

April 22nd, 2020

CT B.A.S.S. Nation Conference Call

Call began at 4:48pm

On the Call were:

Vinny Mucci-President

Mike Billings-Vice President

Marc Levesque- Treasurer

Bob Jeffrey- Secretary

Dean Rustic-Conservation Director

John Piscioniere- Youth Director

Sylvia Morris- Events Coordinator & State Team Administrator

Missing from the Call were:

Dave Miller- Membership Chairperson

Tom Mee- Kayak Series Director

• **Announcements:**

• **One of past CBN Members Greg Mazur passed away. Tackle the Storm had set up a fund in Greg Mazur's name, Greg. He was always doing for the kids so the money donated will go to the HS/Juniors to purchase fishing rods and reels for those CBN HS/Juniors that cannot afford them. Tackle the Storm donated \$175.00 and they took in \$500.00. So far, we have received \$675.00. John Piscioniere will see that it is carried out. Thank you, Don Barrone & Tackle the Storm.**

• **Jan Newman, the owner of the old Newtown Bait & Tackle passed away, she and her husband Rich were so good to the Anglers & the CBN. Sympathy cards were sent to her Daughters.**

• **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

• **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**

• **CBN Conservation Report**

Fac no meeting until June conference call

Nationally: Gathering info on ability to hold Tournaments or not and if Launches are open or not.

• **CLA REPORT: No Report**

- **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

2020 CBN Events Suspended until Further Notice Due to Corona Virus

- **CBN Sponsorship Report:**

- **Huk is offering a discount to all B.A.S.S. Nation Members. Get the Code from your Club President or Vinny.**
- **TH Marine, 30% off for all Members, Get Code from your Club President or Vinny**
- **Garmin is working with B.A.S.S. on a possible State Team Sponsorship**

- **CBN Scholarship- Chairperson, Mike Billings: He received 4 Applications, Jim Young, Sylvia Morris and Joe Kowalski will be doing the judging and will have winners for the next Conference Call in May. We will be choosing three winners, 1st is \$1500.00, 2nd, is \$1000.00, & 3rd, is \$500.00.**
- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**
Nov 7th, 2020, if we can not hold we will roll the deposit of \$200.00 to next year, or we can get a refund.
- **Membership Committee: Dave Miller- Not on Call**
- **Kayak Series-Tom Mee-Not on Call**
- **Website: Temporarily down, Nick is working on it, should be up soon.**
- **CBN Youth Report: John Piscioniere-:**

2 CT Youth nominated for Bass All-American- Dylan Napoleon and Ryan Corcoran

I would like to ask that we award the youth that qualified for this year's championship with their \$500 check.

Sylvia Made a motion to give each of the 4 High School qualifiers the \$500.00 for Travel when the Championship is held, the original date has been postponed. If they do not go they can keep the money as their reward for qualifying.

Mike Billings seconded it, discussion was held, voted and passed unanimously. Marc will send the checks.

They can use that money to go to the championship if they so choose, or for something else. This is due to the COVID epidemic.

John Piscioniere

- **State Team Report, Sylvia Morris**

Mike Billings is Working on Jackets, will not put year on them, in case we do not have the Regional this year we will use them next year.

All have paid their \$250.00 Sponsorship monies and all Paperwork turned in except two Boat ins Policies, due to renew soon.

Sylvia asked that if the Regional is not held this year that the existing State Team that rolls over to next year get reimbursed for one Fishing License each as they have had to purchase one per the Contract and would have to get another next year. Dean made a motion to do that, John seconded it, discussion was held, voted and passed unanimously.

Vinny will see if Thayers can get us Triton Hats for the Team.

Sylvia Morris, State Team Administrator

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

Old Business

- **Marc will send any additional New Members added since Jan. for the BASS Nation Rosters and Sylvia will Justify them with State Dues paid.**
- **The Trailer will get serviced (Check Brakes, grease wheels, etc.) while we are not using it. Vinny will take it to be done.**
- **We need a Social Media Director!!!**
- **Still no Tournament Director?????? We need one!!!!**

ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?

NEW BUSINESS

- **Dean asked that we send flowers to Ray and Ronnie Kerchal in celebration of Bryan Kerchal getting inducted into the B.A.S.S. Fishing Hall of Fame. Motion was made, Marc seconded it, discussion was held, voted and passed unanimously. Sylvia will get them ordered.**
- **Vinny has been informed that Cabela's has Rods and reels for the HS/Junior program. John will follow up on that.**

Call ended at 5:37pm

• 2020 CBN Meeting Dates

- **4th Wed of each month, 7:00 pm, except when a Holiday or Event then it will be the 3rd, Wed of the month.**

**(WILL BE E-BOARD, DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS
CONFERENCE CALLS TILL FURTHER NOTICE)**

May 27th

June 17th, Third week, E Board & The State Team will be away for the fourth week

July 22nd

Aug 26th

Sept 23rd

Oct 28th

Nov 18th Third Week

Dec 16th Third Week

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

NEXT Conference Call IS WED, May 27th, 2020

