

Aug 24th, 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

Marc Levesque- Treasurer

Devin Hines-Membership/social media Director

Clubs Missing: None

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

- **Announcements:**
- **Correspondence:** Mercury/Motor guide would like us to compile a PowerPoint of our events flying their banners and send to them.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **Treasurer Report:** Marc Levesque
- **CBN Conservation Report:** Dean Rustic
Working with an Elite Angler and the DEEP to do a Video on Candlewood Lake. Will keep us posted!!

Andrew Bade and Peter Aarrestad were pleased with our July meeting and have taken our thoughts/concerns into consideration.

- **TOURNAMENT REPORT:** Abe Kalechman
Classic was held on the Ct River, Aug 7th.
Congratulations to top two Boaters, Rob Pepe and Erick Markstaller and top two Non-Boaters, Brian Pineau and Joe Sodora. They join

Garrett Kruger, Nick Papotto, Neil Talento, David Boyd, Mike Shay and Vinny Mucci on the 2023 CBN State Team.

Two-day mailing deadline is Sept 16th!!! Get everything mailed in by the deadline!!! No Exceptions!!!! Be sure to have all required paperwork in the envelope. Make sure your club has supplied the Retainer check of 150.00 and a worker for one of the days.

Will need the third tank for this one as the fish will need fizzed.

Candlewood not having any weeds have forced the fish deeper and are coming in bloated. Will have a tank just for fizzing.

- **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

REMAINING 2022 Tournaments:

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 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 21 leads so far for 2022**

- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings:**

Working on next years Scholarship App and question.

- **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.

Received two pair of Wiley X sunglasses, Thank you to Joe Kowalski!!!

NEED MORE 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: John Piscioniere**

Our fourth and final tournament will be held this Sat, Candlewood Lake, Squantz. We Have all the Boat Captains needed.

CT Sweetwater Bass will be doing a cookout for the kids and parents after weigh in. Thank you, Sweetwater!!

I have acquired a lot of donated, rods, reels & Tackle from people. I have given out a lot to the kids and have enough to donate to the Care program as well. Thank you to all who donated!

- **State Team Report, Sylvia Morris, State Team Administrator**

We Attended the 2022 B.A.S.S. Northeastern Regional, came in 3rd place!!! So proud of them!!! We had a great time at the Ranch and the Team worked hard together! The prize for 3rd place was \$3000.00!!! We usually split the money 50% for the CBN and 50% to split amongst the Team, but the Team voted unanimously to give all the money to the CBN State Team account to cover some of the expenses that the Team incurred this year because of high gas prices.

Congratulations to Tim Talento and Devin Hines for being Top Boater and Top Non-Boater in our state at the Regional and representing Ct at the 2022 B.A.S.S. Nationals in November!!!!

Thank you to my Kitchen B, Brandon Neal and our President Vinny Mucci for all their help running to get ice, cooking Breakfast and dinners, and the 2022 CBN State Team for their help when needed and getting along as a family for one week in one house!!! No Time Outs were given!! LOL!

Special Thank You to Jim Morris for helping with all the food shopping, set up of headquarters and helping Garrett Kruger when his truck broke down!

All expenses have been reimbursed.

Total expenses this year was 22,164, which is great! The housing was very cheap this year (4620.00) and that helped considerably. We are averaging for the last four years (2018, 19 21, 22) approximately 20,000 a year.

Starting to work on the 2023 State Team!

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

Old Business

Veterans Tournament is September 20th, Congamond Lake. Boat Captains are needed, please contact Al Guite if interested! 860-436-8646

**Excused Absences: From June-Candlewood, CBBA, CT Sweetwater, Ct Valley, CT Yankee, Housatonic, & Silver City
From July-Housatonic**

• NEW BUSINESS

- Nominations for Tournament director are open, Abe Kalechman was nominated. Will see if any others and Vinny will talk to Abe to see if he wants it. Will discuss net month.**
- All By Law Proposals are due in in writing to Vinny Mucci at the September meeting. They will be written up for the October meeting passed out to all Clubs, discussed at the November meeting, and voted on in December.**
- Tim Talento and Devin Hines addressed the body, they thanked the CBN Executive Board and members for all that they have done for the 2022 State Team. They asked if the CBN would reimburse their Travel, food, rooms, & gas that is not covered by B.A.S.S. to the Nationals, Pickwick Lake, Alabama which runs November 5 to November 11th, allowing for travel days also with proper receipts of course. Motion was made to reimburse them up to \$2000.00, seconded and passed unanimously.**
- Meeting adjourned at 7:39**

Next meeting, In Person and WebEx (Info will be email blasted), September 28th, 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.**
- **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**