

April 28th, 2021

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

Call began at 7:08pm

Officers 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: CBBA, CT Valley

Minutes from Previous meeting were read and accepted.

- **Announcements: NONE**
- **Correspondence: Thank You Card from Linda Mucci for the Fruit and Pastries that the CBN sent her to help her recover from her surgery.**

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

- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

- **April 28, 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. Reviewed the Big 6 Bill – Discussed how it is unconstitutional. c. Discussed Friends of Connecticut Sportsman (FoCS) i. Meeting set to start work on plan for Moving forward 2. Fisheries Advisory Council a. No Meeting – b. Discussed with Ed Machowski about setting up a Share Lunger Program c. Meeting set to discuss Bass Angling and the DEEP with Peter Aarrestad 3. DEEP Items a.**

Reviewed with DEEP for Bass Management i. Discussed with Ed Machowski about setting up a Share Lunker Program b. Discussed using funds to provide new electronics for monitoring Lilly, Zoar for the structures we put in the lakes. c. Meeting to discuss Bass Angling and the DEEP with Peter Aarrestad d. CARE Program meeting. Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rustic Conservation Directo

- **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**
Tournament #1 Candlewood was held, 46 Boaters and 27 Non-Boaters. All went well!
1st place Boater was Noah Winslow, 2nd place Boater was Chris Bielert. 1st place Non-boater was Devine Hines and 2nd place Non-Boater was Ron Humiston.

Tournament #2 is this Sunday May 2nd, Candlewood, Squantz.

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

May 16th, Milford Black Bass Open, Candy, Squantz

May 29th, Thayers Open Lilly, Steel Bridge(Changed from Candy)

June 5th, Reynolds Open, Ct River, Haddam

June 6th, Ct Bassmen, Mixed Open, Candy, Squantz

2021 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, for all Members, Contact Vinny for new 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 are in, only 3 applicants. Mail in deadline was April 1st, 2021. Judging will be held soon. Judges are:

Chris Bielert

Rafael Deleon

Neil Gordon

Winners to be announced next meeting.

- **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. No responses so far. Chris Bielert, Shimano, will be donating rods and reels also! Thank you, Chris!

- **Membership Committee Chair: Need a new one!!! Aprox 220 Adult Members so far this year.**
- **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-: Youth Report

Had our fish off- on Bantam..weather was tough...kids fished very well!

Had 9 teams fish...3 teams didn't catch, 6 caught well.....

Results were 17.98, 16.73, 14.51, 13.68, 12.45, 9.18

Winning team was Pomperaug high school....Cooper Gilroy and Michael iwanicki

2nd team was CT Thunder.....Tyler Mahood and Ryan McKinney....

Both teams will be representing CT Youth at the national championship on Chicamauga Lake at the end of July....

For our first tournament this Saturday I have 24, maybe 25 boats... I have boat captains all secured...thank you State Team!

We have 2 juniors fishing this year...

We ordered trophies...don't know if they will be in by weekend....

I didn't ask any captains for this tournament..but I'm going to need help for the May 29th and the June 26th tournament....I would like to ask anyone not on state team to please volunteer....

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 2021 Alliance Jerseys are in, nice looking. Will pass out at next Meeting May 2nd. To be worn at the Eastern Regional Tournament Days.

Passed out the 2020 Jerseys last CBN Tournament for them to wear now.

State Team Members Pa Licenses & Lake Erie Permits and Boat Insurance are Complete.

Held Virtual Meeting and went over the Regional Tournament Rules.

Commemorative Coins are Back for Regional State Team Members!

Jackets are being ordered; three weeks wait.

Vinny is working on Hats for the Team.

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

Old Business

- **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.**
 - **Excused Absences: Silver City, Extreme**
 - **We need a Social Media Director!!!**
 - **Still no Tournament Director?????? We need one!!!!**
- ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?**

NEW BUSINESS

- **CT Bassmen will be holding their Mixed Open on June 6th Candlewood. App in on the CBN website on the Calendar.**

- **Dean Rustic asked for the CBN to send Gene Gilliland and his wife something to celebrate Gene's being inducted into the BASSMASTERS HALL OF FAME this year. Motion was made, discussion was held seconded, and it was decided that Dean will research Restaurants in Genes area and purchase a Restaurant Gift Certificate for them from the CBN up to \$100.00. The CBN will reimburse Dean.**

Motion to adjourn 7:54pm

- **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)

May 26th

June 16 3rd 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 May 26th, 2021