

March 24th, 2021

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

Call began at 7:04pm

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

Clubs Missing were: CT Valley, Silver City and Extreme

Minutes from Previous meeting were read and accepted.

- **Announcements: NEXT CONFERENCE CALL April 28th 2021**
- **Correspondence: None**

- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque-**

- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

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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. Discussed the Squantz Cove Boat Launch**
- ii. Discussed Government Affairs**

2. Fisheries Advisory Council

- a. Discussed the Zebra Mussels in Candlewood – Peter Aarrestad**
 - i. Pointed out the CLA Website asking to close ramps**
 - ii. Pointed out that the only page on the CLA website that mentions fines for not following AIS guidelines is the fishing page. Nothing on the boating or other pages.**
- b. Discussed Friend of CT Sportsmen – Asked for donations**
 - i. Questions on the bills for this year.**
 - ii. Question on why the organization used the term “Sportsmen” verses a non-gender specific name. The person could not come up with a name to use.**
- c. Discussed Squantz Cove Boat Launch**
 - i. Trying to find out what the actual law about not being able to expand/fix Boat launches on Candlewood.**
- d. Discussed the changing of trout fishing to no closed season**
- e. Reviewed the Circle hook only for Strippers**
 - i. Current regulation would require circle hooks for all baits.**

3. DEEP Items

- a. Reviewed with DEEP for Bass Management**
- b. Discussed using funds to provide new electronics for monitoring Lilly, Zoar for the structures we put in the lakes.**
- c. Hosted a second review of the Squantz Cove Boat Launch**
 - i. There was time to discuss and review the major issues we saw with the launch design.**
 - ii. Presented our written request to address these changes.**

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
- **TOURNAMENT REPORT Vinny Mucci**
Mailing Deadline for April 18th Tournament is April 1st. Get those apps in to avoid the late fee of \$25.00. Apps posted on Ctbass.com CT and DEEP Covid Guidelines will be followed.

Spring opens coming up, all posted on our website, dates, apps and rules:

April 17th Reynolds Open Candy, Danbury
April 24th, Bryan Kerchal Open Candy, Danbury
April 25th, HOC Annual Open, Candy, Squantz
May 16th, Milford Black Bass Open, Candy, Squantz
May 29th, Thayers Open Candy, Danbury
June 6th, Ct Bassmen, Mixed Open, Candy, Squantz

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

Sun April 18th CBN T#1 8 to 3 Squantz & Latins, Candlewood
Sun May 2nd CBN T#2 8:00 to 3:00 Squantz and Latins, Candlewood
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, 30% 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, only 2 applicants so far. Mail in deadline is April 1st, 2021! Get the word out!!!
- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**
Scheduled for November 6th, 2021. **WE NEED PRIZES!!!!**
Have secured a Free Lifetime Membership to B.A.S.S. for our Raffle so far, waiting for a reply from numerous other Sponsors.
- **Membership Committee Chair:** Need a new one!!! Have acquired a few new members so far this year. Will have a count next meeting.
- **Kayak Series-** Need a Director!
- **Website:** The CBN E-mail list is being double checked and will be given to the webmaster to send E-mail Blast each time he adds News to the webpage. Please send any e-mail changes to Myself or Vinny!!!
- **CBN Youth Report: John Piscioniere-:**

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 17th top 2 teams qualify for championship.

We have 21 Teams Registered, expect at least one more. 15 of those can qualify for the 2022 Championship.

Tournament Dates:

May 1st, Candy

May 29th, Ct River

June 26th, Zoar

Aug 28th & 29th, Candy (Probably do Sat the 28th)

State Team Report, Sylvia Morris, State Team Administrator

The Alliance Jerseys are in, nice looking.

Still waiting on some going up in May to pay for their rooms.

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

Setting up a virtual meeting to go over the 2021 B.A.S.S. Nation Tournament Rules. Vinny will choose a night.

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

Old Business

- **The 2021 CBN By Laws have been posted on our website.**
- **Excused Absences: None**
- **We asked all reps to go back to their Club Members and ask for a club vote to allow the CBN, in addition to the \$1000.00 already passed in Feb, to donate the rest of the donation amount of \$2,999.99 to the Friends of Ct Sportsmen. Motion was made by Marc Levesque to pay the additional/balance of \$1,999.99 to the friends of the Ct Sportsmen, seconded by Mike Billings, discussion was held and passed unanimously. Marc will send a check.**
- **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 Connecticut Sportsmen, Inc.
P. O. BOX 2351
SHELTON, CT 06484**

- **Vinny has created a new e-mail to be used for CBN business**
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.**
- **We need a Social Media Director!!!**
- **Still no Tournament Director?????? We need one!!!!**
ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?

NEW BUSINESS

- **B.A.S.S. Has acquired a New Insurance Broker and has a new Ins Form, it is on the CBN website, ctbass.com under “News”, drop down bar to “Forms”, dropdown bar to Ins COI Request Form. It is also on Bassmasters.com under “Nation”**
- **We are looking to possibly purchasing a Ranger Banner as they have come on as part of the Alliance this year. Mike Billings researched and Vinny will review and let us know.**

The Veterans Tournament in May will not be held this year due to Covid restrictions and Gaylords protocols with Covid. The Fall tournament will however be held on Candlewood, Danbury, on Sept 21st, 2021. If interested in Boat Captain for this event contact Joe Kowalski usmctinker@aol.com or Al Guite alanguite@comcast.net .

Motion to adjourn 8:03pm

- **2021 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 & CLUB REPS CONFERENCE CALLS TILL FURTHER NOTICE)

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 April 28th, 2021**