 - Highland Lake

8/19/2018 - CT River

REYNOLDS TRAIL PROPOSED DATES

4/21/18 Candlewood Open

5/12/18 Winnie

6/9/18 River

7/21/18 Plattsburgh

8/25/18 Ticonderoga

9/15/18 Sebago

10/5/18 TOC TBD

- **High School & Juniors: John Piscioniere**

Youth Report- John is setting everything up for next year at this time.

- **CBN Sponsorship Report: NONE**

- **CBN Scholarship-NONE**

- **CBN Scholarship- Robert S Malloy: NONE**

Check was sent by Marc Levesque for the recipient of the RSM Scholarship.

- **Banquet Report: Nov. 11th, 2018**

The 2017 CBN Banquet was held, 187 reserved, 173 attended.

We need to collect from the no shows.

Food was delicious, all had a great time.

We booked again for 2018, Nov 10th.

Once we collect from all, after expenses, we should have a profit of 2254.51 to put toward next years Banquet.

This does not include the cost of Plaques this year, 1956.00, which is allowed for in our budget. We have 2200 budgeted for them so we saved money there too.

- **Membership Committee: Paul Dingee has received an email from an interested Boater, Frank Boyon in Enfield. Any Club interested please contact Paul, 860-929-1713.**

- **Website: It has been suggested to get someone that can do it all, Website and all Social Media. Bids will be accepted at the next E-Board meeting, TBD. Anyone that wishes to give a bid contact Vinny Mucci, 203-525-4105**

- **Audit Committee: No Report**

- **Finance: No Report**

- **State Team Administrator: Sylvia Morris, State Team Report**

- **Most attended the Banquet and received their plaques and had their pictures taken.**
- **Mandatory meeting set for Dec 3rd, my house, 1:00 to go over State Team Contract and sign and collect the Eastern Regional Entry fees. Contract will be sent out this Friday.**
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN, SECOND, ALL IN FAVOR**

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: Xtreme**
- **Rosters and Dues were due by Nov 1st, please use the Roster Form that was sent to you in an e-mail. It is also on the website under Forms. Please do so ASAP.**
- **E Board & Committee Chairs Meeting set for, Wed. Dec 6th, Billings Sports, 706 East Main St, Meriden, CT., 6:00pm.**
- **Nominations for Offices are as follows:**
Treasurer: Marc Levesque
Secretary: Bob Jeffrey
Membership: Dave Miller
- **Voting will take place at the Dec Meeting.**
- **STILL NEED A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR!!! Please Contact Vinny Mucci 203-525-4105 if interested.**

ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?

NEW BUSINESS

- **Meeting Dates Dec is a week early, Wed. Dec 20th. We will have food!**
- **January 2018 NO MEETING**
- **Mohawk Valleys 13th Annual Toys for Tots Drive will be on Sat Dec 2nd, Bristol and Wallingford Walmart, 9 to 2.**
- **Motion was made for the CBN to donate up to \$500.00 for toys, Coffee & Donuts. Seconded and passed**
- **Motion was made to purchase \$100.00 worth of toys from the High School/Junior account also, seconded and passed.**

- **By Law proposals were read & explained by Al Guite. They were brought back to the clubs & discussed from the Nov meeting. A lengthy discussion was held tonight, many questions and ideas were discussed. At the Dec meeting we will vote on the By Law proposal first, if it passes then we will discuss and amend according to the outcome, Standing Rule 18 and Tournament Rules.**

Current Bylaw

ARTICLE XII TOURNAMENTS

A. Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation Tournament Trail

1. Description, Location(s) and Dates

The annual tournament trail shall consist of (3) regular season tournaments and (3) qualifier events. The qualifier events are as follows; the CBN Classic, the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) and the State Championship. The top qualifiers in these three events will participate on the State Team. Refer to Standing Rule #18 for qualification criteria and positioning. Tournament dates and locations shall be selected by the tournament director and approved by the board of directors.

Proposed Bylaw change - 1-2018

ARTICLE XII TOURNAMENTS

A. Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation Tournament Trail

1. Description, Location(s) and Dates

The annual tournament trail shall consist of a total of 6 tournaments. They are as follows; (3) regular season tournaments, the CBN Classic (4), the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) (5) and the State Championship (6). The top qualifiers in these events will participate on the State Team. Refer to Standing Rule #18 for qualification criteria and positioning. Refer to the official Tournament Rules for participation eligibility.

Tournament dates and locations shall be selected by the Tournament Director and approved by the board of directors.

