

Feb 23rd, 2022
CT B.A.S.S. Nation IN person/ 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
Abe Kalechman-Tournament Director

Missing –

Marc Levesque- Treasurer
Devin Hines-Membership/Social Media Director

Clubs Missing: NONE

Guest Speakes were DEEP'S Ed Machowski, Warm Water Fisheries Biologist, and Andrew Bade, R3 Coordinator

Ed spoke about his retirement coming up and turning over the reins to Andrew. Ed also said he has been working on a Bass Management Plan with the DEEP and should be out in about a month.

Andrew said with his new position, his focus will be on Black Bass and any questions or just want to talk to him email at Andrew.bade@ct.gov

Minutes from Previous meeting (Dec 2021) were accepted.

- **Announcements:**
Classic is coming up March 4th to the 6th, Lake Hartwell, Greenville, SC. Dean will be attending the Conservation Summit representing the CBN along with Andrew Bade of the DEEP. Safe Travels Dean & Andrew!
- **We have a new Location for our Monthly CBN Meetings going forward, Thank you Dean! We will continue to also do the WebEx for**

those that wish to attend that way, new address is, CT Comp, 100 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT., Training Room.

- **Mike Billings** had a serious medical emergency and has been in rehab, he is going home on Thursday, he is on the mend now and home! Best wishes and a speedy recovery!

- **Correspondence: NONE**

- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

- **Treasurer Report: NONE**
- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

February 23, 2022, 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 Friends of CT Sportsmen

1. Looking for 2022 donations

2. Working on Sunday Hunting, Bear Season, Squantz Cove Boat Launch iii. Discussed the upcoming regulations package for the DEEP 1. No closed season for Trout

2. Current regulations still have closed fishing areas 3. Next year the changes will take effect 2. Fisheries Advisory Council – No Meeting

3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FOCS) event

i. No meeting

4. DEEP Items a. Fishing Event – May 7th

i. Discussed a Youth event at Indian Wells State Park. CBN Youth Volunteers assisting in a cleanup, C.A.R.E. Class and then Lunch and a small Tournament on the water. DEEP is in favor of the Event. This will be a steppingstone for next year's open derby day (all species).

b. Resent design recommendations for Squantz Cove Boat Launch

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.

e. Had Ed Machowski and Andrew Bade attend the CBN Meeting. Ed introduced Andrew as the person who will be taking his place in the Warm Water division. They are still working on the Bass Management Plan and will not show the CBN until it is ready for Public comment. Lastly, Andrew will be attending the BASS Conservation Summit in Greenville, SC. Where we hope he will find more enthusiasm for bass fishing and bring it back to the CT DEEP.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Rustic, Conservation Director**

• TOURNAMENT REPORT:

Welcome Abe Kalechman our New Tournament Director, all his contact info is on ctbass.com and has been email blasted to all members!

Applications, Tournament Rules and Zebra Mussel Forms will be posted, and email blasted by Friday.

Mailing deadline is March 26th for Tournament #1

2022 Approved CBN Tournaments

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

April 23rd, HOC Open, Candlewood, Danbury

April 24th, Bryan Kerchal Open, Candlewood, Danbury

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 Nothing so far**
 - **Accu Cull Program Contact Vinny for code**
 - **Ranger Cup**

 - **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings:** App is on ctbass.com and has been email blasted to all members! Mailing deadline is April 1st, 2022
 - **Banquet Report:** Sylvia Morris
Rebooked for next year, Nov 5th, 2022.
Cost has gone up for the first time in nine years, negotiated a price of \$55.00 per person, no couples discount.

 - **Membership Committee/ Social Media Director:** None
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:

I have applications in for this year

Have not organized them yet...so not sure how many kids I have in total yet- gave them till end of this week to send in.

The National high school championship will be held the week of July 25th to July 30th- to a place still to be announced.

Youth tournaments are:

April 16th- Squanatz cove

May 21st- Lake Lilinonah

June 18th Zoar

August 28th- Candlewood- squantz

9/17 CT River- Haddam meadows...7-3- THIS WILL BE A MAKE UP DATE ONLY AT THIS TIME

John Piscioniere

State Team Report, Sylvia Morris, State Team Administrator

State Team Meeting was held on Feb 10th, 2022, missing from the meeting were, Brandon Neal, Tim Talento, Neil Talento, Bob Stella, Garrett Kruger and Cooper Gilroy.

All have returned their signed State Team Contract and have a full understanding of it.

Brandon Neal has joined the Team for 2022 as 1st Alternate

BASS online Regional Registration has been completed by all Team Members

Jerseys have been ordered, crossing fingers that they come in. They are coming from Canada.

All signed up for show hours and a HS Tournament.

