

Dec 15th, 2021

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

Call began at 7:10pm

Officers on the Call were:

Mike Billings-Vice President

Sylvia Morris-Secretary

Dean Rustic-Conservation Director

Marc Levesque- Treasurer

John Piscioniere- Youth Director

Missing – Vinny Mucci-President

Clubs Missing: Ct Valley & Tolland County

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

- **Announcements: NONE**
- **Correspondence: Vinny will let us know the donation amount from Jon Puhalski's Snowball Tournament at the next meeting.**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**

- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

December 15, 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

i. Hosted hybrid meeting with 50% in person and 50% virtually.

ii. Discussed Bears are still active – be careful iii. Discussed the upcoming regulations package for the DEEP.

2. Fisheries Advisory Council

a. Chair's report – Dean Rustic

i. Dean will be discussing an open derby day (all species) with the Deputy Commissioner, Mike Beauchene, and Pete Arrestad. Pete suggested that if the event is held, consider timing to be aligned with an already established free license day or free fishing day (to attract new people to fishing). Bill Hyatt said that Riverfront Recapture did a similar event at a smaller scale. They may be a good resource. There was discussion about the choice of day.

b. COMMITTEE & INITIATIVES REPORTS i. FAC Legislative Committee – Bill Hyatt

1. Committee action for legislative action

a. No need to advocate for funding for fish hatcheries or money for Rainbow Fishway.

b. Will support CCAC efforts for Squantz Pond boat launch

c. Watch list

i. Legislative effort to undermine stormwater permit

ii. Invasive species legislation

iii. Efforts to transfer Seaside Park to private ownership

iv. Undermining of water quality standards and protective language in the desegregate CT bill

v. Alicea said that the committee should watch out for language that suggests combining land use commissions.

ii. Inland Fisheries Report – Peter Arrestad

1. Pete gave an update of new hires and additional approved positions.

a. Media event on December 3rd on the Shetucket River for Salmon Stocking

b. Seeforellen program is back online at Kensington Hatchery

c. Trout Unlimited is launching a Priority Waters Initiative. Jack Kovach explained that the idea is prioritize TU's human capital on certain rivers to make for a more streamlined process.

d. Multi-million dollar upgrades to Quinebaug Hatchery for energy and resource efficiency. Hundreds of millions of gallons of water will be saved annually.

e. Annual Carp Open fishing tournament on the Connecticut River was held in October.

f. Unpermitted Farm River impoundment resolution.

g. AIS Grant RFP has been released.

h. Cedar Lake, Chester – the town is trying to limit public access to the lake. There will be a hearing on Wednesday December 15. DEEP is looking into how the boat launch was funded and the legal process the town would have to go through.

i. Questions around “Designated Atlantic Salmon Management” area language regarding tackle is ambiguous. The department is looking into clarifying the language.

j. CARE program updates.

k. Regulations package update which eliminates the closed season for trout is in process.

iii. Marine Fisheries Report – Dave Molnar and Matt Gates

1. Reg Package has cleared the AGs office. Public comment is open until 12/18.

2. Recently met with the commercial sector for the annual quota management meeting

3. Trawl survey is complete

4. Working with partners on abandoned lobster traps

5. Marine anglers survey – conducted 4,500 interviews. Language barrier number increases each year. 8 staff and 5 seasonal staff to conduct survey.

6. Collected 3 tiger muskie in the survey (tidal portion of Housatonic River).

7. Mitten crabs are showing up in the Housatonic again.

8. Access issues – Municipalities in Fairfield County have been reluctant to have DEEP there to do surveys.

9. License sales are down from 2020 and are back down to the level of 2019.

3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FOCS) event

i. No meeting

4. DEEP Items

a. Resent design recommendations for Squantz Cove Boat Launch

b. Cedar Lake – E-mail from CT DEEP Boating Division –

i. As you know, Connecticut General Statutes Section 15-136 allows municipalities to make local regulations respecting the operation of vessels on any body of water within its territorial limits. Once any such ordinance is adopted by a municipality it must then be submitted to DEEP for review and approval. The law states that the Commissioner can disapprove any boating-related ordinance or part

thereof which she finds arbitrary, unreasonable, unnecessarily restrictive, inimical to uniformity or inconsistent with state law. The draft ordinance contains a number of provisions that are concerning to DEEP from a boating perspective. As you know, DEEP also maintains a federally funded boat launch facility on Cedar Lake, the use of which would likely be affected.