Submitted by the CBN Rules Committee

Proposed Standing Rule Change for Bylaw change proposal 1-2018

Current Standing Rule #18

Rule #18-State Team Qualification

Positioning for Pro/Am State Team is as follows:

Boaters Positions – (Pro)

3 – Top 3 from the CBN Tournament Trail Qualifying event, Boater division – CBN Classic Tournament – See CBN Tournament rules for qualification criteria

1 – Winner of the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) Boater division

6 – Top 6 finishers from the CBN State Championship – Boater division

Total - 10

Non-Boater Positions – (Am)

3 – Top 3 from the CBN Tournament Trail Qualifying event, Non Boater division – CBN Classic Tournament – See CBN Tournament rules for qualification criteria

1 – Winner of the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) Non-boater Division

6 – Top 6 finishers from the CBN State Championship – Non-boater division

Total – 10

Alternate Positions

1st alternate – 7th place finisher from the CBN State Championship, Boater division

2nd alternate – Appointed by the CBN Executive Board

Total - 2

Note: Alternates will be utilized as needed and will not have a designated division. Spare boats will be managed by the State Team Administrators.

Proposed change - Standing Rule #18

Rule #18-State Team Qualification

Positioning for Pro/Am State Team is as follows:

Boaters Positions – (Pro)

3 – Top 3 linked anglers in the final standings from the 3 regular season tournaments, Boater division

2 – Top 2 from the CBN Tournament Trail Qualifying event, Boater division – CBN Classic Tournament

1 – Winner of the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) Boater division

4 – Top 4 finishers from the CBN State Championship – Boater division

Total - 10

Non-Boater Positions – (Am)

3 – Top 3 linked anglers in the final standings from the 3 regular season tournaments, Non boater division

2 – Top 2 from the CBN Tournament Trail Qualifying event, Non Boater division – CBN Classic Tournament

1 – Winner of the Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass) Non-boater division

4 – Top 4 finishers from the CBN State Championship – Non-boater division

Total – 10

Alternate Positions

1st alternate – 5th place finisher from the CBN State Championship, Boater division

2nd alternate – Appointed by the CBN Executive Board

Total - 2

Note: Alternates will be utilized as needed and will not have a designated division. Spare boats will be managed by the State Team Administrators.

Proposed tournament rule change for Bylaw proposal 1-2018

Proposed tournament rules change for 2018

23. Tournament Trail

REGULAR SEASON EVENTS: Will consist of a three tournament trail with a Boater/Non-boater (Pro/AM) format. The Boater will pay a \$80.00 entry fee and the Non-boater will pay a \$40.00 entry fee for each tournament. The lunker fee is not optional and is included in each entry fee. The sum of \$2.00 will be taken from each entry fee to cover tournament expenses and an additional 20% from each entry fee will be utilized to fund the CBN State Team. Contestants may or may not compete to qualify for the state team. All anglers who wish to compete to qualify for the State Team MUST identify a linked angler from the opposite division on their tournament application prior to the first event. Linked contestants must be linked with the same angler for all three tournaments. Entry fees for both competitors must accompany each tournament application. Linked participants will pay a onetime (non-refundable) fee of \$25 (boater) and \$20 (non-boater). Linking will guarantee that linked anglers are paired to satisfy State Team qualification criteria. If an individual's linked angler is unable to participate in an event, the individual linked with that angler can pay a \$25 penalty fee and will be paired with a non-linked participant if available. The top 3 linked finishers from each division in the final standings after the third event will qualify for the state team. Non-linked competitors cannot qualify for state team positions. The standings will be based on the following points system; in each regular season event the individual competitor who finishes in first place will receive 300 points. For each place below first, the points will drop in 2 point increments down to the lowest weight. All contestants who do not catch a fish will receive 50 points less than the individual with the lowest recorded weight. There will be no drop tournament. All anglers must enter a blind draw and there will be no club pre-pairings allowed. Either computerized pairings and/or a blind draw will be performed for each event. An attempt to pair Tournament Committee members with each other will be made to help facilitate each event. Open boats will be allowed if not paired. Boaters who are not paired with a non-boater cannot qualify for state team positions. The non-boater is NOT required to reimburse the boater for fuel expenses. The CBN "Angler of the Year" title for each division (Boater and Non-boater) will be determined from the total points accrued by an individual competitor upon completion of these three events. Awards will be presented, in both divisions, to the top three anglers from each

event. Additional awards will be presented to the top three anglers from each division in the final “Angler of the Year” standings. Anglers finishing in positions 4 through 28 (25 participants) in the final point standings from each division, upon completion of these three events, will be invited to participate in the CBN Classic Tournament. If an angler finishing in 4th through 28th position in either division does not want to participate, the tournament director will offer that open spot to the angler finishing in the 29th position and if need be, continue in ascending order until the 25 positions are filled. If all open spots in the Non-Boater division cannot be filled, the tournament director will offer those openings to the highest finishing angler from the boater division who did not qualify as a boater and continue in ascending order until the field is full or all available anglers have been exhausted. Points accrued during the three regular season events will NOT apply to the CBN Classic.

