

Oct 26th, 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

Marc Levesque- Treasurer

Missing:

Abe Kalechman-Tournament Director

Devin Hines-Membership/social media Director

Clubs Missing: Tolland County

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

- **Announcements:** Nothing new from B.A.S.S. still waiting on Regional dates and location for 2023.
- **Correspondence:** B.A.S.S. has appointed GL Compton as the B.A.S.S. Nation Tournament Manager. He has college roots, as he was VP of Clemson University College Team. No contact info has been given at this time.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **Treasurer Report:** Marc Levesque
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- **CBN Conservation Report:** Dean Rustic
No Report
- **TOURNAMENT REPORT:** Abe Kalechman
Absent- No Report

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, will be ready for posting in January.

- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**

- **Nov 5th!!!**

Please get your reservations in!

Remember if you reserve it you pay for it!!

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- **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](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:** John Piscioniere

No Report

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

Starting to work on the 2023 State Team!

We have a full Team now they are:

Boaters	Non-Boaters
1 Garrett Kruger	1 Neil Talento
2 Nick Papotto	2 David Boyd (1st Time)
3 Mike Shay	3 Vinny Mucci
4 Rob Pepe	4 Brian Pineau (1st Time)
5 Erick Markstaller (1st Time)	5 Joe Sodora
6 Mickey Soler	6 Rob Serer (1st Time)
7 Todd Rose	7 Gary Belanger
8 Paul Mayo	8 Paul Baker (1st Time)
9 Matt Marinelli (1st Time)	9 Devin Hines
10 Noah Winslow	10 Luis Paredes (1st Time)

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

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: CBBA & Xtreme**
- **Alex Wetherell addressed the Board at the Sept CBN Meeting. 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 Wetherell to offset the expenses required to participate in the 2023 Elite Series. There was no motion made. The discussion was tabled by Vinny. The Executive Board held a meeting on Oct 3rd, virtual and discussed this and found that we had sufficient funds to do this, but all clubs have to vote on it. We emailed all clubs for a vote to Vinny on this matter.
A Motion was made tonight after much discussion by John Piscioniere for the CBN to give Alex Wetherell \$5000.00 to sponsor one of his Elite Events this year (This would be a onetime sponsorship for this year).
Seconded by Joe Kowalski and Dean Rustic. Tonight, we held a Roll Call vote and here are the results:**

Bass Attack: NO

Candlewood Bassmasters: Yes

CT Bassmen: Yes

CBBA: Yes

CT Sweetwater Bass: Yes

CT Valley Bassmasters: Yes

CT Yankee Bassmasters: Yes

Heart Of Connecticut: Yes

Housatonic Valley Bassmasters: Yes

Midcon Anglers: Yes

Milford Black Black: Yes

Mohawk Valley Basscasters: Yes

Naugatuck Valley Bassmasters: Yes

Silver City Bassmasters: Yes

Tolland County Bass Anglers: Absent

Xtreme Bassmasters: Yes

It passed and The CBN will be giving \$5000.00 in sponsorship to Alex Wetherell, this covers one of his Elite Events.

- **All By Law Proposals were due in, in writing to Vinny Mucci at this meeting, as asked in last month's minutes, according to our Bylaws. None were turned in.**

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **We held a Virtual Executive Board & Directors meeting on Oct 13th, 2022, here are the minutes:**

Those on the call were:

Vinny Mucci- President

Marc Levesque- Treasurer

Sylvia Morris- Secretary

Dean Rustic- Conservation Director

John Piscioniere- Youth Director

Abe Kalechman- Tournament Director

Devine Hines- Membership & Social Media Director

Missing:

Mike Billings-Vice President

Meeting was called to order at 7:11

- **We addressed the Alex Wetherell Request that happened at the Sept CBN Board Meeting, Alex asked the CBN to sponsor one of his Elite Events in the amount of \$5000.00. We had discussion and decided that we were financially stable and thought we should sponsor him with the \$5000.00. This is a vote that must be sent to the clubs to poll their members and have a Vote at the next CBN Meeting, which is Oct 26th, 2023. This would of course be a onetime sponsorship for Alex. The Secretary sent this request to all Club Presidents for them to poll their members and have their votes ready for the Oct Meeting.**
- **Vinny addressed The Nationals President/Youth Directors meetings coming up and had reached out to B.A.S.S. and asked for a virtual component, they responded with, they did not have one in place at this time. Vinny & John have decided not to attend as they are not worth it and not informative. Vinny received Information that B.A.S.S. has appointed GL Compton as the B.A.S.S. Nation Tournament Manager. He will be responsible for B.A.S.S. Nation Regional Championships, Nation Championship, Kayak**

Series, & Team Championships. GL'S Roots are in the College ranks. He was the Vice President of Clemson Fishing Team.

