

February 26th, 2025

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

Call began at 7:04pm

Officers' Present & on the Call were:

Sylvia Morris-Secretary

Dean Rustic-Conservation Director

Vinny Mucci-President

Marc Levesque- Treasurer

Mike Shay-Vice President

Missing:

Neil Talento

Lindsey Favaloro

Kevin Jaracy-Youth Director

Clubs Missing: Housatonic Valley, Silver City, and Naugatuck Valley

Minutes from prior month accepted.

Announcements:

_Mike Shay has stepped up to fill the position of VP for 2025!!! Vinny officially appointed him into the Position!! Welcome Mike & Thank you!

Correspondence: None

• **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

• **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**

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• **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

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Information from this past Month –

1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting

**Fisheries Update: Provided by Pete Aarrestad, Fisheries Division
Director**

- a. The DEEP “Winterfest” was held at Burr Pond (Torrington) on Saturday 2/1 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.**
- b. The Fisheries Division will be stocking ~10,000 brook trout to reduce crowding in the hatchery. Will be stocked into lakes and ponds having safe ice. Also expect to be stocking some rainbow trout later in the winter.**
- c. The annual fish stocking report is available on the DEEP website. 579,820 total catchable size trout were stocked in 2024 plus an additional 1,987 Atlantic salmon (including 372 large broodstock salmon).**
- d. For marine recreational fishing all of the regulations will remain the same for 2025 as in 2024, except for a minor change in the opening date for black sea bass. The date change for black sea bass was needed so that the opening will fall on a Saturday.**
- e. A supply of the 2025 Inland Fishing Guides have been printed in both English and Spanish and will soon be available in town halls and some tackle shops. This is a simplified guide designed specifically to provide information on the fishing rules.**
- f. Review of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant applications is underway. Expect that the review committee will complete its work this week and that grants will be announced by March. Anticipate awarding between \$300,000 and \$400,000 in grant funds for 2025.**
- g. CCAC question: When a boater purchases an AIS Stamp decal for their boat (\$20 + \$5 processing fee) – Does this cover anyone who can legally operate the boat?**

- a. **Response: Yes. The AIS Decal covers all legal operators of the boat whereas the \$7 individual stamp only covers the person who purchased it.**

2. Fisheries Advisory Council –

- a. **No meeting**

3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FoCS)

- a. **Will be hosting a fund-raising Dinner at the Westbrook Elks Club. A request for purchasing a table for 8 attendees from the CBN to attend. The cost is \$640.00.**
- b. **A request for \$1,000.00 donation to the Friends of CT Sportsmen was made.**

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

- **Tournament Trail Report: Congratulations to our 2025 National Contenders!!! Boaters, Noah Winslow, (Second Time) Mickey Jose Soler, & Dave Maiorano. Non-Boaters, Neil Talento, (Second Time), Mike Talaga, (Second Time), & John Zera!!!**
- **The 2025 Tournament Dates, Rules and Apps are on the website and had been email blasted to all members.**
- **B.A.S.S. has decided to keep the numbers per state that Qualify from the 2025 Trail to the 2026 Nationals the same a slast year, this means we can still Qualify our Top 3 Boaters and Top 3 Non Boaters from our 2025 CBN Tournament Trail straight to the 2026 Nationals!**

THAYERS IS BACK OFFERING THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2025 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!!!

The Thayers monies for 2025 will be given out at the CBN Banquet!!!

2025 TRAIL

April 6th, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins

May 4th, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins

June 8th, Ct River, Haddam Meadows

September 21st TBD (New)

Sept 7th, CT River, Haddam Meadows

Oct 5th, Lillinonah, Steel Bridge

Scholarship Report: Mike Billings

Banquet Report: Mike Shay & Sylvia Morris

Rebooked for Nov 15th, 2025, NEW LOCATION, NEW PRICE

Manor Inn

1636 Meriden Waterbury Road

Milldale Ct. 06467

Invite, Menu and Reservation Instructions to come!

Women's Prizes have been bought.

Working on Raffle prizes

NEED EVERYONE TO HELP SECURE PRIZES!!!

Membership Committee/Social Media Director: Lindsey Favaloro

No Report

Sponsorship/ Chairperson-Neil Talento

No Report

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: Kevin Jaracy**

-I have about 10 teams registered for the upcoming High School season. As of now only 2-3 teams have secured boat captains. I'm still waiting for a few more teams to send me checks and registration forms. Once I receive all checks and BASS #'s I will get everything to Marc. Hopefully by mid March after I register the teams.

Tournament #1 has been moved to Lake Housatonic, Indian Wells State Park Launch. 4/26.

Tournament #2 at Lilly will launch from Pond Brook. 5/17.

Tournament 3 and 4 dates and locations are the same. I will contact Nick to update web page.

Just announced today 2/26!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The 2025 Junior/High School National Championship will be held at Clarks Hill Lake.

7/25-7/26- Junior Championship tournament dates

Qualifiers- Jack Jaracy, Mason Maa't. I will be the boat captain for the Juniors.

