

**April 25, 2018**

**CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting**

**7:00 Roll Call**

- **CLUBS ABSENT: Candlewood Bassmasters, Housatonic Valley Bassmasters and Xtreme Bassmasters**
- **Announcements: We are using a new insurance broker. Look on [ctbass.com](http://ctbass.com) or [bassmaster.com](http://bassmaster.com). Willis of Tennessee, Inc. (Willis Towers Watson) 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 505 Knoxville, TN 37919 865-588-8101**

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- **SHIMANO VARSITY PROGRAM EXTENDED!  
BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ANGLERS CAN NOW HOOK FUNDS  
WITH EXPANDED SHIMANO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
- **LADSON, S.C. – *For Immediate Release – March 22, 2018* – Expanding the qualifications to include both graduating high school seniors and those already enrolled in undergrad and graduate programs, Shimano North American Fishing, Inc. will now award up to \$30,000 in scholarships as part of its ‘Shimano Varsity’ program. The expansion of the program was officially announced to state DNR professionals and bass club leaders by Shimano Youth Fishing Director Frank Hyla at the biannual B.A.S.S. Conservation Summit held in conjunction with the recent Bassmaster Classic.**
- **“Being one of the cornerstones of our Varsity program, the scholarships provide needed financial assistance to future leaders in**

**conservation, fisheries and wildlife sciences and management,” said Hyla, “where we hope those talents help with work done by state, regional, provincial and national natural resource agencies.”**

- **Along with the scholarships, Shimano’s Varsity Program helps younger anglers learn about fishing tackle and techniques, provides industry networking opportunities at Shimano ‘Career Seminar’ events, and stresses the role anglers have in fishing conservation and advocacy. “Since our program began in early 2017, those anglers participating in our program have been active with the Keep America Fishing Pitch It program keeping used plastic baits out of our lakes and rivers,” said Hyla, “and have picked up thousands of pounds of trash at boat ramps and other areas through our ‘Leave It Better’ projects.”**
- **For their studies beginning in fall 2018, Shimano will award up to fifteen (15) \$2,000 scholarships to U.S. and Canadian high school seniors, college undergraduate and graduate students who are members of B.A.S.S., and majoring in biology, fisheries, wildlife or a natural resource related field. A specially selected panel, including Shimano’s Phil Morlock, B.A.S.S. Conservation Director Gene Gilliland, and Chris Horton with the Congressional Sportsman’s Foundation, will determine the scholarship winners. Application forms – with a May 31 deadline - are available on the Shimano website at [Shimano Varsity Program Scholarship](#).**

- **Successful applicants will be notified by July 1. The award is made directly to the student winner and can be used as needed for tuition, textbooks or living expenses.**
- **For more information about on the ‘Shimano Varsity’ program, visit: <http://varsity.shimano.com>.**
  
- **BASS is looking for marshals for the August 23-26, 2018 St. Lawrence River Waddington, New York Elite event. Contact Bass if interested.**
- **The 2019 Bassmasters Classic will be held March 15-17 in downtown Knoxville on the Tennessee River and on The University of Tennessee at Knoxville campus.**
- **Correspondence: NONE**
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED**

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**

- **Conservation & FAC Report: Dean Rustic;**

#### **CBN Conservation Report**

**April 25, 2018**

#### **CBN Conservation objectives for the 2018**

- 1. Conservation Projects for Candlewood Lake (Boat Launch & Habitat)**
- 2. Create a C.A.R.E. Bass Class**
- 3. Create an on the Water Bass Course (like Golf Course)**

**Information from this past Month –**

- 1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting**
  - a. Discussed Blue Ribbon Panel for funding**

**b. Sportsmen Day at Capital was poorly attended.**

**2. Fisheries Advisory Council**

**a. No meeting.**

**3. DEEP Items**

**a. DEEP working hard with Trout Stocking – Good class of Trout being stocked**

**b. CBN BASS Class is set for Sunday May 20th at Winding Trials in Farmington**

**4. Conservation Summit follow up**

**a. Working with AFTCO for possible conservation grant**

**b. AFTCO will be providing support for BASS Conservation Directors**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Dean Rustic**

