

APRIL, 27th, 2022
CT B.A.S.S. Nation IN person/ Conference Call
Call began at 7:07pm

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

Missing –

Marc Levesque- Treasurer
Devin Hines-Membership/Social Media Director
Clubs Missing: NONE

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

- **Announcements: Mike Billings was back with us in person!!! Glad to have you back Mike!**
Correspondence:

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **Treasurer Report: February**
- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic April 27, 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 – No Meeting

3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FoCS) event

i. Discussed with Julie Cammarata (Lobbyist) the push for the end of this legislative session to keep pressure on law makers to be sure that no last-minute bill changes have anti-fishing, antihunting or anti-trapping legislation included. FoCs is working to keep bills against CT Sportsmen's interest from passing.

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 stepping stone 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 Kalechman**
- Proposed Trail for 2023**
 - T#1 April 16th, Candlewood, Squantz and Latins 8 to 4**
 - T#2 May 7th, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins, 8 to 4**
 - T#3 June 11th, Ct River, Haddam Meadows**

July 9th, MR BASS 16 Boats, to be Determined

August 6th, Classic, CT River, 25 Boats Haddam Meadows 7 to 3

Sept 9 & 10 Two Day Candlewood, Squantz, 50 Boats, 7 to 4

- **Tournament #1 went well, special Thanks to The CBN 2022 State Team, High School Kids, Joe Kowalski and Chris Bielert for housing the Trailer for us, and all who helped with running the event!**
- **Congratulations to Paul Mayo, 1st place Angler and Chris Simons 1st place Co Angler!!!**
- **Mr. Bass deadline for mailing is Sat the 30th!!! I only have a few!**

CBN Tournaments Coming up

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 is back!**

Power-Pole is a proud sponsor of the B.A.S.S Nation in 2022. We will continue to offer a rebate program to B.A.S.S. Nation Members.

The current rebates are as follows:

- **Sportsman 2 Model: \$75**
- **Pro 2 Model: \$100**
- **Blade Model: \$150**

The above stated discounts are available via rebate program through our website.

In order to receive your rebate, you will need to register the Power-Pole product at www.PowerPole.com located under the “Help” column header then “Register My Product”. Once the product has been registered, you will then find the link “Apply for Rebate” to complete the rebate form. You can also obtain access by going back to “Help” then “Rebate Program”. Once all the given information is verified we will issue you a check or credit in accordance with the discount you are slated to receive. You will need to provide a copy of your purchase receipt and membership card. Rebate checks may take up to 30 days to process.

- **Accu Cull Program Contact Vinny for code**
- **Ranger Cup**
- **Alliance Program-Have 11 leads so far for 2022**

- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings:**

**All applicants are in, need three Volunteers to Judge?
Jim Young, Joe Kowalski and Sylvia Morris volunteered.
Mike will have results at the May Meeting.**

- **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

- **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:

Our 4th tournament is Aug 27 not 28.

Checks sent to Marc for deposit.

I Added 3 more youth to fish.

May 21st is next tournament on Lilly.

Need captains for June 18th tournament on Zoar!!!!

HS Championship is on Lake Hartwell, Aug 11 to the 13th.

We have two Teams that are going.

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

Held our meeting after the April 10th CBN T#1. Suds Buckets were passed out to all Boaters.

Went over House Rules and Things to Remember to bring with us.

Went over who is traveling with who and dates.

Discussed pre fishing prior to the Cut off and had some concerns so I researched and found the New Rule in NY for the St Lawrence, Lake Ontario, and its Tributaries, beginning April 1st 2022 no Fishing/Catch & Release allowed until 3rd weekend in June! So pre fishing is out of the question. Notified Jon Stewart and he had Gene Gilliland research and sent out a Statement to all Eastern Regional Presidents containing this information.

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 10 Jackets for this years State Team. Mike Billings has ordered the Jackets.

Starting to purchase nonperishables as the prices are rising weekly!

Next meeting May 1st following the CBN T#1 weigh in and tear down.

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

Old Business

- **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!!!
Vote was held after some discussion, and it passed unanimously!
Marc will send the check for 2,999.99 to Friends of Ct Sportsmen.**
- **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

NONE

Meeting adjourned at 8:12

Next meeting, In Person and WebEx (Info will be email blasted), May 25th, 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.**
- **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**