7/31-8/2- Highschool Championship tournament dates

-Waiting for John to let me know who the qualifying teams are.

I will notify all qualifiers and explain the process and what they need to do.

I will plan on attending the March meeting. If there are any CBN Members/Clubs that have any donations for the program I will gladly take them at the meeting. I will not have time to do a get together/swap meet on a weekend afternoon before the end of March. It was something Dean had mentioned.

Please forward my information to anyone that is interested in being a boat captain for the upcoming youth season.

If anyone has any questions please have them contact me.

- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN**

OLD BUSINESS

- **We need positions filled,
Conservation Director needed.
Tournament Director , ASAP!!!!**
- **NEW BUSINESS**
- **Vinny announced all Bass Nation Members dicounts available, for codes get in touch with Vinny. These are for personal use only do not hare with others!**
- **AFTCO – B.A.S.S. Members receive an additional 10% discount off already marked down items at AFTCO.com. (Valid only on first purchase after creating account at AFTCO.com.)**
- **Kistler Rods – B.A.S.S. Members receive a 10% discount on Kistler Rods**
- **Rapala – B.A.S.S. Members get 20% off their shopping cart at www.rapala.com (one-time use only). 20% off with promo code applies to every item in your cart except excluded items listed below. Applicable Taxes, Shipping and Surcharges still apply. If a promo code is required, it must be applied during checkout on the My Cart Page or in the Billing Page during checkout to receive the offer. Offer cannot be combined with any other discounted product offers. Offer not valid on previous purchases. Products from all the respected brands on Rapala.com are eligible for this offer with the following exceptions: RAPALA Logo Lures, Rapala Fishing Pro Series PS4 (item RVG-RFPSPS4), Rapala Fishing Pro Series Xbox One (item RVG-RFPSX1)**
- **Daiwa – B.A.S.S. Member Exclusive – Free Multi-Branded Diawa/Omnia/B.A.S.S./AFTCO sweatshirt. For a limited time, buy a Daiwa Zillion SV TW Casting Reel and get a Daiwa Omnia Fishing CX Hoody by AFTCO FREE! While supplies last!**
- **T-H Marine – 20% OFF the T-H Marine Site.**
- **Dakota Lithium – B.A.S.S. Members receive 10% off sitewide on Dakota Lithium products. Cannot be stacked with other promotions.**
- **Toyota - B.A.S.S. members are eligible for the Toyota Bonus Bucks Program. This program provides contingency dollars for the highest placing finishers at sanctioned Bassmaster Tournament trail events.**
- **Marathon - B.A.S.S. Members earn 6 cents per gallon when filling up at participating Marathon and ARCO stations (limit 5 fuel transactions per day). Members can apply their rewards to save on future fuel purchases.**

- **B.A.S.S. Merchandise – Currently leads to dead page, but once we bring online store back in house, this will be updated. Digital Bassmaster - B.A.S.S. Members receive a 50% discount off the regular price or a digital Bassmaster subscription.**
- **Bassmaster AmBASSador Program - Only B.A.S.S. Members can become an ELITE Series AmBASSador (formerly known as marshal) and ride along with the best anglers in the world.**
- **Dean Rustic said that The Friends of CT Sportsman (FoCS)**
 - Will be hosting a fund-raising Dinner at the Westbrook Elks Club. He asked to purchase a table for 8 attendees from the CBN to attend. The cost is \$640.00. He made a motion for the CBN to purchase a Table and fill it with members who attend the CBN Meetings & Officers. Second, the motion was made and discussion was held, Vinny asked how many would be interested, he had five people in attendance have an interest. We took a vote and it passed unanimously.**
 - **A request for \$1,000.00 donation to the Friends of CT Sportsmen was made. It was second and discussion was held. Vinny asked for the Friends of Ct Sportsman to show us yearly report and Dean told us they would and they are a 501C4. We voted and it passed unanimously.**
 - **Veterans Tournament is May 13th Danbury Town Park, Contact Al Guite 860-436-8646. or Joe Kowalski 860-966-6778 if interested,**
 - **Vinny will be announcing a date for a Trailer Clean up in March, any help would be appreciated!**
- **All Bass Nation Rosters online have cleared and are ready for renewal for 2025. Please also update your CBN Club Rosters, (proper form, found online at ctbass.com) and mail a copy of them along with a check, made out to the CBN, for the CBN dues, 50.00 a person (25.00 a**

person for those over 60 and have been a member for five years or more) to:

Marc Levesque, 20 First Ave, Waterbury Ct 06710

Please also send a copy of your CBN Roster to the Secretary, Sylvia Morris via email, wefish2@att.net for the CBN records!

Must be done by Nov 1st please.

- **All Meetings will be In Person and WebEx (Info will be email blasted) at Ct Comp 100 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, Training Room.**
- **2025 Meetings are on the 4th Wed of the month:**
- **REMINDER!!! There are only 9 meetings in the CBN this year, so now your club can only miss ONE!!!**

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March 26th

April 23rd

May 28th

June 25

July 23rd,

Aug 27th

Sept 24th

Oct 22nd

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45