

July 25th, 2018
CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting

7:08

- **Guest Speakers from the LLA were Greg Petriccione & Scott Schifilliti. They came to ask us to help with our voices to combat the use of Herbicides in Lake Lillinonah. We had a lengthy discussion on how easy it is in Ct to acquire a permit from the DEEP to have pesticides applied. Anyone can apply for it!!! We need to change legislation. It was decided to form a committee to form a letter and have all members send it out to there local Representatives. Dean Rustic will head it up and Dave Miller will assist him.**

8:15 Roll Call

- **CLUBS ABSENT:**
- **Correspondence:** A Beautiful Thank you Card was received from Carol Dziob for the CBN'S and High School donation to the Go Fund Me Account for help with the Funeral of her son.
- **Announcements:** NONE
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

CBN Conservation Report

July 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. No formal meeting in July & August

b. Keith Cagle, President of the CCAC and myself had a meeting at DEEP Headquarters on Tuesday July 10th. The meeting was attended by Bill Hyatt, Michael Lambert, Michael Payton, Michael Beauchene and Tony Petrillo. The subject of the meeting was the poor and unsafe conditions of the state ramp facilities at Lattins Cove and Squantz Cove. We have the following items to follow up on:

- i. Set a date and time that we can do a site visit to the launches at Candlewood and Lake Lillinonah to compare and discuss options**
- ii. Further investigate if ADA construction guidelines need to be followed if the funding comes from private and/or grants which do not use federal funds.**
- iii. There is a permit in process for the maintenance of all inland boat ramps. If this permit is signed off on by mid-August, Michael Payton was hopeful that work at the Lattins Cove Launch would begin this fall. The Project would be to dredge the ramp area and spread the sediment in the parking area as fill. Then place additional concrete slabs at the end of the launch to protect from power loading back wash.**
- iv. A side project that was discussed was the creation of shore line access areas for fishing around Burr Pond State Park. There is currently a trail that goes around the pond but there is limited shore line fishing access. I had proposed to work together and get a grant for additional structures to be used to increase the**

quality of the fishing in conjunction with the access areas.

- c. In support of the issues and proposals that I brought forward at the CCAC meeting in June the Northwest Connecticut Sportsman's Council voted to support the CBN and sent a letter of support to the Bill Hyatt at the DEEP. I have attached a copy of the hand written note from Chris Marino and the Letter they sent on our behalf to the DEEP.**
- 2. Fisheries Advisory Council**
 - a. No meeting until September.**
- 3. DEEP Items**
 - a. Peter Aarrestad has reached out to work with us for the follow up monitoring of the structures that we placed in the Housatonic Watershed Lakes. He is interested in using the AQUA-VU Cameras that we have secured special pricing from the Conservation Summit this spring.**
 - b. I need to set a date to meet with Bill Hyatt, Bureau Chief of Natural Resources and Michael Lambert, Bureau Chief of Outdoor Recreation to be onsite at the boat launches at Squantz and Lattins. I will have the President of the CCAC in attendance. I will try to get the chairman of the FAC to attend as well.**
 - c. Continued discussion with Mike Beauchene about incorporation my BASS Class for other instructors to present as part of the DEEP C.A.R.E. program**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Rustic
Conservation Director**

- CLA REPORT: None**
- TOURNAMENT REPORT- Vinny Mucci**
- Held Tournament #3 Candlewood. It went very smoothly. Thank you to all who stepped up to help make that happen!!!**

- **Classic Apps and Invite went out to all club Presidents to share with there members, we extended the deadline to this Friday for Vinny to receive the apps in his hands.**
- **Mr Bass Apps and Invites were e-mailed and passed out at the meeting to all Reps and Club Presidents.**

- **CBN Sponsorship Report: The T#3 Winner of the Evinrude Contingency money, \$1450.00 was Al Gambardella!!! Congratulations Al!**
- **Alliance money has all been received for 2017. Working on 2018, 7 Leads so far means we are at \$2000.00 so far.**
- **CBN Scholarship- Robert S Malloy: Marc Levesque will be the CBN Contact person for this.
Jason Vokun will be conducting the interviews to choose the winner of our Robert S Malloy Annual UCONN Scholarship.**
- **CBN Scholarship- Chairperson, Jim Young is working on Application for 2018. Almost ready to send out.**

- **Banquet Report:
Banquet Date Has Been Changed due to a Conflict with the B.A.S.S. Nationals to Nov. 17th, 2018, \$200.00 deposit has been paid.
Any idea for prizes would be appreciated!**

- **Membership Committee: Dave Miller has connected a few new members. Slowing down now.**
- **Website: The Triton Group has started to build the new website. E Board is setting up a meeting with Nick to finetune the site.**
- **Audit Committee: NONE**
- **Finance: No Report**

- **CBN Youth Report: John Piscioniere
3 tournaments down- 1 to go.
Thank you to Paul Narducci for pizza and captain raffle and kids raffle
Thank you to Euro Tackle for boat captain raffle
We had about 7 people reach out after the WTNH clip.**

One of them actually joined and fished in the last tournament.

John Piscioniere

- **State Team Administrator: Sylvia Morris**
Will be doing the 2018 State Team Receipts Wed Aug 1st my house, with Vinny Mucci. Will send Marc Levesque all final amounts to be reimbursed and he will send checks ASAP.
Need to find a way to make money for the State Team Account, the CBN Trail is very small this year and not making the money it should for the Team. The Classic, Mr. Bass and the Two Day should bring in some.
Will need approx. 18,000.00. Next year is Sebago out of Point Sebago. I am working on booking the Lodge for the Team and boat slips.
We have qualified Four Members for the 2019 State Team, Lake Sebago. They are: Boaters-Al Gambardella and Ryan Pereiras Non-Boaters, Todd Rose and Joe Sodora

Sylvia Morris, CBN State Team Administrator

- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN, SECOND, ALL IN FAVOR**

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: Ct Valley**
- **It was decided to research the cost of possibly (will be voted on once all info has been given) getting State Team Jackets for this years Team through Mike Billings of Billings Sports and bring back to the next meeting, June 27th, 2018 for discussion and vote. We tabled it because Mike had no information right now. Will have ready for next months, (August 21st) meeting.**
ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?

NEW BUSINESS

- **Nominations are open for Tournament Director for 2019!!!!**

Please contact one of our Nominating Committee with any nominations:

Kevin Rose-860-978-3987

Mike Billings-203-213-0146

Dave Miller-203-243-2188

- **John Piscioniere asked for a motion to be made to donate \$500.00 from the High School Account to The Katie Dobroczyński Golf Tournament, Sept 21st, Motion was made, seconded and passed.**
- **Vinny asked for a motion to be made that the CBN also donate \$500.00 to the Katie Dobroczyński Golf Tournament, Sept 21st, motion was made, seconded and passed.**
This enables the CBN to have a foursome golfing in the event. We need two golfers to join Mike Billings and his wife to make the four. Please contact Vinny Mucci if interested 203-525-4105.

ANY MORE NEW BUSINESS???

HOTELS TO UTILIZE: Super 8 Hotel 3 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811 ASK FOR CAROLYNN OR ANNA & FISHERMAN RATE, \$69.00

Keitech Raffle Winners: Kevin Rose, Rome Wisnewski, Justin Johnson

Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:35

NEXT MEETING IS WED. August 21st, 2018