

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
**CT B.A.S.S. Nation IN person/ Conference Call**  
**Call began at 7:03pm**

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

**Mike Billings-Vice President**  
**Sylvia Morris-Secretary**  
**Dean Rustic-Conservation Director**  
**Abe Kalechman-Tournament Director**  
**Vinny Mucci-President**  
**Marc Levesque- Treasurer**  
**John Piscioniere- Youth Director**

**Missing:**

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

**Clubs Missing: Xtreme**

**Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.**

- **Announcements:** Alliance Money came in, we earned \$3,000.00. We had 21 leads, but all did not qualify. Vinny inquired as to why but was just told they did not all qualify.
- **Correspondence:** NONE
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report:** Prepared By Marc Levesque, Read by Vinny Mucci
- **CBN Conservation Report:** Dean Rustic No Report
- **Tournament Report:** Abe Kalechman

**Application and Tournament Rules will be posted and email blasted by tomorrow as soon as they are updated by Al Guite to conform to**

**Proposal #2 that was voted in tonight and the New Bass Nation Format.**

**Proposed Trail for 2023**

**T#1 April 16th, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins 8 to 3**

**T#2 May 7th, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins, 8 to 3**

**T#3 June 18th, Ct River, Haddam Meadows 7 to 3**

**T#4 August 6th, CT River, 25 Boats Haddam Meadows 7 to 3**

**T#5 Sept 10 Candlewood, Squantz, 8 to 4**

**MR BASS July 9th, 16 Boats, to be Determined**

**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 5 leads so far for 2023!!**

- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings:**

**App has been posted & emailed in January. No Apps as of yet.**

- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**

**NEW VENUE!!! The Wallingford County Club, Violis Restaurant**

**\$55.00 a person**

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All info on ctbass.com**

**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: 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**

**Tournament dates for High School this year are:**

**John is checking with BASS to see if he can possibly qualify another HS Team to the Championship for this year, instead of them qualifying for next year. If so he plans on doing that.**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> Candlewood**

**May 20<sup>th</sup> Lilly**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> Zoar**

**A 4<sup>th</sup> will be added at a later date to qualify A HS Team to the Championship for this year if possible.**

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

**Working on State Team Jerseys through Valley Fashion, waiting for the Alliance to commit for 2023.**

**Jackets are ordered for 13 people who were eligible.**

**Collecting all Sponsorships and paperwork. Most are not registered for the Regional as the website is not working properly.**

**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: None**
- **Rosters were due Nov 1<sup>st</sup>!!! Please get your Rosters in ASAP.**

**We are still missing a few.....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)**

- **Joe Kowalski has asked for the CBN to help his Foundation, Major Steven Roy Andrews with a donation of \$2000.00. Alex Shvartsman has said he would also donate 25% of the 2000.00 if the CBN decides to donate that amount. The Eboard is reviewing and will address this at the CBN March Meeting.**

- **Marc asked what we are planning on doing with the Grant Account Balance??? He would like to get the account zeroed out. A brief discussion was held after Dean Rustic suggested for us to order Mossback Fish Attractors and get them put into Candlewood Lake. Dean is looking into it.**
- **Fishing Show at the Mohegan Sun will be held March 23<sup>rd</sup>, to the 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We will not be attending this year.**
- **The NEW BASS FORMAT Roll Call Vote for Proposal #1 or Proposal #2 was held: All Clubs, 15 of them, with the exception of Xtreme, which was not present, voted for Proposal #2.**

### **Here is Proposal #2**

**PROPOSED TOURNAMENT TRAIL – 2023 24. QUALIFIER EVENTS:** Will consist of a five-tournament trail with a Boater/Non-boater (Pro/AM) format. The boater will pay a \$100.00 entry fee and the non-boater will pay a \$50.00 entry fee for each tournament. The sum of \$2.00 will be taken from each entry fee to cover tournament expenses and an additional 25% from each entry fee will be utilized to offset costs borne by the BASS National Championship (BNC) qualifiers. There will be an optional lunger pool at each event. Contestants may or may not compete to qualify for the BNC or BNC Qualifier Codes. All anglers who wish to compete to qualify for the BNC or BNC Qualifier Codes must identify a linked angler from the opposite division on their tournament application for each of the five events. It is acceptable to have different “links” for each tournament. Entry fees for both competitors must accompany each tournament application. Linking will guarantee that linked anglers are paired to remain compliant with BNC qualification criteria. If an individual’s linked angler is unable to participate in an event, the individual linked with that angler can pay a \$25 penalty fee and will be paired with a non-linked participant if available. This penalty fee must be paid at the registration table prior to the start of that day’s competition. If a non-linked participant is unavailable, the fee is waived, and the anglers catch for that day will not count towards BNC Qualification. Non-linked competitors cannot qualify for the BNC through the CBN Tournament Trail. The standings will be based on the following points system; in each of the 5 CBN qualifier events, the individual competitor who finishes in first place will receive 300 points. For each place below first, the points will drop in 2-point increments down to the lowest weight. All contestants who do not catch a fish will receive 50 points less than the individual with the lowest recorded weight. There will be one drop tournament meaning, each contestant’s lowest event score, throughout the 5 events, will not count towards the Angler of the Year standings. All anglers must enter a blind draw and there will be no club

