

**Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**  
**CT B.A.S.S. Nation IN person/ Conference Call**  
**Call began at 7:04pm**

**Officers Present & on the Call were:**

**Mike Billings-Vice President**

**Sylvia Morris-Secretary**

**Dean Rustic-Conservation Director**

**Abe Kalechman-Tournament Director**

**Vinny Mucci-President**

**Devin Hines-Membership/social media Director**

**Marc Levesque- Treasurer**

**Missing:**

**John Piscioniere- Youth Director**

**Clubs Missing: Ct Bassmen, Naugatuck, Xtreme**

**Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.**

- **Announcements: NONE**
- **Correspondence: NONE**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report: Prepared By Marc Levesque, Read by Vinny Mucci**
- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

## **CBN Conservation Report**

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**December 21, 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**

- a. **Hosted hybrid meeting with 70% in person and 30% virtually.**
- b. **DEEP Presented an overview of the Black Bear issue**
  - 1. Way too many home invasions and human encounters**
  - 2. Need to have a hunting season before someone is seriously hurt**
- c. **Discussed getting a new agenda for a Regulation package**
- d. **Discussed the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.**

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

- a. **Blotchy bass syndrome has been identified in CT.**
- b. **Andy Fisk is the new Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Natural Resources.**

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

- a. **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. **Discussed working together to apply for a Friends of Reservoirs grant to put structures into Candlewood Lake to help offset the extreme loss of aquatic vegetation**
  - a. **One potential project idea would be to get more American Eelgrass established in Candlewood through plantings with exclosures**

b. **The other FY 2023 grants will probably be due in August 2023**

b. **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 18th, Ct River, Haddam Meadows 7 to 3**

**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**

**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 21 leads so far for 2022!!**

- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings:**

**Next year’s Scholarship App question has been chosen; App will be ready for posting in January.**

- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**

**Rebooked for Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Executive Board will discuss a possible menu change.**

- **Membership Committee/ social media Director: 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](mailto:devinehines19@yahoo.com)-email**

- **Kayak Series- Need a director**
- **Website: We have renewed the Contract with the Triton Group for 2023, cost of \$2896.00 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**

**1st Meeting was held at my home Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. All contracts were signed. We had two Boaters drop from the Team, going down the list of Boaters from the Two day, next in line and moving up to boater is Tim Talento and Jim Morris to 1<sup>st</sup> Alt.**

**Next meeting is April 16<sup>th</sup>, following the CBN T #1**

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

**Old Business**

- **Excused Absences: Heart of CT, CBBA**
- **Rosters were due Nov 1<sup>st</sup>!!! Please get your Rosters in ASAP. Mail your Clubs Dues (Check made out to CBN), members over 60 and have been members for five years or more are \$25.00 all other members are \$50.00) and updated Roster to:**

**Marc Levesque**

**20 First Ave**

**Waterbury Ct 06710**

**Please email a copy to Marc and Sylvia, [Wefish2@att.net](mailto:Wefish2@att.net)  
[mlevesque@waterburyct.org](mailto:mlevesque@waterburyct.org)**

- **Sylvia had been working with the Tribute Store to get a refund for the flowers we sent to The Nelsons for Bob Nelsons funeral and finally got 50% of our money back. The flowers delivered were not at all what she ordered.**
- **Secretary cast one vote for Secretary and Treasurer as they were running unopposed, to remain the same for 2023, Marc Levesque as Treasurer and Sylvia Morris as Secretary.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Joe Kowalski has asked for the CBN to help his Foundation, Major Steven Roy Andrews with a donation of \$2000.00. It will be discussed with the Eboard and sent to the clubs to vote.  
Alex Shvartsman has said he would also donate 25% of the 2000.00 if the CBN decides to donate that amount.**

- **Fishing Show at the Mohegan Sun will be held March 23<sup>rd</sup>, to the 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**
- **We will be applying for a Friends of Reservoirs grant to put structures into Candlewood Lake to help offset the extreme loss of aquatic vegetation**
- **Toys for Tots was held on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Dec 10, held by the Mohawk Valley BassCasters. The CBN purchased \$500.00 worth of toys and Milford Black also donated \$100.00 worth of toys. Ct Computer also donated \$1500.00 worth of toys! They collected over 3000 Toys!!! Great Job Guys!**
- **Eboard meeting is scheduled for Wed Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:25pm**

#### **NO MEETING IN JANUARY**

**In Person and WebEx (Info will be email blasted) at Ct Comp 100 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, Training Room.**

<b>2023 CBN Meeting Dates</b>		
<b>Jan</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>	
<b>Feb</b>	<b>22nd</b>	
<b>Mar</b>	<b>22nd</b>	
<b>Apr</b>	<b>26th</b>	
<b>May</b>	<b>24th</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>28th</b>	

<b>July</b>	<b>26th</b>	
<b>Aug</b>	<b>23rd</b>	
<b>Sept</b>	<b>27th</b>	
<b>Oct</b>	<b>25th</b>	
<b>Nov</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>week early</b>
<b>Dec</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>week early</b>

- **Meetings are Fourth Wed of each Month unless a Holiday then it will be the third Wed of the Month.**