c. Discussed with Masson Trumble about attending the 2022 Conservation Summit at the Bass Master Classic.

d. Discussed getting more Bass information in the DEEP publications.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Rustic Conservation Director**

- **TOURNAMENT REPORT: None**

2022 Approved CBN Tournaments

April 10th, CBN T#1, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins, 8 to 3,

April 23rd, Bryan Kerchal Open, Candlewood, Danbury 7 to 3,

April 24th, HOC Open, Candlewood, Danbury, 7 to 3,

May 1st, CBN T#2, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins, 8 to 3

May 15th, Mr BASS, TBD, 7 to 3

June 12th, CBN T#3, Ct River, Haddam, 7 to 3

Aug 7th. CBN Classic, Ct River, Haddam, 7 to 3

Oct 1st & 2nd, Two Day, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins, 8 to 3

CBN Sponsorship Report:

- **TH Marine, no current offer**
 - **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**
- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings: Will be working on 2022 Scholarship App. The question has been chosen and the App will be ready for January.**
 - **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**
Banquet was held on November 6th, 2021.
Rebooked for next year, Nov 5th, 2022.
Profit without Counting Plaques cost is 2832.00, if you count the Plaques as an expense then our profit is 248.00. We give 10% of the profits to the Youth Account and 15% of the profits to the Scholarship Account. The EBoard will discuss this in January and decide which way it will go.
We will have to adjust the price per person as the price will be going up. First time in 9 years!
 - **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 is working on A Registration email for 2022

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

I am working on the State Team Info List for the Sponsors that have offers for them.

BASS Has the online Regional Registration up and ready to go, I will be sending out an email to the Team Members as soon as I have a completed Team List.

The Regionals has updated the off limits period, it is now a one week off limits from 6/13/22 to 6/18/22.

Meeting has been set for January 8th, noon my house. We will go over the Contract and sign them then. The Three other meetings will be held on April 10th, May 1st, and June 12th after each CBN Tournament.

We had a person drop from the Team, John Benner, non-boater. We will move our 1st Alt, Jim Morris up to non-boater position and see who finished next in line in the Two Day to move them to 1st alt. Waiting for Vinny to let me know who is next in line.

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

Old Business

- **E Board Meeting was not held, Vinny is setting it up for a Wed in January.**
 - **Excused Absences: Naugatuck & Sweetwater**
 - **The Secretary cast one vote for the Existing Officers to remain in their position for 2022.**
 - **They are:**
 - President, Vinny Mucci-Two Year Term**
 - Vice President: Mike Billings- Two Year Term**
 - Secretary: Sylvia Morris-One year**
 - Treasurer: Marc Levesque-One Year**
 - The following Directors will hold their positions for 2022 also.**
 - Conservation Director: Dean Rustic**
 - Youth Director: John Piscioniere**
 - Membership/Social Media Director-Devin Hines**

- **All CBN Club Rosters are due in by Nov 1st!!!! Please mail your Club Dues Check (Made out to CBN) completed Roster Form (Found on ctbass.com under Header NEWS)**

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There is a new B.A.S.S. Nation Roster System, it was emailed to you back in September, if you have trouble getting into it and maneuvering it call Vinny 203-525-4105.

- **WE HAVE A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR!!**

Finally, someone has stepped up!!!!

Sylvia spoke for Abe Kalechman (Who was working out of town and unable to get home in time for the meeting) he is interested in being Tournament Director for 2022. He would like to speak to the EBoard about it and has asked Sylvia to ask the membership for their help also. The Board will pursue this with Abe.

NEW BUSINESS

NO JANUARY MEETING!!!

Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!!!

Motion to adjourn 7:42pm

- **2022 CBN Meeting Dates**
- **Meetings are Fourth Wed of each Month unless a Holiday then it will be the third Wed of the Month.**
- **January-No meeting**
- **February 23rd**

- **March 23rd**
- **April 27th**
- **May 25th**
- **June 15th, a week early because of State Team Week**
- **July 27th**
- **August 24th**
- **September 28th**
- **October 26th**
- **November 16th, a week early because of Holiday**
- **December 21st, a week early because of the Holiday**

**(WILL BE E-BOARD, DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB REPS
CONFERENCE CALLS TILL FURTHER NOTICE)**

**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 Feb, 23rd 2022**