

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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

**Call began at 7:03pm**

**Dean Introduced our Guest speaker, Mason Trumble, Deputy Chief Deputy Commissioner – Environmental Conservation for CT DEEP. Many subjects were touched on, 1<sup>st</sup> and foremost he wanted us to know he is an avid outdoors person. Loves fishing, grew up in Maine. The State Parks were used this year more than ever, this year the Parks were closed over 500 times as compared to prior year closures around 150 times. He expressed his gratitude to all Encon Police Officers for their hard work this summer. We have about 50 Encon Police in CT to cover all State Parks!**

**1.He extended an apology from the Boating Division for an e-mail that went out in September that targeted Bass Boats. Mason asked us to disregard and accept his apologies!**

**2.Mason said he understands all of our concerns that were expressed on the call, ie, water access being denied, Boat Launches in need of repair, Use of Herbicides in our Lakes to eradicate invasive species, and our Tournaments being restricted. Mason said he would do whatever he could to be fair to all users of the Parks and lakes in CT.**

**3.The DEEP is coming up with a plan for next year to encompass all users of the Parks and lakes.**

**4.The DEEP is working on a Zoom Meeting with all of us about the Herbicides use and permitting procedure, he will get the information to Dean to distribute to us through your Club Reps.**

**Vinny Mucci Thanked Mason for being on our call and fielding our questions and addressing our concerns.**

**On the Call were:**

**Vinny Mucci-President**

**Mike Billings-Vice President**

**Marc Levesque- Treasurer**

**Dean Rustic-Conservation Director**

**John Piscioniere- Youth Director**

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

**Missing from the Call were:**  
**Bob Jeffrey-Secretary**  
**Tom Mee-Kayak Series Director**

**Clubs Missing were:**  
**Bass Attack**  
**CBBA**  
**Ct Yankee**  
**Ct Valley**  
**Extreme**

- **Announcements: NEXT CONFERENCE CALL IS A WEEK EARLIER DUE TO THE HOLIDAY!**
- **Correspondence: Thank you Card from Linda Mucci for the Meal the CBN provided for the family after her Surgery.**
  
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque-**  
**Marc also spoke about the 2019 Taxes; they were completed and filed. The invoice will be in shortly, usually about \$1000.00.**
- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**
- **Oct 28, 2020 CBN Conservation objectives for the 2020**
  - 1. Conservation Projects for Candlewood Lake (Boat Launch & Habitat)**
  - 2. Create an on the Water Bass Course (like Golf Course)****Information from this past Month –**
  - 1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting**
    - a. Hosted Meeting on Premise and Virtually**
    - b. Discussed promoting changes to Deer Tags**
    - c. Discussed CT DEEP Boating Division's planned Limiting of Bass Boats on Candlewood Lake**
  - 2. Fisheries Advisory Council a. No Meeting This Month**
  - 3. DEEP Items**
    - a. Boating Division Issue at Squantz Launch**
    - b. Boating Access at Red Cedar Lake in Chester**

**c. Spoke with Mason Trumble and set up him to speak at the October meeting**

**d. Spoke with Edward Machowski about the Bass Survey.**

**Will speak at the November meeting**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean Rustic Conservation Director**

- **CLA REPORT: Buoys Have been removed, proceed with caution! You must still abide all no wakes!**

- **TOURNAMENT REPORT  
2021 CBN Events Have been scheduled and we plan on holding them! We will see how it goes.**

**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, Code is BASSBONUS**
- **B.A.S.S. is offering a 25% discount to all members on B.A.S.S. Nation Merchandise and memberships. Go to [shopbassmaster.com](http://shopbassmaster.com) and use code, NATION.**

- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings: Working on a new Question for the Application, will have it ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.**
- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris  
We have canceled our Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Awards Banquet and have rebooked for November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
- **Membership Committee: Need a new one!!!**

- **Kayak Series-Tom Nee- Kayak-NOT ON CALL**
- **Website: Nothing new**
- **CBN Youth Report: John Piscioniere-: WE had one High Schooler attend The HS Championship on Kentucky Lake, Ryan Coccoran with his Father as his Boat Captain . Ryan had a tough tournament. We are proud of you for Representing CT Ryan and hope you had a great experience!**

**In addition to the 2021 HS Trail we will hold a Championship Qualifier for the Teams that meet the requirements to get our two top teams for the 2021 HS Championship. Date and location To be announced.**

- ***John Piscioniere***

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

- **State Team Report, Sylvia Morris**

**Looks like BASS is working on setting up Erie again for 2021. Waiting on verification and date. They are asking for June again.**

**Sylvia Morris, State Team Administrator**

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

### **Old Business**

- **BASS Nation Rosters have cleared, time to collect the 30.00 per member and update the online Rosters!!!! The CBN has voted to roll over the 2020 CBN dues to 2021, you **MUST** submit a new Roster to the CBN with all members from last year and any New members along with the New Members dues of 50.00 each. Due by Nov 1st 2020. Mail your 2021 Roster and dues (check made out to CBN) if any New Members, to:**

**Marc Levesque,  
20 First Avenue,  
Waterbury, Ct 06710**

- **The CBN is now in need of a Membership Chairperson**

- **We need a Social Media Director!!!**
- **Still no Tournament Director?????? We need one!!!!**
- **Latin's Cove will reopen on Oct 15th**  
**ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Nominations are open for all positions, please call or e-mail your nominations to Vinny Mucci- 203-525-4105 or Sylvia Morris- 203-675-4666 by the Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Conference Call meeting. They will be read to the membership, brought back to your clubs and voted on at the Dec Conference call meeting.**

**Positions are:**

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Conservation Director**

**Tournament Director**

**Youth Director**

**Membership Chairperson**

**Social Media Director**

- **Dean Rustic suggested that the CBN extends an offer to the DEEP to write for a grant to put fish habitat structures in Candlewood Lake to offset the loss of fish habitat by the Grass Carp.  
All agreed he should do that.**
- **Discussed the upcoming Northeast Hunting and fishing Show for March 2021 at the Cassino. It is the only one they will hold. The cost would be too much for us to justify. We usually get one to two new members out of a Show. The Covid is still not under control and attendance could be affected. Having it at the Cassino would limit the kids attending and the Casting Kids Competition would be inactive. After discussion it was decided to forgo this year and revisit for next year.**

- **Dave Miller earned an award of \$500.00 at his job and donated \$250.00 to the CBN High School Account and \$250.00 to Joe Kowalski's Major Steven Roy Andrews Foundation. Congratulations Dave and Thank you!**

- **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)**

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

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Third Week**

**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, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**