

May 26th, 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

Dean Rustic-Conservation Director

John Piscioniere- Youth Director

Missing-Marc Levesque

Clubs Missing were: Candlewood, CBBA, CT Valley, Tolland County, Housatonic

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

- **Announcements: NONE**
- **Correspondence: NONE**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque- Absent**
- **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. 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. Discussed Meeting Agenda with Peter Aarrestad –**

3. DEEP Items

a. Discussed with Ed Machowski using funds to provide new electronics for monitoring Lilly, Zoar for the structures we put in the lakes.

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

c. 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.

d. 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.

e. 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.

- **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 #2 Candlewood was held, 50 Boaters and 27 Non-Boaters. Thank you to all who stepped up to help with set up, trailer running, especially Karl Sunquist and Mike Shay for running the Scale and the sink. All went well!

The Standings have been e-mail blasted and posted on the website, there are a few errors that will be corrected and reposted.

Tournament #3 is this Sunday June 13th, CT River, Haddam. Mailing deadline is May 29th!

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

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 Winners were chosen, Thank you to the Judges:

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-:

1st tournament was a success on Candlewood-

Thank you to all the volunteers- especially the sate team.

2nd tournament this Saturday- had 2 boat captains cancel- so looking for 2 captains- can you all ask your club.

Paul Narducci is sponsoring this tournament- has a bunch of sponsors giving things to kids and boat captains..pizza party....

Should be a great event

Greg Mazur's wife donated some additional stuff to the kids a few weeks ago- I was able to go up and pick it up.

I would like to invite Donna Mazur to our banquet this year and give a posthumous award to Greg....

I bought some gear for the kids with the money we had donated from Don Barone- I was able to buy some gear at 50% off- so I spent right around \$500. I will get with Mark to see how much is left.

The info packet for HS championship was released tonight- shared with the 4 kids going.

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**

The 2021 Alliance Jerseys are in and passed out.

Visited the Houses we will be staying in for the Regional and could only view the yards to see about the parking, tight but manageable.

Commemorative Coins are Back for Regional State Team Members!

Jackets are ordered.

Vinny is working on Hats for the Team.

Next meeting is June 13th after the CBN T#3 River Tournament.

- **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 .**

- **Dean Rustic had asked at the April CBN Meeting 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. 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. Dean purchased the Gift Certificate. He is sending it out to the Gilliards from the CBN. The CBN will reimburse Dean.**
- **Excused Absences: None**
- **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 is being discussed.

Motion to adjourn 7:40pm

- **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)**

June 16th, 3rd Wed 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 June 16th, 2021 (3rd Wed of the Month)