**Conservation Director**

• **CLA REPORT: NONE.**

• **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

**There are 55 Boaters and 32 Co-anglers registered for the May 6<sup>th</sup> Candlewood tournament.**

**Proposed 2019 tournament dates are as follows,**

**5/5/2019 Candlewood Lake**

**6/9/2019 Connecticut River**

**7/14/2019 Candlewood Lake**

**7/28/2019 Classic**

**8/18/2019 Mr. Bass**

**9/8/2019 and 9/9/2019 2Day**

- **CBN Sponsorship Report: Triton Alliance Money NOT received yet, \$2500. Mercury Alliance Money received, \$2500.**
- **CBN Scholarship: Jim Young is the new Scholarship director replacing Kevin Lavender.**
- **CBN Scholarship- Robert S Malloy: Marc Levesque will be the CBN Contact person for this.**
- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris. The 2019 banquet will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Membership Committee: Dave Miller was not present. Three new members joined from the outdoor show.**
- **Website: Update: The old website is still there. The viruses are gone. The new website is a work in progress and will be active shortly.**
- **Audit Committee: The audit committee will meet May 1<sup>st</sup> to complete the audit.**
- **Finance: No Report**
- **CBN Youth report:**
- **Had our annual meeting with the kids March 31<sup>st</sup>:**

**Thank you to Vinny, Dean and Joe for showing up. Great Turnout- all but about 4 teams weren't represented.**

**We had one volunteer boat captain show up- Greg, who does almost all the kids tournaments.**

**Volunteer efforts are going well.**

**First tournament is May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**We have secured 19 boats of the 26 needed for our first tournament.**

**This included 9 anglers/teams that have secured their own boat.**

**We have 10 volunteers from state team/myself/and 1 response from email I sent out.**

**I would like to get the other 7 identified this week if possible....**

**Have the letter I sent out and the current list of boat captains signed up for the tournament ready to pass out.**

**John Piscioniere**

**Youth Director**

- **State Team Administrator: Sylvia Morris**

### **April 2018 CBN State Team Report**

**All State Team Members have paid their Sponsorship, turned in all their paperwork and have completed their obligations for the fishing Show.**

**We had a change in the Team, Noah Winslow had to drop off. Jim Morris moved up to 1st Alt. We will just have 21-man team.**

**Jerseys have been shipped, should be here within the next week.**

**Next meeting is After the CBN T #1 May 6<sup>th</sup> weigh in.**

**Submitted by:**

**Sylvia Morris, CBN State Team Administrator**

- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN, SECOND, ALL IN FAVOR**  
**Old Business**
- **Excused Absences: Tolland County**
  - **2018 Northeast Hunting & Fishing Show Report**

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**All State Team Members fulfilled their obligations.**

**We had a Total of 64 Kids for the three days of the Casting Kids Competition.**

**Collected 15.00 donations to the HS/Juniors**

**7 HS Names**

**20 Adult Names Given to Dave Miller to connect to clubs**

**Very poorly attended show.**

**Need to think if we want to continue doing this show????? Cost is about 600.00. Is it worth it??**

**Thank you to Tackle Supply depot for selling us the gift cards for half price to give our 6 Casting kids winners. All were mailed and have been received.**

**Winners are:**

**Gunnar Rumpt**

**Trevor Held & Brendon Golden Tied and split the certificate!**

**Elena Haslip**

**Declan Pryczbek**

**Joey Salzano**

**Blake Kamoen**

**Submitted by Sylvia Morris, CBN Events Coordinator**

- **Joe Kowalski said the Veterans tournament will be held May 8<sup>th</sup> on Congamond Lakes. NEED BOAT CAPTAINS!!!! Contact Joe if interested: 860-966-6778**
- **Connecticut Bassmen will be holding their annual mixed open on Candlewood Lake on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018**
- **STILL NEED A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR!!! Please Contact Vinny Mucci 203-525-4105 if interested.**

**ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Travis Frisk "Go Fund Me" web page is up and active.**  
**<https://www.gofundme.com/travis-frisk-medical-expenses>**  
**Travis is the son of Ron Frisk, our past Youth Director & Assistant to the Tournament Directors. Travis is a very**

**involved CBN member who has volunteered for everything since he was 10. He is battling a rare sarcoma and is undergoing aggressive treatment. The family needs our help! A motion was made and unanimously passed to donate \$1000 from the CBN to Travis Frisk to help cover medical expenses. Marc Levesque will send the check.**

- **There will be a “Stay Put” random drawing for \$100 at each tournament. You must be present and within the tournament weigh in/activity area to claim the \$100. If you are at your boat or any place other than the immediate activity area you will not get the prize.**

**ANY MORE NEW BUSINESS???**

**Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:04pm**

**NEXT MEETING: May 23rd, 2018**