

**June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

**Call began at 7:09pm**

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

**Vinny Mucci-President**

**Sylvia Morris-Secretary**

**Dean Rustic-Conservation Director**

**John Piscioniere- Youth Director**

**Missing:**

**Marc Levesque- Treasurer**

**Abe Kalechman-Tournament Director**

**Clubs Missing: Sweetwater**

**Minutes from prior month accepted.**

- **Announcements: None**
- **Correspondence: None**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**
- **Treasurer Report No report**
- **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. New Bureau Chief for DEEP Wildlife is Justin Davis. Justin will be a great asset for fisheries**

**b. The Bonding package passed and the Squantz Cove Boat Launch is in the list of funded projects.**

**2. Fisheries Advisory Council –**

**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?”**

**3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FoCS)**

**a. No meeting**

**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 Was not present.**

**Sylvia reminded all that the Mr Bass mailing deadline is Sat June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 12 Boats so far!**

**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:**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> MR BASS, TBD??? 7 to 3**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>, Ct River, Haddam 7 to 3**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>, Lilly, Steelbridge, 7 to 3**

**PROPOSED 2025 TRAIL**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>, Ct River, Haddam Meadows**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> MR BASS TBD**

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, CT River, Haddam Meadows**

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, Lillinonah, Steel Bridge**

**Scholarship Report: Mike Billings**

**Nothing new at this time, check was sent to this years winner.**

**Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**

**Rebooked for Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Working on Raffle prizes**

**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 Housatonic High School/Junior Tournament went well. Thank you to all who volunteered to be boat captains and a special Thank you to Mohawk Valley, getting us a Boat Captain at the last minute so that all could fish!!!**
- **Working on getting Jerseys for the Two High School Teams and the Junior Team going to the Championship.**
- **Need Boat Captains for our next Tournament Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Candlewood.**
- **National Report, Sylvia Morris**

**National contenders are volunteering for the High School Tournaments. John has the list of who and when.**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Excused Absences:, Cbba, Ct Yankee, Ct Valley**
- **We need many positions filled,**
  - 1.Social media/ Membership Person open now.**
  - 2.Vice President open now (Two Year term)**
  - 3.Conservation Director helper for this year, train for next.**
  - 4.Youth Director helper for this year, train for next year.**
  - 5.Tournament Director for next year.**

- **The Veterans Tournament will take place on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Congamond Lake. Please contact Al Guite if interested in being a Boat Captain, 860-436-8646.**
- **Update on Qualifier #4 Champlain, July 24, 25 & 26. Registration is still open!! So far, they have approx. 140 boats, plenty of space available! Go to Bassmaster.com and register if you are interested.**
- **REMINDER!!! There are only 9 meetings in the CBN this year, so now your club can only miss ONE!!!**
- **NEW BUSINESS**  
**Joe Kowalski is looking for Boat Captains to help him get his Veterans out. Anyone interested in helping out with this call Joe Kowalski 860-966-6778**
- **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:**  
**July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**August 28th, 2024**  
**September 25<sup>th</sup>,2024**  
**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:39**