

April 26th, 2023
CT B.A.S.S. Nation IN person/ Conference Call
Call began at 7:05pm

Officers Present & on the Call were:

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

Missing:

Devin Hines-Membership/social media Director
Marc Levesque- Treasurer

Clubs Missing: Ct Valley & Sweetwater

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

- **Announcements: NONE**
- **Correspondence: NONE**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report: None Given**
- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic, April 26, 2023**
CBN Conservation objectives for the 2023
 - 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. Discussed the changes - clarifications to the laws for shooting a Bear.**
 - b. Discussed the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.**
 - 2. Fisheries Advisory Council –**

a. No meeting

3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FoCS)

a. Discussed Friends of CT Sportsmen

1. Introduced Nick G to FoCS on setting up website

2. Working on getting information out to Anglers and Hunters

3. Discussed the evening reception at the State LOB set for May 3rd

4. DEEP Items a. Discussed working together to apply for a Friends of Reservoirs grant for 2024 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 enclosures

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

b. Discussed getting more Bass information in the DEEP publications.

5. Grant Fund

a. Checked with Moss Back and they provided a quote with discount for us on the following:

a. QTY 2 of Part number MBESLB (Essential Shoreline Bundle)

b. QTY 2 of Part number 4018 - 3 Post Kit (Safe Haven Kit)

c. Shipping and taxes

1. SUBTOTAL \$3,269.96

2. SHIPPING \$147.00

3. DISCOUNT (\$817.49)

4. TAX \$0.00

5. TOTAL \$2,599.47

b. Working with DEEP to get permits and approvals to install in Candlewood.

6. Sportsmen Reception at the State Legislative Office Building (LOB)

a. Reviewed appetizers for the event with Nation Reps.

b. Decided on Shrimp Cocktail as they will not need to be heated.

c. Used Salute restaurant as Caterer as they are local and have done events at the State.

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rustic

- **Tournament Report: Abe Kalechman**

The first Tournament was held, April 16th, Candlewood, Congratulations to Noah Winslow, 1st place Boater and Neil Talento 1st place Non-Boater!!

Working on Pairings for Tournament #2, May 7th, Candlewood.

Remember Cash Lunker of 10.00 each payable at the Check In Table in the AM!!

New weigh in Bags were ordered and received, 20 of them at a very good discount from Accu Cull.

- **The trail for 2024 is as follows:**

April 14th Candlewood Squantz & Latins, 8 to 4

May 5th Candlewood Squantz & Latins, 8 to 4

June 9th Ct River Haddam, 7 to 3

JULY 14th MR BASS TBD????, 7 to 3

Sept 8th Ct River Haddam, 7 to 3

Oct 13th Lilly Steelbridge, 7 to 3

Trail for 2023

T#2 May 7th, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins, 8 to 4

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**
- **Skeeter Real Money**
- **Triton Gold**
- **Power Pole Program**
- **Accu Cull Program Contact Vinny for code**

- **Ranger Cup**
- **Alliance Program-Have 8 leads so far for 2023!!**
- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings:**
Two Apps Received, Mike has secured Judges and will have a winner for the next meeting.
- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**
NEW VENUE!!! The Wallingford County Club, Violis Restaurant
\$55.00 a person
Nov 4th, 2023. All info on ctbass.com
Women's Prizes have been purchased, working on Raffle Prizes.
Received Product from Accu Cull for Prizes Thank you Accu Cull!!

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-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**

1st Tournament was held, Thank you to the State Team and all Volunteers!!!!

John is working on getting the High Schools Teams registered, having a hard time getting in touch with B.A.S.S. for help!

He will be getting the High School Kids to sign up for Volunteering at the CBN Tournament #2.

Boat Captains all set for the May 20th Tournament, Thanks to all the Volunteers from the State Team! There is a little problem getting the

parking needed as another Club is booked there also. Working on this with that club and the Deep.

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

State Team Jerseys are ordered!

David Boyd had to remove himself from the Team due to a work issue, we moved Jim Morris up to Non-Boater, Abe Kalechman up to Alt #1 and Mike Billings is now Alt #2.

The jackets were passed out at the April 16th Meeting. We went over the Tournament Rules and made sure all understood them.

Next meeting is May 7th, following the CBN T #2 we will go over Rooming and Things to Remember list.

Started Shopping for nonperishables.

We need Hats for the Team. Asked Vinny to help with that.

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

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: None**
- **Joe Kowalski announced the Wounded Veterans Tournament will be May 9th on Candlewood Lake, Danbury Town Park. All Boat Captians have been secured.**

NEW BUSINESS

Dean Rustic addressed the Board about The Sportsmen Reception at the State Legislative Office Building (LOB)

We Reviewed appetizers for the event, Decided on Shrimp Cocktail as they will not need to be heated. Discussion was held.

A motion was made to allow Dean to purchase the Shrimp from Salute Restaurant 350 Shrimp at 2.50 a Shrimp, plus delivery

Charge of 50.00, so up to 950.00. Seconded and passed unanimously.

He will use the CBN credit Card to do this.

- **The Ct Bassmen will be holding their 38th Annual Mixed Open on Candlewood June 4th, 7 to 2. The application is on ctbass.com.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:41pm

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

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

2023 CBN Meeting Dates		
May	24th	
June	28th	
July	26th	
Aug	23rd	
Sept	27th	
Oct	25th	
Nov	15th	week early
Dec	20th	week early

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

