

May 25th, 2022

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

Call began at 7:17pm

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: Xtreme

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

- **Announcements: Next Month's Meeting will be a week early, June 15th!!!**
- **Correspondence:**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**
- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**
May 25, 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. Working on setting up campaigns for the 2023 fiscal year
 - 2. Looking to start a non-profit educational organization for Sportsmen Issues
- 2. Fisheries Advisory Council – No Meeting
- 3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FoCS)
 - i. Discussed Friends of CT Sportsmen
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- 4. DEEP Items
 - a. Fishing Event – May 7th
 - i. Event is postponed due to Covid. Looking like the new date will be July 30th with location to be determined.
 - b. Resent design recommendations for Squantz Cove Boat Launch
 - c. 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 #2 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 Noah Winslow, 1st place Angler and Neil Talento 1st place Co Angler!!!

- **Mr. Bass was held on Mansfield Hollow, May 15th, had 14 clubs represented. Most boats in a while! Congratulations to Mike Shay, MR BASS Angler and Vinny Mucci MR BASS Co Angler. They have qualified for the CBN 2023 State Team! Thank you, Vinny Mucci, for your help and Joe Kowalski for towing the Trailer!**
- **T#3 Mailing deadline is May 28th!!!!**
- **CBN Tournaments Coming up**

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 13 leads so far for 2022**

- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings:**

Thank you to our Judges, Jim Young, Joe Kowalski, and Sylvia Morris. I had to break a tie after the second round of voting.

Congratulations to the 2022 CBN Scholarship winners, they are:

1st, - \$1500.00- Brian Leslie, Killingworth, CBN Member

2nd, - \$1000.00- Emilie Caron, Riverton, Jim Battisto Grandfather, Mohawk Valley

3rd, - \$500.00-Stephanie Valenti, Waterbury, CBN Member

- **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.

Held our second Tournament on Lilly, May 21st. It went very well, thank you to the State Team and all other Boat Captains, all kids were able to fish, and all boats caught fish for the first time!!!

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.

June 18th Zoar

August 27th- 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 May 1st, CBN T#2. Jerseys were passed out.

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

Talked about those bringing air mattresses.

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.

Jackets & Hats will be in on June 10th, and I will pass out on June 12th, CBN T#3.

Paid the balance on the Ranch that the Team is staying at and purchasing more items for the trip!

Next meeting June 12th, following the CBN T#3 weigh in and tear down.

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

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: NONE**

- **NEW BUSINESS**
- **Vinny had information from Jon Stewart with current membership numbers, CT is at 286 total including the High School Kids. We are doing well, need to retain and recruit!**
- **Vinny stressed to be mindful of where you conduct Club Weigh-ins at Candlewood, Latins Launch. You should be in the Grassy area to the left of the Ramp, not on the cement walkway where boats tie up and people get in and out of their boats!!!!**
- **A Fundraiser Tournament was held for the 2022 State Team, 14 boats attended and \$450.00 was raised. Vinny thanked Noah Winslow for help in running it and Congratulations to Noah for the win!**
- **John Piscioniere brought up the rules for our CBN Scholarship applicants. You must be a CBN member to apply. He has pointed out that the HS program seniors that do not fish the HS program anymore should be allowed to apply even though they are not members anymore because of attending Colleges out of state.**

Discussion was held and a decision was made to Start a College Team with B.A.S.S. and have them join it and that would make them a CBN Member.

John is getting that set up.

We also discussed adding this to our CBN Standing Rules. The E-Board will investigate this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01

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.**
- **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