- **Abe asked for a few things for the Trailer, ie, sinks, Fix the generator, fix the Vent, Service the Trailer, Hubs, Tires, ETC. It was passed that he has permission to do whatever he needs.**
- **Abe asked that the Tournament Rules be passed as they are currently seeing no need for any changes. We all agreed. Will get them passed at the Oct. meeting.**
- **Abe asked that the Classic Tournament be back to the way it was before, Top 25 with all proceeds going to the State Team. It was changes to try to build up the interest as the turnout was only 18 Boats in the past, this year it was only 16! Vinny asked him to give it another year. All had some views on this. It was tabled until the next Executive Board Meeting.**
- **John Piscioniere addressed a change he would like to implement to the Youth Program this year. He would like to qualify the HS Teams to the Nationals early this year so they can fish the Nationals this year. He needs to address B.A.S.S. about this as we have two teams already qualified for 2023, so this would be additional Teams. We all agreed it is a good idea but had some concerns about him being able to get Boat Captains if he has tournaments in April & May while the majority of the CBN members are fishing other Tournaments. One more issue was talked about, the HS Champions going to the Nationals must be in Alliance Jerseys and Sylvia will be ordering those in February. Will have to figure something out with that.**
- **Sylvia talked about the Alliance Monies and where it goes once, we receive it. In the past 10 Years the Alliance income was roughly 35,000 which all of it went into the General fund. The Alliance Contract directly affects the State Team, they must comply 100% with the Clothing requirements always at the Regionals during the National and onward to the Classic should they earn that. I believe they should at the very least half of that Income. A long discussion was held, and all decided that going forward, Half goes to the State Team & Half will feed the Scholarship Account!!!! This will be voted on at the Oct meeting also.**
- **State Team Contract was approved as is for 2023. Just need to add Location and dates. Then distribute to the Team for signing.**
- **Vinny asked to appoint Jim Morris as the 22nd man to the 2023 State Team. All agreed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm**

Respectfully Submitted

Sylvia Morris, CBN Secretary

- **Vinny brought up the Alliance Monies issue that was discussed at the Executive Board meeting, we held a long discussion and then a motion was made by Marc Levesque that when the CBN receives any Alliance monies, it will be distributed 50% to the Scholarship account and 50% to the State Team Account. (This is something that can be revisited each year depending on where we need the monies at that time.)**

It was seconded by Dean Rustic and passed by all.

- **The passing of the Tournament Rules will be tabled until Nov.16th meeting as Abe was not present.**
- **Vinny shared some very sad news, the passing of Robert Nelson, a CBN member for many years & one of the past Vice Presidents. The Arrangements have been email blasted to all members. (See Below) A discussion was held, and it was decided to Send a contribution to the Colon Cancer Foundation as expressed by the family and to send Flowers to the Funeral Home. Marc will send the contribution and Sylvia will order the flowers.**

Beecher Funeral Home

1 Putnam Ave.

Brewster, NY 10509

Friends will be received on Wednesday, November 2nd from 4pm to 8pm

If you are unable to attend and wish to send cards of condolences, this is information for Bob's relatives:

Parents

Marty and Ann Nelson

Box 215

North Salem, NY 10560

Sister

Sandy and Larry Tetro

11489 Canopy Loop

Ft. Myers. FL. 33913

Per Family, Donations in his name can be made to:

www.coloncancerfoundation.org

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm**

Next meeting, IS A WEEK EARLY In Person and WebEx (Info will be email blasted), Nov 16th, 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.**
- **November 16th, a week early because of Holiday**
- **December 21st, a week early because of the Holiday**

