

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

**The call began at 7:08pm**

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

**Sylvia Morris-Secretary**

**Dean Rustic-Conservation Director**

**Vinny Mucci-President**

**Marc Levesque-Treasurer**

**Kevin Jaracy-Youth Director**

**Missing:**

**Neil Talento**

**Lindsey Favaloro**

**Mike Shay-Vice President**

**Clubs Missing: Ct Valley**

**Minutes from prior month accepted.**

**Announcements:**

**Vinny attended the Classic and said the Expo was the world's largest fishing show and was amazing!!!**

**Correspondence: None**

**• REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

- Marc paid the Dishonesty Bond of \$371 for the CBN.**

**• Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**

**• CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

**• CBN Conservation Report March 26, 2025**

**Information from this past Month –**

- 1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting Fisheries Update: Provided by Pete Aarrestad, Fisheries Division Director**
- a. The Governor's FY 26/27 budget calls for a \$500,000/yr cut to the fish hatchery line item.**

- **b. All of the 2025 marine fishing regulations will be the same as in 2024.**
  - **c. Anglers are reminded that they need to put their names and addresses on tip ups.**
  - **d. Review of what's happening at Lake Wononscopomuc in Salisbury: The town won't be allowing any boats to launch except those that are to be kept on-site throughout the season. This is to prevent hydrilla from being introduced. The lake is open to ice fishing. DEEP continued the full allotment of trout stocking during 2024 but is going to do an 80% reduction for 2025. Stocking 500 rainbows this winter to enhance ice fishing.**
  - **e. New Fishing Tournament Policy: Any club issued a fishing tournament permit for a lake that is known to have hydrilla, will not be issued a tournament permit for another lake until 10 days have passed. This is a pilot program designed to help slow the spread of hydrilla to additional CT waters. Ten days is the dry time for being certain that hydrilla is no longer viable. The Agency is aware that there are other vectors involved in the spread of hydrilla (ex. other boats and waterfowl). Part of the intent of this new rule is to prevent efforts by local residents and municipalities to eliminate fishing tournaments and/or public access.**
  - **2. Fisheries Advisory Council – Meeting was held at the new Western District Headquarters – Located at Black Rock State Park.**
    - a. Smallmouth Bass at Kensington Hatchery**
    - b. CT DEEP – C.A.R.E. Updates**
    - c. Update from FAC Legislative Committee**
      - a. Housatonic River Bill to ban Fishing on the Lower Housatonic**
      - b. Water bill for Farmington River flow**
      - c. Fisheries Update on the Stocking**
  - **3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FOCS)**
    - a. The fund-raising Dinner at the Westbrook Elks Club was a success and a shout out to all who attended.**
    - b. The event raised over \$10,000.00**
- Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rustic, Conservation Director**
- **Tournament Trail Report: Vinny Mucci**

**YOU MUST HAVE AN AIS STAMP OR DECAL!!!**

- **The AIS Decal (\$25.00) covers all legal operators of the boat whereas the \$7 individual stamp only covers the person who purchased it.**
- **Vinny has started receiving Applications, most were incomplete!! Please remember to Include all required paperwork along with the app and check made out to the CBN!**
- **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 as last 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 6<sup>th</sup>, Candlewood, Squantz & Latins**

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

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

**September 21<sup>st</sup> TBD (New)**

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

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

**Scholarship Report: Mike Billings**

**No applications yet!!!! One week left!**

**Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**

**Rebooked for Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 13 teams registered for the upcoming High School season. I will need about 7 Volunteer Boat Captains for the Tournaments!  
I have all checks and BASS #'s I will get everything to Marc  
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 at Lake Zoar - State Launch June 21**

**Tournament #4 at Candlewood Lake - Latin's Cove Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**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**

**Qualifiers for the Highschool National Championship: **Boat captains are needed for both teams!!!****

**Grant Plourde  
Justin Lanteri**

**Jack Cozean**

**Hunter Leslie**

**Please contact Kevin Jaracy if interested!!!**

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

**Each Angler & Boat Captain that goes will get a stipend of 500.00 from the CBN Youth Account.**

**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 contact me:**

**Kevin Jaracy**

**203-361-6182 ctjrbass@gmail.com**

- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

**Silver City and Housatonic**

**We need positions filled,  
Conservation Director needed.  
Tournament Director, ASAP!!!!**

- **NEW BUSINESS**

**Vinny announced all Bass Nation Members discounts available, for codes get in touch with Vinny. These are for personal use only do not share 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](http://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 Daiwa/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.**
  - **Veterans Tournament is May 13<sup>th</sup> Danbury Town Park, Contact Al Guite 860-436-8646. or Joe Kowalski 860-966-6778 if interested,**
  - **Vinny will be announced a date for a Trailer Clean up in March 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30am, Joe Kowalski's house any help would be appreciated!**
- **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!!!**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**June 25**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>,**

**Aug 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:44**