

Sept 28th, 2022
CT B.A.S.S. Nation IN person/ Conference Call
Call began at 7:02pm

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: CBBA & Xtreme

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

- **Announcements:** Congratulations to CT's own, **Alex Bassmastaa Wetherell** on winning the Northern Open AOY title and qualifying for the Bassmaster Elites!
- **Correspondence:**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **Treasurer Report:** Marc Levesque
- **CBN Conservation Report:** Dean Rustic

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 Regulation package**
- 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. Discussed the low water levels of the Farmington River**
- c. Bass Action Plan**
- d.**

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. Bass Management Plan**
 - i. The final plan has been released and they have removed the plan to make the spawn season a catch and release only season.**

- b. Resent design recommendations for Squantz Cove Boat Launch – Still waiting for redesign**
- c. Discussed getting more Bass information in the DEEP publications.**

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

- **TOURNAMENT REPORT: Abe Kalechman**

Congratulations to Alex Wetherell, great job on qualifying for the Elites!

Two Day is this weekend, Oct 1 & 2. We have 31 Boats. Need to get in the water early!!! Remember Optional Lunker Pool, 10.00 a day per person!

- **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**

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 year’s 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, \$55.00 per person, no couples discount. Please get your reservations in! Remember if you reserve it you pay for it!! Banquet Prizes: Tom Reynolds will be donating some prizes, Lunker City/Alex Wetherell will be doing something, Paul Narducci is working on some possibilities.

Acquired one more prize, Mary Kay Gift Card and package, slow coming in. Please let me know if you can think of someone for me to approach.

- **Membership Committee/ social media Director: Devin put a Slide show Presentation as requested, together for Mercury! Thank you, Devin! He is working on a slide show presentation for the Banquet.**

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 was held.

Congratulations to New Fairfield High School; Paul Baker and Ashton Albert- for finishing 1st and becoming this year's Greg Mazur Trophy winner and CT Bass Nation Champions!

Junior Division- congrats to the team of Jack and Jake Jaracy!

New York state youth had an open tournament on Lake George this past weekend. Paul Baker fished it alone and came in 3rd! Great Job Paul!

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

Starting to work on the 2023 State Team! Two Day is this weekend! Will have the full team listed at the Oct. CBN Meeting!

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

Old Business

- **Nominations for Tournament director are, Abe Kalechman, he has accepted, Secretary cast a vote for Abe to be the 2023 CBN Tournament Director! Congratulations Abe!**
- **All By Law Proposals were due in, in writing to Vinny Mucci at the September meeting, as asked in last month's minutes, according to our Bylaws. They will be written up for the October meeting emailed to**

all Clubs, discussed at the November meeting, and voted on in December. Vinny has extended it a month.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **DEEP Needs Our Help!!!!Smallmouth Bass Catch (or not) reports Needed!**

We are encouraging anglers to report their catches of Smallmouth Bass from the following waterbodies: the Bolton Lakes, Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Wyassup Lake, Black Pond (Woodstock), Quinebaug Lake, Moodus Reservoir, Chamberlain Lake, Shenipsit Lake, Beach Pond, Gardner Lake, Mashapaug Lake, and Lake Pocotopaug. The survey can be accessed here: <https://arcg.is/0fK1b0>.

Smallmouth Bass appear to be on the decline in several lakes and ponds in Connecticut, and this information will help us guide restoration efforts. If you have any questions about the form or believe there are other waterbodies where Smallmouth Bass have disappeared or dramatically declined, please contact Andrew Bade at andrew.bade@ct.gov. Thank you for your support.

- **The family of Katie Dobroczyński & the members of the Midconn Anglers are asking all CBN Clubs and members for personal donations for the sponsorship of Alex Wetherell for the 2023 Elite Series.**

A donation of sponsorship will be made in Katies name to Alex, and he will add the “KD” Heart logo on his boat.

No amount is too small, and all is appreciated.

Donations can be made out to the:

Katie Dobroczyński Memorial Fund

699 Meriden Ave

Southington, Ct 06489

- **Alex Wetherell addressed the Board and asked the CBN for help monetarily on his Elite Journey. He has asked for \$5000.00 to cover one**

of his Elite Tournaments entry fees. There was a discussion regarding the request to provide financial support to Alex Wetheral to offset the expenses required to participate in the 2023 Elite Series. There was no motion made. The discussion was tabled by Vinny.

- **Vinny has told the Board he will be sending an email with dates for a Virtual Executive Board meeting prior to the Holidays.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm**

Next meeting, In Person and WebEx (Info will be email blasted), Oct. 26th, 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.**
- **October 26th**
- **November 16th, a week early because of Holiday**
- **December 21st, a week early because of the Holiday**