

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**CT B.A.S.S. Nation IN person/ Conference Call**

**Call began at 7:00pm**

**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: Candlewood, CBBA, Sweetwater, Ct Valley, Ct Yankee, Housatonic, & Silver City**

**Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.**

- **Announcements:**
- **Correspondence:**

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

- **Treasurer Report:** None given
- **CBN Conservation Report:** Dean Rustic

**June 15, 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 50% in person and 50% virtually.**
- ii. Discussed the Black Bear shooting in Canton**
- iii. Discussed the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.**
- iv. Discussed Friends of CT Sportsmen**
  - 1. Working on setting up website for campaigns for the 2023 fiscal year**
  - 2. Looking to be the voice of educational sportsmen issues**

### **2. Fisheries Advisory Council –**

- a. FAC Legislative Committee – update on the citizen science stream project**
- b. Reported on the Lake Housatonic fishing event that was postponed**
  - i. Discussed how there was a CT Trails Day on June 4<sup>th</sup> that had a format that the chairman believes would work well for the free fishing day in 2023.**

### **3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FOCS)**

- i. Discussed Friends of CT Sportsmen**
  - 1. Working on setting up website for campaigns for the 2023 fiscal year**
  - 2. Reviewed artwork for the logo**
  - 3. Planned for addressing letters to candidates for office in this year's election.**

### **4. DEEP Items**

- a. Fishing Event – May 7th**
  - i. Event is postponed due to Covid. Looking like the new date will be July 30<sup>th</sup> with location to be determined. – Event will be held at Bantam Lake.**

- b. Resent design recommendations for Squantz Cove Boat Launch**
- c. Discussed getting more Bass information in the DEEP publications.**
- d. Still have not seen the Bass Management Plan. Got an overview of the framework.**

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



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- **TOURNAMENT REPORT: Abe Kalechman**  
**T #3 was held on Sunday, June 12th Ct River, winners were Nick Papotto and Joe Sodora. Congratulations!**

**We have qualified the top two Anglers and top two Co Anglers for the 2023 State Team.**

**We did have a Tie for second Place Angler, tie was broken by total weigh for all three Tournaments as per the CBN Tournament Rules.**

**Winners are:**

**Angler of the year-Garrett Kruger (Was last year also)**

**Second Place Angler Nick Papotto (Was last year also)**

**Both have secured an Angler position on the 2023 State Team**

**Co Angler of the Year- Neil Talento**

**Second Place Co Angler-David Boyd**

**Both have secured a Co Anglers position on the 2023 State Team**

**I want to address an issue that occurred at the River Tournament. An Angler and his Co Angler never checked in or called and just decided to stay out and fish, thus not returning his Boat number. The Tournament Committee and I were concerned for his safety and whereabouts. We had to call him, and he said they just decided to stay out and fish. They did not return their Boat Number as of yet.**

**So, I Disqualified both of them. This is not acceptable behavior and will not be tolerated!**

- **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**

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

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

**CBN Sponsorship Report:**

- **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](http://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 13 leads so far for 2022**

- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings:**

**All info has been sent to Marc so he can get the checks out To our winners soon.**

- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**

**Rebooked for next year, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 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:**

**The Third Tournament will be held, Sat June 18<sup>th</sup> at Zoar. We have 0 HS fishing Teams fishing and have all the boaters needed! Thank you to all boat Captains for stepping up!**

**Shop rite is sponsoring this event with Sandwiches, Chips and waters for all. John has sent them a letter of Thanks.**

**John has been trying to register our HS Champions for the HS Nationals, seems to be an issue. Vinny is working on getting this resolved.**

**John has sent the receipt to Marc for Trophies purchased for the HS Tournament winners.**

**John will be raffling off Rods and Reels he had purchased with Monies that was raised when Greg Mazor passed and was donated to the HS.**

**Our 4th tournament is Aug 27 not 28. August 27<sup>th</sup>- 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**

**We held our final meeting prior to leaving this Sat, after the weigh in at the Ct River Tournament, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Missing was Eric Cavallaro. Loaded all Boaters trucks with items to transport.**

**Passed out all Jackets. Vinny has the hats for the Team.**

**We all will be leaving Sat Morning, June 18<sup>th</sup> for the St Lawrence!**

**We are just about ready!**

**Good Luck to the 2022 State Team!!!!**

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

### **Old Business**

#### **Excused Absences: Xtreme**

#### **• NEW BUSINESS**

- **TH Marine is offering a discount to all members, please contact Vinny Mucci for the code 203-525-4105**
- **Big Bite Baits is pleased to announce that they are officially launching the Cast, Catch, Convert campaign with Big Bite Baits. Your state has been chosen to participate in collecting soft and shipping soft baits to BBB in Eufaula, AL. The soft plastics that each state ships to BBB is part of a recycling program they already have in place with an outside vendor who then recycles the plastics and uses them for the soles of tennis shoes. Ralph Sweat, the former IBN president, worked with the American Sportfishing Association on the "Pitch It" program several years ago while he was president of the IBN. Ralph spent countless hours collecting plastics, melting them down into molds and using the finished products in plaques and new baits that he would hand out at tournaments. In exchange for your participation each of the twelve states selected will get 500 bags (6,000 total) of new bait sample packs mailed to the Conservation Director of each state to be used at their discretion to encourage anglers to recycle their soft baits. Brandon Ray from BBB will coordinate shipping recycled baits back to BBB to utilize their lower shipping rates. Please make sure your shipments are a minimum of 10 pounds. We cannot accept the following soft baits: Berkley Powerbait, Gulp, MaxScent or Zman plastics (stretchy plastics) It is very important you sort out these baits! Vinny asked if this were something we would like to do. A brief**

discussion was held. Looking into it further to see who would oversee it.

- **Dean made a motion that the CBN purchase Fizzing Kits being sold & demonstrated by Barb Elliot, Conservation director of NY at the Eastern Regionals next week for any CBN State Team member who needs one. It was seconded, discussed, and passed. Vinny will poll the Team.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:34**

**Next meeting, In Person and WebEx (Info will be email blasted), May 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.**
- **July 27<sup>th</sup>**
- **August 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **September 28<sup>th</sup>**
- **October 26<sup>th</sup>**
- **November 16<sup>th</sup>, a week early because of Holiday**
- **December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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**