CBN CLASSIC: Will be a Pro/Am style event with a Boater and Non-Boater division. All competitors must be paired. Participants in this event will consist of the 4th through 28th finisher from each division in the final year standings from the three CBN regular season events. Points accrued during the three regular season events will NOT apply to this event. An angler’s total weight from this one event will determine their finishing position. The entry fee for the CBN Classic will be \$100.00 for the Boater and \$50.00 for the Non-boater. A computerized pairing will be conducted for this event. The non-boater is NOT required to reimburse the boater for fuel expenses. The Boater has control of the boat for the entire duration of the tournament. There will be NO cash payout in this event. All monies taken in from entry fees will be utilized to fund the State Team. There will be an optional lunger (big fish) pool. The top two (2) (first and second) finishers in each division will qualify for the State Team in their respective divisions.

Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass): Will be a Pro/Am style event with a Boater and a Non-boater division. Each club or chapter is required to send one (1) boater and one (1) non-boater to this event. Failure to do so will render the club or chapter ineligible to participate. All competitors must be paired. Participants in this event will be determined by each individual club or chapter. It is strongly encouraged that the Boater be the club champion from the previous calendar year and the Non-Boater be either the Non-Boater champion or the second place finisher in the club angler of the year standings from the previous year. The entry fee for this event will be \$100 for the Boater and \$50 for the Non-boater. A computerized pairing will be conducted for this

event. The Non-Boater is NOT required to reimburse the boater for fuel expenses. The Boater has control of the boat for the full duration of the tournament. There will be NO cash payout in this event. All monies taken in from entry fees will be utilized to fund the State Team. There will be an optional lunker (big fish) pool. The top (First Place) finisher in each division will qualify for the State Team in their respective divisions.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: Will be a Pro/Am style event with a Boater and Non-boater division. All competitors must be paired. Each club or chapter entering one or more members in the CBN State Championship must provide a shore worker for one (1) entire day of the event. This event is open to all CBN members in good standing who appear on a club roster a minimum of 120 days prior to the first scheduled day of competition. This will be a two-day event. All Boaters entering the CBN State Championship MUST identify a linked Non-boater on their tournament application. Entry fees for both competitors must accompany the tournament application. In the event that a boater's linked non-boater fails to show up on a competition day the boater will be ineligible to participate in that day's competition. In the event that a non-boaters linked boater fails to show up on a competition day the non-boater will be ineligible to participate in that day's competition. The entry fee for this event will be \$150.00 for the boater and \$100.00 for the non-boater. Computerized pairings will be conducted for each day of this event. The boater will have control of the boat for the full duration of this tournament. Non-boaters are NOT required to reimburse the boater for fuel expenses. There will be NO cash payout in this event. All monies taken in from entry fees will be utilized to fund the State Team. There will be an optional lunker (big fish) pool for both days. The top four (4) (first, second, third, fourth) finishers in each division will qualify for the State Team in their respective divisions. The fifth (5) place finisher in the Boater division will qualify as the first State Team alternate.

NOTE; Each club or chapter who has members participating in this event MUST provide the CBN with two checks for \$150.00 each for a total of \$300.00 to first, guarantee that their members who entered participate on both days of competition (check#1) and second, guarantee that their club or chapter provide a shore worker for one (1) entire day of the event (check#2). These checks are refundable provided each club or chapter fulfills these obligations.

CBN Tournament Proposal for 2018 – Bylaw proposal 1-2018 – (clarification)

- **Linked contestants will have the opportunity to qualify for the CBN State Team through the regular season tournaments by registering as a linked pair.**
- **You must be linked with the same Angler for all 3 regular season tournaments**
- **Linked anglers will pay a onetime (non-refundable) competition fee of \$25 boater and \$20 non-boater for a chance to qualify for 6 state team positions competing against all other linked anglers. 3 state team positions will be available in each division.**
- **Linked contestants will always be paired.**
- **If one of the linked Anglers is unable to fish an event the remaining Angler will be able to pay a \$25 penalty fee and be paired with another Boater or Non-boater as long as availability exists.**
- **If the remaining Angler gets paired with a non-linked Angler and chooses not to pay the penalty, that tournament will not count towards qualification for state team positions**
- **Non-linked Anglers (Boater or Non-Boater) can compete as they have in the past. State Team positions are not available to Non-Linked contestants.**
- **Whether a contestant is linked or not will have no effect on the payouts. There will be one payout for each division (Boater and Non-Boater) at each event. Payouts will be based on highest finishing position. As has been the case in the past, an 80% payout will take place at each of the three regular season events with 20% earmarked to help fund the State Team.**

CBN Rules Committee

ANY MORE NEW BUSINESS???

Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:50pm

NEXT MEETING IS WED. Dec. 20th, 2017 7:00 pm