Suds Buckets has come on board to support the Team! They will be giving each Boater on the Team a Suds Bucket and two extra for the CBN Banquet! Thank you to Mike lovino for getting this for us.

Starting to purchase nonperishables as the prices are rising weekly!

Next meeting April 10th following the CBN T#1 weigh in and tear down.

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

Old Business

- **E Board Meeting held on Jan 19th via WebEx Minutes Under New Business**
- **Alliance Contract was signed and submitted for 2022.**

Excused Absences: Ct Valley & Tolland County

NEW BUSINESS

January 19th, 2022, CBN E Board Virtual Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Vinny Mucci

Dean Rustic

John Piscioniere

Mike Billings

Marc Levesque

Al Guite

Abe Kalechman

Sylvia Morris

Missing:

Devin Hines

Called to order at 7:06 by Vinny Mucci

1. Talked about Abe Kalechman wanting the position of CBN Tournament Director, discussed and all were in Favor.

2. Abe asked the us if he could purchase a Taysus Program for the Computer to help organize the Tournament, weights, points, standings and pairings. He has talked with Tiffany Mayo and she is willing to help him set things up and create a spread sheet. His wife can also help in that area. We all agreed and him and Vinny will in look into it further.

3. Dean asked if the CBN would be willing to sponsor Mason Trumble's way to the Classic this year in March if he should agree to attend the Conservation Summit along with Dean. Discussed and voted, all in favor, to sponsor up to \$1500.00 for this if he chooses to attend.

4. Vinny asked what we thought about allocating funds for Grants, Conservation, etc. Discussion was held, some thought we should just keep doing what we have always done and vote per event/item that comes up. Marc is checking with the accountant to see how much money we would be allowed to have in said account. Vinny asked to let him know any other ideas please.

5. How to rebuild Membership was discussed, an idea was brought forth to install a B division within our existing trail for those wishing to fish on a lower scale. Lots of discussion, many views, some felt that it would just split the Trail Count that we have now, others felt a good idea so we decided to poll the clubs to see if any interest. Vinny will look into it.

6. State Team order of succession was discussed and brought to light that the way we have replaced a qualified Team member who drops from the Team in the past is not a written rule in the CBN Tournament Rules or CBN By Law/Standing Rules. It has always been an understood, unwritten rule.

Discussion was held on should we continue this practice, we agreed to continue with the past practice but to write it into the CBN Tournament Rules and CBN By-Law/ Standing Rules. Al Guite will form and add the necessary verbiage to both and send to all for approval.

7. Fishing Show, March 25th, 26th, and 27th 2022 Mohegan Sun. Discussed should we purchase a booth??? Do we want to be around all those people right now, covid?? Mixed views, decided to pursue and check out the cost. Sylvia will do that and get back to all.

8. 2020 Tax return was completed; Marc has signed the engagement Form for the 2021 Tax Return.

9.Scholarship Accounts were brought up, was suggested by Sylvia to combine the two, Robert S Malloy and the CBN Scholarship account and close the Robert S Malloy account but keep the name as the CBN 1st, place winner would be the Robert S Malloy Scholarship recipient. It has been four years since we have awarded a Robert S Malloy Scholarship to a UCONN student and our CBN Scholarship does not get money into it regularly. Marc is checking with the Accountant and the Bank Legalities associated with this action.

10. Talked about getting a drone, cameras, etc necessary for our Social Media Director to utilize at our Tournaments and Events. All think it is a good idea but must Talk to Devin first to see what he has in mind. Will address at Feb Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia Morris, CBN Secretary

- **Vinny asked the secretary to read the clarification addition that was added to the 2022 CBN Tournament Rules and the CBN 2022 Standing Rules concerning the order of succession of how the State Team is formed, then asked with the additions, for the body to approve them for 2022.**

Discussion was held, one club expressed it was not in favor of this. Other Club reps gave there opinions as to why this works the best for what BASS requires from us for qualifying a Team. The motion was made to accept the addition and seconded and pass all as presented, 15 Yes, 1 abstained, passed.

The updated CBN 2022 Tournament Rules and Standing Rules and the CBN By Laws will be posted and email blasted to all by Friday.

- **Vinny asked all Reps to bring this back to their clubs, is there any interest in bringing back the B Division to our Tournament Trail? Let us know at the March meeting.**
- **The Veterans Tournament is set up for May 17th, 2022, Danbury Town Park, Contact Joe Kowalski or Al Guite if interested in being a Boat Captain. Al Guite-860-436-8646 Joe Kowalski-203-699-8977**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Next meeting, In Person and WebEx (Info will be email blasted), March 23rd, 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.**
- **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**

**HOTELS TO UTILIZE: Super 8 Hotel 3 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT
06811 ASK FOR CAROLYNN OR ANNA & FISHERMAN RATE, \$69.00**