

MARCH 23rd, 2022
CT B.A.S.S. Nation IN person/ Conference Call
Call began at 7:11pm

Officers Present & 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

Marc Levesque- Treasurer

Missing –

Devin Hines-Membership/Social Media Director

Clubs Missing: NONE

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

- **Announcements:**
- **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.**
- **Correspondence: Mike Billings Thanked the CBN for the meal we provided for him and his family and for our continued Support.**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report:**
- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

March 23, 2022 CBN Conservation objectives for the 2022

1. Conservation Projects for Candlewood Lake (Boat Launch & Habitat)

2. Create a BASS Divisional Conservation Coalition to get a Grant for Habitat Information from this past Month –

1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting

i. Hosted hybrid meeting with 70% in person and 30% 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 – Virtual Meeting March 10th

a. Overview of Bass Action Plan

b. FAC Legislative Committee – Legislative Info

c. Marine Report:

d. Inland Report:

e. Consider adding Rivers Alliance as an organizational member of FAC

3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FoCS) event

i. No meeting – Julie Cammarata (Lobbyist) is working on pushing our agenda and also working to keep bills against CT Sportsmen's interest.

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 first CBN Tournament to see how we run the tournament and the conditions at the Squantz Launch.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Rustic, Conservation Director

- **TOURNAMENT REPORT:**

Abe expressed that he only has 17 Applications in his possession tonight!!!! Told all to let the members know to get them in!!!

Mailing deadline is this Sat. 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**
 - **Alliance Program**-Have 8 leads so far for 2022
- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings:** App is on ctbass.com and has been email blasted to all members! Mailing deadline is April 1st, 2022
Mike has received only one application so far!!!! Let's get this out to the members please!
 - **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.
NEED PRIZES!!!
 - **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](mailto:devinehines19@yahoo.com)

- **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:

We currently have about 20 teams registered for this year- down from last year at this point- but there are still some registrations dribbling in.

I have a call scheduled this coming Saturday with all registered members to go over the rules and program for this year.

I have NOT registered the youth on the BASS Website yet- still need to figure that out- will be done prior to first tournament. I have all the registration fees- and when I'm back from Florida I will get the checks deposited.

Ron Frisk has reached out and offered to help me out and get involved with the youth program and again! I'm very excited to have Ron back! He's a wealth of knowledge and will certainly make our program better!

Our First tournament is scheduled for April 16th on Candlewood-Squantz Launch, fishing from 7 AM to 2 PM.

We need approximately 6 boats and captains for this event-That weekend there is the Reynolds tournament, a few other clubs that have tournaments and many state team members not available. So, we are struggling to find people to help.

I'm asking each club representative to please ask your clubs if anyone is available to volunteer. Many of the same people do volunteer- which is awesome, but I would love to have a few new ones getting involved.

Speaking of volunteer boat captains:

I know many captains in years past have given the money that we require the youth to pay at each tournament back to the program. But I'm wondering if less people are and/or will be less willing to come forward because of the cost of fuel (and they may not be vocal about it- just not do it)?

With the current cost of fuel- we need to rethink our approach to volunteer boat captains. Between fuel cost towing boats to events and the cost of fuel in the boat, here is what I would like to do this year:

My proposal for this year is this:

Raise the amount the youth have to offer to a captain, from the current \$20/per youth to \$25 or \$30 per youth.

Use funds from our Youth account to buy \$50 gas cards and offer 1 card to each volunteer boat captain each tournament.

That will give the boat captain enough money to cover most of their fuel for the day; I would still expect some captains to not take the money and/or the fuel card and donate it back to the program.

Even if we had to hand out 10 cards at each tournament (which would be high) that would be \$2,000 for the year.

(This was discussed at the meeting and decided to do 25.00 per youth and go ahead with the \$50.00 Gas Cards for only the Boat Captains that are Volunteers, some Boat Captains have a Child in the program and are operating their own boats and have their own Child fishing with them, they are not considered Volunteers)

Our tournament dates are below for clubs asking their members to volunteer.

April 16th- Squantz 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

Jerseys have come in. Will go over them and pass out at the June Tournament.

All signed up for their show hours, show is this weekend.

Suds Buckets Have been delivered! 11 for the 2022 State Team Boaters and two for the Banquet.

Working on Jackets, as discussed prior we have decided, in order to save money, anyone who has received a jacket in the last three years will NOT receive a new one this year. That leaves us with purchasing 11 Jackets for this years State Team. Mike Billings is getting pricing 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

Excused Absences: NONE

- **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**

NEW BUSINESS

Vinny purchased an update for the Taysys program for the Computer for Tournament Trail. Cost was approx. \$200.00

The CBN purchased a new Laptop for the Tournament Director for the Trail. Cost was \$798.00

Dean Rustic made a proposal that we make a donation again to the Friends of Ct Sportsmen who have hired Lobbyist, Julie Cammarata to represent us and keep us informed of the Bills being brought forth to the floor concerning fishing/water access in Ct waters In the amount of

\$2,999.99. As per the By Laws, this must be brought back to the clubs and voted on in April. Please poll your members!!!

MVBC is looking to do a youth event at Indian Wells State Park on Saturday May 7, 2022. CBN Youth Volunteers will be assisting in a lake front cleanup which will feature support from the national conservation sponsor AFTCO. AFTCO will be donating their “Bank Bags” for the cleanup of the lake front. There will be a short little tournament for the High School Anglers who volunteer for the event. While the Anglers are out on the water, MVBC will be hosting a C.A.R.E. Bass Class at Indian Wells. The class will feature discussion and provide overview of bass fishing. The class will be finishing up as the High School Anglers will be coming in to weigh their catches. This will provide more insight to our sport for the CARE Attendees. We will provide a lunch and then have the High School Anglers work with the attendees to fish along the bank. The DEEP is in favor of the event as this will be a steppingstone for next year’s open derby day (all species).

MVBC is requesting \$240.00 from the CBN to offset the expenses for hosting this event.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed Marc will send a Check to Mohawk Valley Basscasters for \$240.00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12

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.**
- 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**