

April 22, 2026

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

The call began at 7:03 pm

Officers' Present & on the Call were:

Vinny Mucci-President

Sylvia Morris Secretary

Marc Levesque-Treasurer

Mike Shay-Vice President

Kevin Jaracy-Youth Director

Dean Rustic-Conservation Director

Jim Young-Tournament Director

Missing:

Clubs Missing: Candlewood

Minutes from the prior month accepted.

Announcements:

Correspondence: None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**
- **CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic**

CBN Conservation Report April 22, 2026

Information from this past Month –

1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting

a. Discussed how well the Opening Day of Keeping Trout went for the DEEP.

b. Many locations featured kids helping stock trout from the DEEP.

c. Discussed the Game Tasting event at the State Capital on Wednesday April 22nd.

a. I will be representing the CBN and making a CT Seafood Chowder for the tasting

2. Fisheries Advisory Council –

a. No Meeting

3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FOCS)

a. Working with Lobbyist to create talking points for the Game Tasting event.

4. Information from DEEP –

a. CT DEEP is looking to create a standard usage rule for Wake Board Boats in Wake Mode.

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rustic, Conservation Director

• **Tournament Trail Report: Jim Young**

1st Tournament was held, all went well. Please note, arrive early, get in the water 30 min prior to take off, if not in the water 30 minutes prior to launch, you will have to wait to Launch until all the Committee gets in the water!!! Jim will be enforcing this rule.

We all want to Thank you Jim!!!

Please get your applications, Ins and Boaters Certificate mailed by the mailing deadline listed on the application!!!

The 2026 CBN Trail Application and Tournament Rules are Posted and sent.

2026 Tournament Trail:

May 17th-Candlewood 8 to 4 Squantz

June 7th- Ct River 7 to 4 Haddam

September 13th- Ct River 7 to 4 Haddam

September 27th- Lilly 7 to 4 Steel Bridge

**Oct 11th- Bryan V Kerchal (Mr. B.A.S.S.)/CBN Championship Tournament
TBD**

- **THAYERS IS BACK OFFERING THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2026 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 2026 will be given out at the CBN Banquet!!!**

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.**

Scholarship-Jim Yoiung has agreed to take the position

**Banquet Report: Mike Shay will rebook: Looking to do Nov 14th 2026
Manor Inn
1636 Meriden Waterbury Road
Milldale Ct. 06467**

Membership Committee/Social Media Director:

Need Someone!

Sponsorship/ Chairperson: Need Someone!

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 10 high school teams, 20 anglers, registered with BASS for 2026 so far, waiting on one more.

5/30 is the first tournament, need 4 more Bapt Captains.

If anyone new is interested in being a boat captains, please have them reach out to me.

Sign up for the High School National Contenders is early May, will order Jerseys then.

Tournament Dates: all Saturdays

May 30th Housatonic 7 to 2 Indian Wells

Aug 22nd Lilly 6:30 to 1:30 Pond Brook

September 19th Candlewood 7 to 2 Latins

Oct 3 Highland 7 to 2 State Launch

Kevin Jaracy

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- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Excused Absences: NONE**
- **CT Bassmen will be holding their 41 st annual Mixed Open Tournament on Candlewood Lake, May 31st. Applications will be out soon!**
- **April 25th, the HOC Open and on April 26th the Bryan V Kerchal Tournament both on Candlewood, applications are posted on the website.**
- **The Major Steven Roy Andrews Veterans Tournament will be held May 12th, Candlewood Lake, Danbury town Park. Anyone interested in Volunteering for this please contact Al Guite, 869-436-8646 or Joe Kowalski, 860-966-6778.**

STILL NEED:

Sponsorship Person

Social Media Director

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.**
- **Seguar—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 –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.**

- **NEW BUSINESS**
- **Dean Rustic submitted this proposal:**

To the CBN Executive Board and Club Representatives.

CBN Outreach Tournament Proposal Date: Sunday, August 16, 2026

Time: 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM Location: Lake Lillinonah – Steel Bridge

Launch Purpose: This outreach tournament is designed to engage key Connecticut DEEP representatives from Fisheries, Boating, and the Fishing Advisory Board by inviting them to participate in a bass tournament.

The goal is to provide firsthand experience with tournament operations, including fish care practices and overall event management.

Hosting the event at Lake Lillinonah in August will also offer valuable insight for boating division staff into current challenges, including center pier design limitations and the lack of adequate courtesy docking.

A key component of this event will be the use of the CBN trailer and full tournament setup. This will allow us to showcase CBN's professionalism, organization, and commitment to responsible tournament practices, helping to strengthen our standing and credibility with DEEP compared to other organizations.

Request: I respectfully request that CBN provide funding for the following:

- **Ice for each participating boater to support proper livewell cooling and fish care**
- **Sandwiches and water for all participants following the tournament**
- **A \$30 stipend for each volunteer boat captain and the CBN trailer driver**

I request that a motion be made to approve this funding, up to \$1000.00.

Motion was seconded; discussion was held, voted and passed unanimously.

- **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!!!
2026 CBN Meeting Dates**

January-NO MEETING

May 27th

June 24th

July 22nd

August 26th

September 23rd

October 28th

November and December & January 2027 NO MEETING

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59

Respectfully submitted:

Sylvia Morris