

May 24th, 2023
CT B.A.S.S. Nation IN person/ Conference Call
Call began at 7:10pm

Officers Present & on the Call were:

Mike Billings-Vice President

Sylvia Morris-Secretary

Dean Rustic-Conservation Director

Missing:

Abe Kalechman-Tournament Director

Vinny Mucci-President

John Piscioniere- Youth Director

Devin Hines-Membership/social media Director

Marc Levesque- Treasurer

Clubs Missing: Heart of Ct, Naugatuck Valley, Tolland County, Sweetwater, & Xtreme,

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

- **Announcements: Dean Rustics Father has passed away. Our deepest sympathies to the Rustic Family**
- **Correspondence: NONE**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report: Read by Sylvia Morris**
- **CBN Conservation Report:
CBN Conservation Report May 24, 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. Reviewed the evening reception at the State LOB set for May 3rd

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- a. Great evening meeting with state legislators and talking about what the CBN does for CT Bass Anglers and for the State DEEP.**

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 new vegetation established in Candlewood**
- b. The other FY 2023 grants will probably be due in August 2023**

5. Grant Fund

- a. Working with DEEP to get permits and approvals to install in Candlewood.**
- 6. Sportsmen Reception at the State Legislative Office Building (LOB)**
- a. Secured appetizers for the event decided on Shrimp Cocktail as they will not need to be heated.**
 - b. Used Salute restaurant as Caterer as they are local and have done events at the State.**
 - c. As mentioned above – great conversations and made good contacts to get things accomplished.**

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rustic, Conservation Director

- Tournament Report: Abe Kalechman**

The Second Tournament was held, May 7th, Candlewood, Congratulations to, 1st place Boater, Garrett Kruger and Neil Talento 1st place Non-Boater!!

Get the Applications and money in for the River, T#3, mailing deadline is Sat June 3rd!

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

- **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#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 10 leads so far for 2023!!**

- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings:**

The Winner this year of a \$1000.00 scholarship is Bryan Leslie/University of New Haven!!!

We had only two Applications, so we only gave out one Scholarship. We need more participation!!!

- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**

NEW VENUE!!! The Wallingford County Club, Violis Restaurant
\$55.00 a person
Nov 4th, 2023.
WE NEED PRIZES !!!!
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-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**

Thank you to all Boat Captains, The State Team and all other volunteers, without you this would not be possible!!!

Congrats to Lyman Hall 1 and Quinn/Davis for taking the win on Lilly with 11 lbs. 1 ounce! It was a close scoring day and every ounce counted!

Lunker went to Hunter/Jack from Haddam Killingworth with a 4.3 largie!

We also have a tight race for the championship! Keep in mind that Volunteer points have not been counted yet.

In the Junior division, Philip took the win with 7 lbs, and Jack Jaracy is keeping his lead for the year!

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

Meeting was held after T#2 candlewood, May 7th, thank you to the State Team for all your help with set up and tear down!!

Jerseys were passed out, discussed rooming and who is driving with who. Passed out expense forms and went over allowable expenses and the Receipts procedure. Expressed to all, no receipts, no reimbursement!!

Talked about the boaters all bringing a case of water and a cooler and ice.

All boaters will come to my house to pick up items to be transported for the State Team Week. Some loaded up after the Tournament, things from the Trailer.

We will be traveling, coming together as a Team on Sat June 3rd by 5:00pm, dinner is at 6!

Good Luck to the 2023 CBN State Team!!!

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

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: Ct Valley**
- **Dean Rustic & Mike Billings attended The Sportsmen Reception at the State Legislative Office Building (LOB)**
The Shrimp Cocktail was a Hit!!!
 - **The Ct Bassmen will be holding their 38th Annual Mixed Open on Candlewood June 4th, with a few changes, time is now 7 to 3 and a 6 fish limit. The application is on ctbass.com.**

NEW BUSINESS

None

Meeting adjourned: 7:35pm

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		
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.**