

June 16th, 2021

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

Call began at 7:05pm

Officers on the Call were:

Vinny Mucci-President

Mike Billings-Vice President

Sylvia Morris-Secretary

Dean Rustic-Conservation Director

John Piscioniere- Youth Director

Marc Levesque-Treasurer

Clubs Missing were: Sweetwater, Ct Yankee, Housatonic, Tolland County, Xtreme

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

- **Announcements: Al Guites Mom has Passed away, the CBN sent a Card and Flowers.**
- **Correspondence: NONE**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**

- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

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. The Big 6 Bill passed – FoCS was able to change the penalty.

c. Discussed No Closed Season for Trout

i. Andrew from the DEEP presented the change in Regulations to account for the no closed season for trout.

2. Fisheries Advisory Council

a. Hosted Meeting on Premise and Virtually

b. Discussed No Closed Season for Trout i. Peter Aarrestad from the DEEP presented the change in Regulations to account for the no closed season for trout.

3. DEEP Items

a. Meeting to discuss Bass Angling and the DEEP with Peter Aarrestad

b. Discussed with DEEP about the signing of the bill so there is no closed season for trout. DEEP will be addressing the regulation changes to allow for Catch & Release during the time that had been closed season.

c. There has been a changed in the workflow of the approval process for Herbicide Treatment of CT water bodies. All permits Herbicide Treatment of CT water bodies must be reviewed by the Fisheries Biologists to confirm that they are appropriate. This is a big win for us anglers as we have worked to make these changes to the permit process.

d. The Candlewood Lake Authority received a grant from the CT AIS Fund to have Monitors at the 7 public launches to provide VOLUNTARY inspections and hand out AIS Educational materials.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Rustic

Conservation Director

- CLA REPORT: Aquatic Invasive Species program has begun. They will be set up to inspect your vessel and hand out AIS Educational Material. Please be courteous and report back to us on how it went. They are suppose to be set up in an out of the way location as to not impede the launch process.**

- **The New Marine Patrol Vessel is now in service on Candlewood. A Large Gray Boat.**
- **TOURNAMENT REPORT Vinny Mucci**
Tournament #3 CT River was held, Thank you to all who stepped up to help with set up, trailer running, & helping Sylvia with Key Fobs! All went well!

The Standings will be e-mail blasted and posted on the website. YTD standings also.

Top Boater in Tournament #3 was Nick Papatto and top non-Boater was Ryan Aldieri, Congratulations!

Top Two Boaters & will be on the 2022 CBN State Team Are: Garrett Kruger and Nick Papatto. Congratulations!

Top Two Non-Boaters & will be on the 2022 State Team are Devin Hines and Neil Talento! Congratulations!

MR BASS, Bryan V Kerchal Tournament of Champions, is Sunday Aug 1st, 7 to 3, location to be announced, Invite, App, mailing deadline and Instructions will be out in a few weeks.

The Classic Invites(Top 25 (2 to 27) in each division) and App will be out in July. The Classic is Aug 29th, 2021, Lilly, 7 to 3.

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, But Two G-Juice and get One Free, code is FREEG**

- **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:**

Connecticut Bass Nation 2021 Scholarship Results

The 2021 C.B.N Scholarship recipients have been chosen. First off, we would like to thank our three judges for volunteering their time for this. They are Neil Gordon, Rafael Deleons and Chris Bielrt, without these gentlemen our scholarship program could not exist.

The First Place \$1500.00 Scholarship is Awarded to Carter Shannon of Branford, CT. He is the son of Sonia & Jeffrey Shannon. Carter is a C.B.N. High School Angler and will be graduating from Branford H.S. this spring. An active volunteer with the Branford Community Dining Room program, the lead researcher working with the University of Connecticut on the Branford Supply Ponds project and an accomplished artist creating “Block Fish” prints to be sold as a fundraiser for the Connecticut River Conservancy program. Carter will be attending Wake Forest University in the fall.

The Second Place \$1000.00 Scholarship is Awarded to Evan Kamoen of Killingworth, CT. He is the son of Jennifer & Clement Kamoen. Evan is also a C.B.N. High School Bass fisherman and will be graduating from Marine Science Magnet H.S. Balancing his time between his part time job at Black Hall Outfitters, participating at Mystic Aquarium with an Internship and becoming an Eagle Scout, Evan certainly keeps busy. Looking to pursue a degree in Marine Sciences, he will be

choosing from the University of New England, Roger Williams University and University of Maine.

The Third Place \$500.00 Scholarship is Awarded to Emile Caron of Riverton, Ct. She is the daughter of Christina & Jeffrey Caron and is sponsored by her grandfather James Battisto, who is a member of Mohawk Valley Basscasters. Emile is currently a student at the University of Connecticut and is studying Animal Science with an interest in Agricultural Education.

We congratulate all our recipients, all our applicants and again thank our three judges for their time and effort.

Thank You,

Mike Billings

C.B.N. Scholarship Director & C.B.N. Vice Preside

- **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-:

Tournament 2 held on CT river- kids fished well.

Big thank you to Paul Narducci for sponsoring the tournament. Had over 20 sponsors hand out gifts to anglers and boat captains

Tournament #3 is June 26th on Zoar- need boat captains.

Tournament Dates:

May 29th, Ct River

June 26th, Zoar

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

John Piscioniere

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

We are all set to leave this Sat for Erie. We had a State Team Member drop from the Team, Rob Panico because of Health issues, lets wish Rob Well!!!

Matt DeSimone moved up to Non-Boater and Vinny Mucci became Alt #1.

GOOD LUCK CT BASS NATION STATE TEAM!

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

Old Business

- **The Veterans Fall tournament will 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**
- **Gene Gilliland and his wife received the \$100.00 gift certificate that Dean purchased on our behalf. They were honored and referred that we were the only State that recognized him for his accomplishments.**
- **Excused Absences: Candlewood, CT Valley, & CBBA**

- **We need a Social Media Director!!!**
- **Still no Tournament Director?????? We need one!!!!**
ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?

NEW BUSINESS

**Dean Rustic asked when we can resume in person CBN Meetings?
Vinny said it will be discussed at our e-board meeting next month.**

Motion to adjourn 7:44pm

- **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)**

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 July 28th, 2021**