pre-pairings allowed. Computerized pairings will be performed for each event. Open boats will be allowed if not paired. The non-boater is NOT required to reimburse the boater for fuel expenses. The CBN "Angler of the Year" title for each division (Boater and Non-boater) will be determined from the total points accrued by an individual competitor upon completion of these five events. Points accrued at each CBN qualifier tournament will accumulate throughout the 5 CBN qualifier tournaments and will be utilized to determine the final "Angler of the Year" standings upon completion of CBN qualifier tournament 5. The 6 BNC Qualification positions and 18 Early Entry Codes for the BNC Qualifier event will be awarded upon completion of CBN Tournament 5. Awards (plaques or trophies) will be presented, for both divisions, to the top three anglers from each event and to the top three anglers from each division in the final "Angler of the Year" standings. These awards will be presented at the annual CBN banquet. The top three anglers from each division in the final "Angler of the Year" standings will qualify for the BASS National Championship. The 18 Early Entry Codes for the BNC Qualifier event will be presented to the top finishing anglers in the final "Angler of the Year" standings beginning with the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher in each division and are to be awarded evenly in both divisions, in ascending order, to those anglers in each division. The 6 BNC qualifiers from the CBN Tournament Trail will receive financial assistance to offset the costs associated with participating in BASS National Championship. This financial assistance will be funded from 25% of each entry fee taken from the 5 CBN qualifier events. Anglers who are awarded Early Entry Codes for the BNC Qualifier event, through the CBN tournament trail, are NOT eligible for financial assistance through tournament trail funds. All costs associated with participating in the BNC qualifier event shall be paid for by the competitor.

25. Bryan V. Kerchal Tournament of Club Champions (Mr. Bass): Will be a Pro/Am style event with a boater and a non-boater division. Each club or chapter is required to send one (1) boater and one (1) non-boater to this event. Failure to do so will render the club or chapter ineligible to participate. The club or chapter should cover the tournament entry fees. All competitors must be paired. Participants in this event will be determined by each individual club or chapter. It is strongly encouraged that the boater be the club champion from the previous calendar year and the non-boater be either the nonboater champion or the second-place finisher in the club angler of the year standings from the previous year. The entry fee for this event will be \$100 for the boater and \$50 for the non-boater. The sum of \$2.00 will be taken from each entry fee to cover tournament expenses and an additional 25% from each entry fee will be utilized to offset costs borne by the BASS National Championship (BNC) qualifiers from the 5 CBN qualifier events. A computerized pairing will be conducted for this event. The non-boater is NOT required to reimburse the boater for fuel expenses. The boater has control of the boat for the full duration of the tournament. Awards (plaques or trophies) will be presented to the first-place anglers from each division. The first-place finisher in each division will be awarded a BASS National Championship (BNC) early entry qualifier code. Anglers who are awarded

Early Entry Codes for the BNC Qualifier event through this tournament are NOT eligible for financial assistance through tournament funds. All costs associated with participating in the BNC qualifier event shall be paid for by the competitor. Submitted by Al Guite President Silver City Bassmaster

**The 2023 CBN Tournament Rules and the 2023 CBN By Laws will go through some housekeeping, to be done by Al Guite, our By Law Chairperson, to conform to Proposal#2 and the New Bass Format. They will be email blasted to all members and posted on ctbass.com when completed.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Don Corkran, The Former, long Time, Director of B.A.S.S. Nation has passed away....Vinny would like us to make a donation in his name to K9'S for Veterans organization as per the families wishes in the amount of 100.00, motion was made, seconded, & passed.**
- **Joe Kowalski announced the Wounded Veterans Tournament will be May 9<sup>th</sup> on Candlewood Lake, Danbury Town Park. Looking for Volunteer Boat Captains. If interested contact Joe Kowalski: 860-966-6778 or Al Guite: 860-436-8646**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:53pm**

**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>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.**