

**FEB 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

**Call began at 7:03pm**

**On the Call were:**

**Vinny Mucci-President**

**Mike Billings-Vice President**

**Sylvia Morris-Secretary**

**Marc Levesque- Treasurer**

**Dean Rustic-Conservation Director**

**John Piscioniere- Youth Director**

**Guest Speakers were Introduced:**

**Julie Camaratta: She is an active and respected lobbyist in Connecticut with 25 years' experience working in and with Connecticut state government. Julie will be helping us build a defense this year against any bills that will hit the floor that has anything to do with the outdoors, access to Ct waters, etc. The plan is to put together a plan of action with Dean Rustic & Keith Cagle and hit the ground running! Julie has already connected with First Light & Power on building a Handicapped accessible dock. She is also working with Katie Dykes.**

**Keith Cagle: Head of CT Conservation Council & Friends of Ct Sportsmen. He will be helping Julie and Dean to build this defense.**

**Many questions were asked, much discussion was held. Julie assured us that the risk is minimal of any such bills making it to the floor this year, but she will be on top of it just in case!**

**Clubs Missing were: CT Valley**

- **Announcements: NEXT CONFERENCE CALL March 24<sup>th</sup> 2021**
- **Correspondence: None**

- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque-**  
**General Account: 76,293**  
**Tournament Trail: 1,745**  
**Scholarship: 7,320**  
**RSM Scholarship: 3,703**  
**State Team: 26,644**  
**High School: 13,919**  
**Grant: 7,951**
  
- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

**February 24, 2021**

**CBN Conservation objectives for the 2021**

- 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 Friends of Connecticut Sportsman (FoCS)**
    - i. Visited Fish & Game clubs to solicit donations to FoCS**
    - ii. Met with Julie Cammarata of Cammarata Government Affairs**
- 2. Fisheries Advisory Council**
  - a. No meetings**
- 3. DEEP Items**
  - a. Reviewed with DEEP for Bass Management**
  - b. Attended the CLA Webinar on Zebra Muscles**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean Rustic  
Conservation Director**

- **CLA REPORT:** Visit the CLA website for Info on the plans for upgrades at Squantz Cove on Candlewood Lake.

[www.candlewoodlakeauthority.org](http://www.candlewoodlakeauthority.org)

The CLA will be doing an extra deep drawdown this year.

- **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

**2021 CBN Events Have been scheduled and we plan on holding them! Tournaments for 2021 have been approved, on shore weigh-ins can be held in April, May and June, however may have issues with on shore weigh-ins for the Summer months, July, August and Sept Tournaments. Vinny will keep in touch with the DEEP.**

**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, Lilly 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:**

- **TH Marine, 20% of for all Members, Contact Vinny for code**
- **AFTCO Grant Program is available to all Youth Groups, CBN & CBN Clubs Ask Vinny for details.**
- **Toyota Bonus Bucks is back!**
- **Skeeter Real Money**
- **Triton Gold**
- **Power Pole Program Contact Vinny for info**
- **Accu Cull Program Contact Vinny for code**
- **Ranger Cup**
- **BASS New Elite & Opens Sponsor Marathon Petroleum**

- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings:**

**Scholarship app is out, no applicants yet. Mail in deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021!**

- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**  
**Scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. WE NEED PRIZES!!!!**
- **Membership Committee Chair: Need a new one!!!**
- **Kayak Series- Need a Director!**
- **Website: Updated and adding Open Tournaments and Apps Soon**
- **CBN Youth Report: John Piscioniere-:**

**Youth registration has started.**

**Added another date, August 28<sup>th</sup>, for a tournament- may be junior or high school.**

**We will not do an in-person pre-trail meeting this year. I will be scheduling another conference call with all anglers to kick off the season. Date to be determined.**

**The 1 tournament fish off is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>.top 2 teams qualify for championship.**

**State Team Report, Sylvia Morris, State Team Administrator**

**All 2021 State Team Members have been Registered.**

**The Alliance Jerseys have been ordered.**

**Working on getting copies of all State Team Members Pa Licenses & Lake Erie Permits and Boat Insurance.**

**Setting up a virtual meeting to go over the 2021 B.A.S.S. Nation Tournament Rules.**

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

**Old Business**

**No Old Business**

- **Excused Absences: None**

- **The CBN is now in need of a Membership Chairperson**
- **We need a Social Media Director!!!**
- **Still no Tournament Director?????? We need one!!!!**

**ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Our 2021 By Laws and standing rules had to be voted in with one addition that the Executive Board made, we added Standing Rule #19: Rule 19 – Event or Participation Cancellation**

**“The CBN Executive Board reserves the right to cancel any event or participation in any event if the board agrees that participation may jeopardize the health and /or safety of CBN members, negatively affect the financial stability of the CBN or result in liability claims against the CBN and/or its officers.”**

**Motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously!**

**The 2021 CBN By Laws will be posted on our website within the week.**

- **Dean Rustic made a proposal that we make a donation to the Friends Of Ct Sportsmen who have hired Lobbyist, Julie Cammaratta to represent us and keep us informed of the Bills being brought forth to the floor concerning fishing/water access in Ct waters In the amount of \$2,999.00. We were unsure of the dollar amount allowed to be voted in at a Board meeting per the By Laws so we adjusted the motion to pay \$1000.00 for now. Motion was seconded Discussion was held and passed Unanimously!**
- **We are now asking all reps to bring this back to their Club Members for a vote at the March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting to allow the CBN to pay the balance of \$1999.00.**

**WE would also like to ask all Clubs to consider donating to this also as the work they will be doing for us is tedious and immeasurable! You can make payments out to: Friends of CT Sportsmen**

**Mail to:**

**Friends of CT Sportsmen**

**P.O. Box 2351**

**Shelton, CT 06484**

**\_Vinny has created a new e-mail to be used for CBN business  
[Ctbass.president@gmail.com](mailto:Ctbass.president@gmail.com)**

**Need updated e-mails for Vinny please. Send them to his e-mail so he can have an accurate list for group e-mails.**

**• 2021 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)**

**Feb 24**

**March 24**

**April 28**

**May 26 Feb**

**June 16 #rd Week because of State Team in the fourth week.**

**July 28**

**Aug 25**

**Sept 22**

**Oct 27**

**Nov 17 3rd week**

**Dec 15 3rd 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 March 24<sup>th</sup> 2021**