

Nov 16th, 2022
CT B.A.S.S. Nation IN person/ Conference Call
Call began at 7:07pm

Officers Present & on the Call were:

Mike Billings-Vice President

Sylvia Morris-Secretary

Dean Rustic-Conservation Director

John Piscioniere- Youth Director

Missing:

Abe Kalechman-Tournament Director

Vinny Mucci-President

Marc Levesque- Treasurer

Devin Hines-Membership/social media Director

Clubs Missing: CBBA, Heart of Ct, Xtreme

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

- **Announcements:** Mike Billings Thanked all who attended the Banquet & all who helped set it up, special Thank you to Jim & Sylvia Moris and Mike Shay for helping with the sell of Raffle Tickets!
- **Mike also Reported that the KD Foundation in addition to CBN Clubs and members that donated, collected \$4000.00 Dollars for Alex Wetherell to help with this Elite Tournaments for 2023!**
- **Tim Talento and Devin Hines fished the BASS Nationals Representing Ct last week. Tim made the cut and fished Day three and ended up coming in 6th place on the Boaters side. Great Job!!! Tim posted a Thank you on Facebook to all of us who sent Text messages and were rooting for him!**
- **Correspondence: NONE**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**

- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

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CBN Conservation objectives for the 2022

1. Conservation Projects for Candlewood Lake (Boat Launch & Habitat)

2. Create a BASS Divisional Conservation Coalition to get a Grant for Habitat Information from this past Month –

1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting

a. Hosted hybrid meeting with 70% in person and 30% virtually.

b. Discussed the upcoming election and candidates friendly to Sportsmen

c. Discussed getting a new agenda for a Regulation package

d. Discussed the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

e. Discussed Friends of CT Sportsmen

1. Working on setting up website for campaigns for the 2023 fiscal year

2. Looking to be the voice of educational sportsmen issues 2.

Fisheries Advisory Council –

a. No meeting.

b. Next meeting scheduled for December 8th

3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FoCS)

a. Discussed Friends of CT Sportsmen

1. Working on setting up website for campaigns for the 2023 fiscal year

2. Reviewed artwork for the logo

3. Planned for addressing letters to candidates for office in this year's election.

4. DEEP Items a. Discussed working together to apply for a Friends of Reservoirs grant to put structures into Candlewood Lake to help offset the extreme loss of aquatic vegetation b. Discussed getting more Bass information in the DEEP publications.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Rustic, Conservation Director

- **TOURNAMENT REPORT: Abe Kalechman**

Abe asked for the Tournament Rules to be passed without any changes for 2023. Will do under old business.

He also informed us that T#3 Ct River, June 11th, 2023 will be changed to hopefully June 18th. Working with the DEEP to make that happen. The 2023 Northeastern Regional is over on June 10th, changing it makes it easier for the Team Members to be able to fish that event.

CBN Sponsorship Report:

- **Toyota Bonus Bucks is back!**
- **Skeeter Real Money**
- **Triton Gold**
- **Power Pole Program is back!**

Power-Pole is a proud sponsor of the B.A.S.S Nation in 2022. We will continue to offer a rebate program to B.A.S.S. Nation Members.

The current rebates are as follows:

- **Sportsman 2 Model: \$75**
- **Pro 2 Model: \$100**
- **Blade Model: \$150**

The above stated discounts are available via rebate program through our website.

In order to receive your rebate, you will need to register the Power-Pole product at www.PowerPole.com located under the “Help” column header then “Register My Product”. Once the product has been registered, you will then find the link “Apply for Rebate” to complete the rebate form. You can also obtain access by going back to “Help” then “Rebate Program”. Once all the given information is verified, we will issue you a check or credit in accordance with the discount you are slated to receive. You will need to provide a copy of your purchase receipt and membership card. Rebate checks may take up to 30 days to process.

- **Accu Cull Program Contact Vinny for code**

- **Ranger Cup**
- **Alliance Program-Have 21 leads so far for 2022!!**
- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings:**
Working on next year's Scholarship App and question, will be ready for posting in January.
- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**
We held the Banquet, as Mike said a big Thank you to all who helped!!!!
Our Income was: \$9180.00 and our expenses were: \$6706.85, profits were: \$2473.15. 102 attended, we had 109 reserved, two paid and I am working on getting the money from the others.
Rebooked for Nov 4th, 2023. Executive Board will discuss a possible menu change.
- **Membership Committee/ social media Director:** **Remember to contact our social media Director/Membership Director, Devin Hines if you have something that needs to be posted on our social media Pages or have a new member to place in a club.**

Devin's info is P: 203-752-7797 E: devinehines19@yahoo.com-email

- **Kayak Series-** **Need a director**
- **Website:** **The CBN E-mail list has been given to the webmaster to send E-mail Blast each time he adds News, Pairings, results, etc. to the webpage. Check with your members and be sure they are receiving them. Check Spam folders too! Please send any e-mail changes or additions to Myself or Vinny!!!**
- **CBN Youth Report:** **John Piscioniere**

No Report

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

The 2023 State Team will be going to the Potomac River, MD out of Smallwood State Park, Marbury MD June 3rd to the 10th. We have secured a house and two RVS for the week

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

Old Business

- **Nominations for Secretary and Treasurer were given By Mike Billings:**

Secretary: Sylvia Morris

Treasurer: Marc Levesque

At the Dec meeting the Sec will cast one vote for the existing Secretary and Treasurer to keep their positions for 2023.

- **Abe has asked for us to approve The CBN Tournament Rules as they are for 2023. Motion was made, seconded, all-in favor. Sylvia will change the date and get email blasted to all members and posted on the website.**
- **No By Law Proposals were turned in so the By Laws will have no changes. Sylvia will change the dates and get email blasted to all members and posted on our website.**
- **Al Guite and Sylvia Morris attended the Wake for Bob Nelson, Al spoke about Bob and his involvement in the CBN, High School and the Veterans Tournaments. Flowers were sent on our behalf and Marc has made a donation on our behalf to the Colon Cancer Research.**

NEW BUSINESS

Rosters were due Nov 1st!!! Please get your Rosters in ASAP. Mail your Clubs Dues (Check made out to CBN), members over 60 and have been members for five years or more are \$25.00 all other members are \$50.00) and updated Roster to:

Marc Levesque

20 First Ave

Waterbury Ct 06710

Please email a copy to Marc and Sylvia also.

Wefish2@att.net mlevesque@waterburyct.org

- **CBN Dec Meeting will be Dec 21st, 2022. We will have a pizza Party, please email, or call Sylvia so we know how many members will be in attendance for the food! Let's try to get some attendance!!!**

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

Next meeting, IS A WEEK EARLY In Person and WebEx (Info will be email blasted), Dec 21st, 2022, at Ct Comp 100 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, Training Room.

- **2022 CBN Meeting Dates**

- **Meetings are Fourth Wed of each Month unless a Holiday then it will be the third Wed of the Month.**
- **December 21st, a week early because of the Holiday**