

August 27th, 2025

CT B.A.S.S. Nation Conference Call/Webex

The call began at 7:03pm

Officers' Present & on the Call were:

Vinny Mucci-President

Kevin Jaracy-Youth Director

Mike Shay-Vice President

Sylvia Morris Secretary

Dean Rustic-Conservation Director

Missing:

Neil Talento

Lindsey Favaloro

Marc Levesque-Treasurer

Clubs Missing: Naugatuck

Minutes from the prior month accepted.

Announcements:

Spencer Mallett has asked to have a meeting with the CBN Members and Fisheries. Our next scheduled meeting is Sept 24th, for a Q+A.

Vinny asked if they wanted an in-person meeting. Waiting to hear back from them. We discussed it with the members who were online at this meeting and we think an in-person meeting should be held. WE NEED MEMBERS TO ATTEND!!! Watch emails for update on this meeting.

Correspondence:

President Meeting Mid-Year Check-in •

Youth Recap

**Bassmaster High School Championship • 474 Competitors – 249 Boats
Congratulations to Rex Reagan and Max Moody of Pickett Co. HS in
Tennessee on going Back-to-Back. Huge accomplishment. Rex and
Max were also our Alliance Program winners, taking home a Tracker
Pro 170 w/ Mercury 40 HP motor.**

Bassmaster Junior Championship • 236 competitors – 120 boats • Congratulations to Parker Smith and Carson Randan from Scotts Hill HS in Tennessee. • Tennessee completed the 2025 sweep of by winning High School and Junior National Championships. Repeating sweeping the event last year. •

Youth National Championship Berths

State Championship berths are based on the previous year's membership meaning, 2026 berths will be based on the membership accrued between September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025.

This does not apply to Youth/HS Team Trails. This only applies to the National Championship berths given directly to your state for the state championship. O

States with High School memberships of 60 or more members get 2 berths and less than 60 members receive 1 berth.

Junior State Championships will receive 3 berths.

Membership Update

Adult • 2024: 12,833 • 2025 (current): 12,216

High School • 2024: 9,049 • 2025: 7,770

Junior • 2024: 2,214 • 2025: 2,009

Overall • 2024: 25,532 • 2025: 23,442

We are in our final membership push for your state berths.

Roster Updates: Thank you to those who sent in requests and issues within the roster management system. Darwin has been able to implement several fixes on the back end, giving Emily greater access and mobility within the system. We are now focused on front-end updates and roster fixes that will enhance your ability to work within the roster system. •

Nation Schedule: Hope to have this announced prior to the Nation Championship this year. Dates to aid in your schedule planning are as follows:

Qualifier 1 (SE): April 10-12

Qualifier 2 (Central): April 22-24

Qualifier 3 (Northern): May 8-10

Qualifier 4 (NE): July 31-Aug 2

- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque -Sylvia Morris Read it**

- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

CBN Conservation Report August 27, 2025

Information from this past Month –

1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting

a. Next meeting September 9, 2025

2. Fisheries Advisory Council –

a. Next meeting September 11, 2025

a. Agenda Item will be Squantz Cove Boat Launch

3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FoCS)

a. Meet with Rep. Callahan about Squantz Cove Boat Launch

b. Went to Squantz Cove Boat Launch for Callahan to see

c. Working with Lobbyist to restore \$500K in funding for Fish Hatcheries

4. Information from DEEP – Boating Division

a. Request for proposals has been removed and postponed on the CT Website for Squantz Launch

b. CBN Members reviewed the current design document.

a. Website -

https://portal.ct.gov/das/ctsource/bidboard?language=en_US – search for Squantz.

b. No area for Weigh-Ins

c. Parking down to 87 Trailers up to 13 Cars

5. Information CT DEEP Fisheries - a. Reminder to have AIS Stamp as there will be an effort Labor Day to enforce.

b. Warm Water update to be presented at the September CT BASS Nation meeting

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rustic, Conservation Director

- **Tournament Trail Report: Vinny Mucci**

**Tournament #4 will be Sept 7th, Ct River, Haddam Meadows
VINNY ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ARRIVE EARLY AND HELP
WITH SET UP & RUNNING TRAILERS. IT IS A 7:00 START!**

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.**

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

September 21st MR BASS, TBD (New)

Sept 7th, CT River, Haddam Meadows

Oct 5th, Lillinonah, Steel Bridge

Scholarship Report: Mike Billings

The winner is: Bryan Leslie, a \$1000.00 Scholarship from us! Marc sent out the check.

Congratulations Bryan!!!

Mike Billings has stepped down as Scholarship Chairperson. We want to thank Mike for his many years of volunteering for this!!!

Banquet Report: Mike Shay & Sylvia

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

Manor Inn

1636 Meriden Waterbury Road

Milldale Ct. 06467

Invite, Menu and Reservation Instructions have been sent out to all and on our website!

I am stepping down as Banquet Chairperson and Mike Shay is taking over.

We have secured BBT, \$300.00 gift Certificate and 4- Five Year BASS Memberships

Working on more 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

Next tournament for High School is 9/27. Tentatively scheduled for 8-3:30 out of Latins Cove. I'll probably end the tournament at 2:30 or 3:00.

Looking toward the 2026 season, for the 2027 National Championship, I'm thinking about making some changes to the schedule. This will benefit the seniors and allow them to still qualify and attend nationals the summer of their graduation year. I have a few ideas of what I want to do. I will put the ideas together and talk with Vinnie about it. And of course any board members that may be interested or have some input of changing the schedule are welcome to join the conversation. I'll start working on this later in the fall and will have everything finalized by year end.

The qualifying team for the 2026 High School National Championship will be determined this year after the last tournament and the last 2 volunteering opportunities prior to the last CBN tournament in October.

WE NEED BOAT CAPTAINS FOR ALL THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENTS!!!! Contact Info below.

If anyone has any questions, please contact me:

Kevin Jaracy

203-361-6182 ctjrbass@gmail.com

- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Mr. Bass application and Invite went out to all Clubs Presidents and at least one member!! PLEASE let us know if your club will not participate!**

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No By Law Proposals were turned in.

Nominations were turned into Vinny for the following people and positions, they are :

President Vinny Mucci

Vice President Mike Shay

Secretary Sylvia Morris

Treasurer Marc Levesque

Conservation Director Dean Rustic

Tournament Director???????

Vinny announced he will not be Tournament director next year!!!!

Al Gute has asked for 4 more Boat Captains for the Veterans

Tournament on Congamond Lake September 16th, 2025.

Please contact Joe Kowalski, 860-966-6778 or Al Gute 860-436-8646

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.)**
- **Relion Batteries receive a 40% discount NEW**
- **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 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.**
- **Cigaur—20% Discount**
- **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.**
- **EXCUSED ABSENCES: Bass Attack, Ct Bassmen, CBBA, Sweetwater, and Xtreme**
- **We need positions filled,
Conservation Director needed.
Tournament Director, ASAP!!!!
Scholarship Chairperson**

- **NEW BUSINESS**
- **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!!!**
Sept 24th
Oct 22nd

Meeting Adjourned at 8.01

Sylvia Morris