

June 28th, 2023
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

John Piscioniere- Youth Director

Devin Hines-Membership/social media Director

Marc Levesque- Treasurer

Missing:

Devin Hines-Membership/social media Director

Clubs Missing: Sweetwater & Xtreme

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted.

Announcements: Next Meeting July 26th

Andrew Bade, Joe Cassone, and Spencer Mallette join us at the July 26th, CBN meeting. They would like to provide an update on Candlewood Lake, introduce you all to Spencer Mallette - a new warmwater biologist who will be working with Bill Foreman on bass tournament permitting, talk about progress to-date on the Bass Action Plan, and make ourselves available for any questions/discussions you all would like to have about bass management more broadly.

- **Correspondence: NONE**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**

- **CBN Conservation Report:**
- **June 28, 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. Legislative Report: a. Update on status of bills FAC submitted testimony on

b. Updated on Federal legislation discussed. b. Special Presentation – Drought & Alewives

c. Striped Bass Emergency Regulation change: d. Background, timeline, and what anglers can expect for enforcement.

3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FoCS)

a. Discussed Friends of CT Sportsmen Fall activities.

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.

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rustic, Conservation Director

- **Tournament Report: Abe Kalechaman**

Tournament #3 was held, Congratulations to Dave Maiorano, first place Angler and Neil Talento, First place co angler!

We had many boats NOT check in with the Check in boat, that is not acceptable!!! You must always check in with the check in boat unless you are Tournament Committee coming in early to work the weigh in or you are not weighing in!!! If it happens again, you will be DQ'D.

Looks like The Mr Bass Tournament is not getting the attendance, maybe time to discuss a change with this tournament?

- **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 Left for 2023

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**
- **Ranger Cup**
- **Alliance Program-Have 13 leads so far for 2023!!**
- **CBN Scholarship- Mike Billings: Nothing new currently.**
- **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

- **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 #3 was held on Zoar, we had 15 Boats. Thank you to all the Boat Captains and Jim Morris for helping run trailers!!!

Congrats to New Fairfield (Paul and Ashton) for the win on Zoar!

YTD is still up for grabs!

I will be scheduling our 4th tournament soon and will give everyone enough time to plan accordingly!

Will be getting together with Marc to send checks to all who qualified for the HS Nationals this year.

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

Regionals were held on the Potomac, and Ct made a great showing, Day one was in second place by 6 oz!! Day two was tougher, and we came in 4th overall!! They worked very hard. Very proud of them all!!! Accommodations worked out well and the Owners of the property

went out of their way to accommodate all our needs!! House was reasonable, clean and boat friendly!! 5 min from the Ramp at Smallwood State Park!

Congrats to Mickey Soler and Gary Belanger for coming first in the State and going to the Nationals in Oct!!!

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

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: Heart of Ct, Naugatuck Valley, & Tolland County**

NEW BUSINESS

Dean Rustic Father had passed away and Dean had asked for donations to be made to the Major Steven Roy Andrews Foundation in his Dads Name. The Heart of Ct is sending a check for \$500.00 to the Foundations in Mr. Rustic's name.

Vinny made a motion for the CBN to match that donation of \$500.00, it was seconded and passed. Marc will get a check for \$500.00 to the Major Steven Roy Andrews Foundation in Mr. Rustic's name.

John Piscioniere has collected up monies for the Major Steven Roy Andrews Foundation from himself and ADP & ADP employees and presented it to Joe Kowalski for the Foundation in the amount of \$3400.00!!! Great Job John!

Tuesday, Sept 19th, 2023, the second annual Veterans Tournament will be held on Congamong Lake. Please

contact Al Guite, 860-436-8646 or Joe Kowalski, 860-966-6778 if interested in being a Boat Captain.

Meeting adjourned: 7:43 pm

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

2023 CBN Meeting Dates		
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.**