

**June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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

**Call began at 7:10pm**

**On the Call were:**

**Vinny Mucci-President**

**Mike Billings-Vice President**

**Marc Levesque- Treasurer**

**Dean Rustic-Conservation Director**

**John Piscioniere- Youth Director**

**Dave Miller-Membership Chairperson**

**Sylvia Morris- Events Coordinator & State Team Administrator**

**Missing from the Call were:**

**Tom Mee-Kayak Series Director**

**Bob Jeffrey-Secretary**

**Clubs Missing were:**

**Bass Attack**

**Candlewood**

**Ct Sweetwater**

**Ct Yankee**

**Ct Valley**

**Tolland County**

- **Announcements: CBN 2020 Dues of 50.00 will be rolled over to next year. You must still pay the BASS Nation Online Dues of 30.00 per member and you MUST still turn in a current, updated Roster for 2021 to the CBN.**
- **Correspondence:**  
**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**
- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**  
**June 24, 2020**  
**CBN Conservation objectives for the 2020**  
**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 meeting**  
**2. Fisheries Advisory Council a. Meeting was virtual via a WebEx provided by Dean Rustic b. Discussed on going meetings to be virtual during the pandemic c. Rick Jacobson discussed the current budget issues that all departments will be facing. d. Mike Beauchene discussed the Warmwater Fisheries Plan and the current Bass Tournament guidelines. e. Peter Aarrestad discussed how the license sales were up a little bit over the same period over the past 5 years. Fisheries has stock Tiger Trout for the first time in years. f. Justin Davis discussed the Marine report and the update of the executive order regarding the larger party boats and the number of anglers allowed. g.**  
**3. DEEP Items a. Requested meeting with Katie Dykes to plan for FAC meeting in September via a WebEx. b. Working with Peter Aarrestad and Ed Machowski to address the permit process for the treatment of herbicides in CT lakes and ponds**

**4. AFTCO Grant proposal on behalf of Even Kamoen, CBN & CT DEEP a. The Mossback structures have arrived and are at the DEEP CARE Facility at Foster Pond. b. Mohawk Valley Bass Casters will assisted with boats to deploy the structures in the pond.**

**Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rustic Conservation Director**

- **CLA REPORT: No Report**
- **TOURNAMENT REPORT**  
**2020 CBN Events Suspended until Further Notice Due to Corona Virus. Will not hold Mr Bass, Classic or Two Day but If Permits are allowed may hold Opens on those dates. Will keep you all posted.**

**Tournament Permits have started to be given for 25 or less people in an event including people running it and spectators. There can be NO Weigh-ins on Shore or any Island or Shorelines, only on the water or Catch, weigh, record, and release.**

**2021 Proposed Trail (Notice Tournament #1 is in April!)**

**Sun April 18th CBN T#1 8 to 3 Squantz & Latins, Candlewood Lake**

**Sun May 2nd CBN T#2 8:00 to 3:00 Squantz and Latins Candlewood Lake**

**Sun June 13th, CBN T#3 7:00 to 3:00 Ct River, Haddam Meadows**

**Sun Aug 1st, CBN Mr Bass, TBD, 7:00 to 3:00**

**Sun Aug 29th, CBN Classic, ? 7:00 to 3:00**

**Sat & Sun Oct 2nd & 3rd, CBN Two Day, 8:00 to 3:00, Squantz & Latins, Candlewood Lake**

- **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 on Board as a State Team Sponsor.**
  
- **CBN Scholarship- Chairperson, Mike Billings: The Winners are: Brandon Miller, High School Angler 1<sup>st</sup> is \$1500.00, Ryan Corcoran, High School Angler 2<sup>nd</sup>, is \$1000.00, Chris Hughes, High School Angler, & 3<sup>rd</sup>, is \$500.00. Congratulations to our High School Anglers!!! This is posted on our Website with Photos of the winners.**
- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**  
**Due to the Suspending of the CBN Tournaments and activities this year we will not have any awards so we have canceled our Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Awards Banquet and have rebooked for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
- **Membership Committee: Dave Miller- Has one interested person and is working with him.**
  
- **Kayak Series-Tom Nee- Kayak Nothing**
- **Website: Nothing new**
- **CBN Youth Report: John Piscioniere-:**

**Still no decision on tournaments for the year...we will cancel our July tournament.**

**Purchasing rods/reels for youth handouts with money donated through donations of the passing of Greg Mazer**

**No decision if the HS teams will be going to nationals. If not, we will determine if we can extend invite to 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place...they would have to pay their own way.**

**Considering having 1 tournament in spring next year to determine who qualify' s for nationals...would only be open to teams that were registered for 2020 and eligible to participate.**

***John Piscioniere***

***Phone-203-982-0921***

- **State Team Report, Sylvia Morris**

**Jackets are on hold for now.**

**2020 CBN State Team Zoom Meeting was held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Vinny let the Team know that the E Board had made a decision based on the health, safety and wellbeing of the Team and their families, and keeping in line with the suspension of the CBN 2020 Season to Roll the 2020 CBN State Team to 2021. There was discussion amongst the Team. They of course were disappointed but most understood that this decision also kept the Team together as many were going to have to drop from the Team due to date changes.**

**The Lodge has been cancelled, there are no refunds, so they have given us up to one year to utilize the Lodge from the date we had reserved it. We have until Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 to use it. We are discussing if we will and when.**

**Sylvia Morris, State Team Administrator**

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

### **Old Business**

- **Vinny checked out the Trailer and feels all is good for this year. It does need a new Battery for the emergency brake and a new roof**

**vent Cover. He will do that. He will set up a Trailer Clean up as soon as it is safe to have.**

- **The Trailer wrap is on hold for now. Mike is working on it. In the meantime, Sylvia sent out the old format for Sponsor Spots on the Trailer, please come up with some ideas for a new wrap and pricing for the next meeting in July.**
  - **Vinny will meet with the Web Master to discuss some updates and possibly adding a “Classified” Page for members.**
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- **We need a Social Media Director!!!**
  - **Still no Tournament Director?????? We need one!!!!**
- ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **CLA has approached us for our annual donation to the CLA Lake Clean up. We have usually donated \$500.00 in the past. Motion was made and seconded. Discussion was held and we decided to wait until Vinny called and talked with them to see exactly where the monies goes and how it benefits us to do this. Motions were rescinded.**
- **Dean recommended that we make our own BASS Management plan to present to the CLA.**
- **Lilly and Zoar were treated by the Company Solitude again this past month. We discussed this at length and determined this was part of a three-year plan that they received permission from the DEEP to do.**

**Call ended at 8:27pm**

- **2020 CBN Meeting Dates**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month, 7:00 pm, except when a Holiday or Event then it will be the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wed of the month.**

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

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Aug 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Third Week**

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 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, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**