

April 24th, 2024

CT B.A.S.S. Nation IN person/ Conference Call

Call began at 7:12pm

Officers Present & on the Call were:

Vinny Mucci-President

Sylvia Morris-Secretary

Dean Rustic-Conservation Director

John Piscioniere- Youth Director

Marc Levesque- Treasurer

Missing:

Abe Kalechman-Tournament Director

Clubs Missing: CBBA, CT Sweetwater, CT Valley, Tolland, Xtreme

Minutes from prior month accepted.

- **Announcements: None**
- **Correspondence: B.A.S.S. Presidents Virtual Meeting is tomorrow
Will report on it at the next CBN Meeting.**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**
- **Treasurer Report Marc Levesque**
- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

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CBN Conservation objectives for the 2024

- 1. Conservation Projects for Candlewood Lake (Boat Launch & Weigh in Pavilion Grant)**
- 2. Create a BASS Divisional Conservation Coalition**

Information from this past Month –

- 1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting**
 - a. DEEP spoke about the lakes that have Hydrilla in them besides the CT River. Lakeville Lake boat ramp is closed**

due to the fear of Hydrilla. The town has purchased row boats to rent at the lake.

- b. Discussion on stopping the stocking of trout in a private waterbody. Deep states that they will allow ice fishing so they will continue. It was asked “out of the last 5 years, how many times has there been safe ice on Lakeville Lake?”**
- c. Discussion on the various groups that will be attending the Game Tasting on May 1st.**
- d. Dean Rustic mentioned that CT BASS Nation will be unable to have a booth at the event as no one was able to step up to fill in for Dean while he is away on a business trip.**

2. Fisheries Advisory Council –

a. FRIENDS OF CONNECTICUT SPORTSMEN

- a. FOCS lobbies on issues that impact hunters, trappers, and shooters. Keith gave a brief history of FOCS and a synopsis of issues on which they are advocating. FOCS hosts a game tasting every year at the legislative office building. This year it will be on May 1st from 5-7.**

b. Legislative Committee

- a. No meeting in April**

3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FoCS)

- a. FoCS is having another Game Tasting event on May 1st from 5:00pm tp 7:00pm in the State Legislative Office Building.**
- b. The FoCS website is up. [www.
https://www.friendsofctsportsmen.com](https://www.friendsofctsportsmen.com)**
- c. The FoCS is asking the CBN if we can provide pictures of Anglers and of the High School Anglers for use in their Publications and Social Media.**

4. Notice - DEEP Items

a. CBN will need to find a replacement Conservation Director for 2025.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Rustic, Conservation Director**

Tournament Trail Report: Abe Kalechman No Report

Vinny said that all went well on T#1

THAYERS SPONSORSHIP OF THE TRAIL, \$1000.00 to the Top finishing Boater (Must be fishing out of a boat purchased at Thayer's Marine, new or used) in each of the five CBN Trail Tournaments. Thank you, Thayer's!!!

Trail for 2024 is as follows:

May 5th, Candlewood Squantz & Latins, 8 to 4

June 9th, Ct River Haddam 7 to 3

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

September 8th, Ct River, Haddam 7 to 3

October 13th, Lilly, Steelbridge, 7 to 3

PROPOSED 2025 TRAIL

April 6th, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins

May 4th, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins

June 8th, Ct River, Haddam Meadows

July 13th MR BASS TBD

Sept 7th, CT River, Haddam Meadows

Oct 5th, Lillinonah, Steel Bridge

Scholarship Report: Mike Billings

Mike was not present, but Told Sylvia there were only two applicants!!! This is very sad!!! He is mailing them out to the Judges and will have a winner by next meeting.

Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris

Rebooked for Nov 16th, 2024

Working on Raffle prizes

Anyone have any ideas for prizes call me please!

Membership Committee/Social Media Director:

We need one!

Website:

Please send me, Sylvia Morris, wefish2@att.net, any new members Emails or any changed emails for me to update the Email Blast list that our Webmaster uses to Blast all important info, News, Tournament Pairings, Results, Etc.

- **CBN Youth Report: John Piscioniere**

The First High School Tournament was held April 20th on Lilly. All went well! Need volunteers for T#2, May, 18th, Latins.

- **National Report, Sylvia Morris**

Nothing New

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN

OLD BUSINESS

- **Excused Absences: Candlewood**
- **REMINDER!!! There are only 9 meetings in the CBN this year, so now your club can only miss ONE!!!**
- **We need a **Vice President** and a **helper** for John Piscioniere and Dean Rustic. Dean Rustic will be stepping down for 2025, we need someone to step up and maybe train with him now for next year!**
- **May 7th, Candlewood Lake, Danbury Town Park is the Veterans Tournament. Joe Kowalski is asking for Boat Captains! Contact Alan Guite if interested: 860-436-8646**
- **Keith Cagel and Julie Cammarata were not able to attend this meeting.**
- **Vinny Mucci announced the Bryan V Kerchal Tournament and the Heart of Ct Opens were held and poorly attended by**

the CBN members!! Thayer's Marine has become a Premier Sponsor of the Opens, paying out a cumulative total of \$5000.00 between the Two Opens if you are a Thayer's Customer in a new or used Boat purchased at Thayer's!!!

- **Dean announced he could not do the FOCS Game Dinner On May 1st as he previously asked for us to cover the cost of making Crab Cakes with Dan Bielert for this event. Unfortunately, he cannot attend because e of work conflicts. He tried to get others to do it but could not get anyone.**
- **NEW BUSINESS**

The May CBN Meeting will be Virtual only as Dean will be away on vacation. Vinny will get all the info out to all the members for that meeting.

- **NO JANUARY, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MEETINGS, all meetings will be on the fourth Wed of each month unless a holiday then will be the third wed.**
- **In Person and WebEx (Info will be email blasted) at Ct Comp 100 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, Training Room.**
- **2024 Meetings are:**
 - May 22nd, 2024--- WILL BE VIRTUAL ONLY**
 - June 26, 2024**
 - July 24th, 2024**
 - August 28th, 2024**
 - September 25th,2024**
 - October 23rd, 2024**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33

