

**June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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

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

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

**Vinny Mucci-President**

**Sylvia Morris Secretary**

**Marc Levesque-Treasurer**

**Mike Shay-Vice President**

**Jim Young-Tournament Director**

**Missing:**

**Kevin Jaracy-Youth Director**

**Dean Rustic- Conservation Director**

**Clubs Missing: Naugatuck**

**Minutes from the prior month accepted.**

**Announcements: None**

**Correspondence: 2025 Alliance Leads Program check came in for \$4000.00.**

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**  
**CBN Conservation Report**  
**Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rustic, Conservation Director**  
**NO Report**
- **Tournament Trail Report: Jim Young**

**T#3 was held, all went well.**

**Jim wanted to recognize Mike Giacco and Chris Bielert. While fishing T#3 Ct River, June 7<sup>th</sup>, they came upon a body in the water. They did the right thing, stopped fishing, called in to the authorities and waited with the body for the authorities to arrive and answered questions. They lost part of their day fishing to do what needed to be done. The**

**body was that of a young man who had gone missing on that previous Friday. While we cannot imagine what you both have gone through, We so appreciate you for representing the CBN and BASS in such a courageous manor.**

**Congratulations to our Winners:**

**Boaters: 1<sup>st</sup>, Tim Talento, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nick Papotto, 3<sup>rd</sup>, David Gontarz**

**Non-Boaters: 1<sup>st</sup>, Neil Talento, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lorin Valenti, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Todd Fournier**

**Thayer's winner is Nick Papotto!**

**Please note, all tournaments, 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.**

**FYI: All tournaments left are a 7:00 start!!! September Tournaments are only two weeks apart, maybe send in both entries at the same time.**

**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:**

**September 13<sup>th</sup>- Ct River 7 to 4 Haddam**

**September 27<sup>th</sup>- Lilly 7 to 4 Steel Bridge**

**Oct 11<sup>th</sup>- 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 Young has selected a question for the application. It will be sent out by July 1<sup>st</sup> and mailing deadline for applying will be Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2026. We need Judges! Joe Kowalski and Sylvia Morris volunteered we need at least one more!!**

**Banquet Report: Mike Shay rebooked for Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Manor Inn**

**1636 Meriden Waterbury Road**

**Milldale Ct. 06467**

**Same as last year. Will get a price soon.**

**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 (Read By Vinny Mucci)**

**I would like to request the 500.00 stipend for the boat captain and the 2 anglers that will be competing in the High School National Championship. The team has registered, and jerseys have been ordered and I sent Mark a copy of the invoice for reimbursement.**

**Chris Symes-Boat captain**

**Mason Symes-Angler**

**Deaglan O'Kane-Angler**

**The next High School tournament is 8/22, Lake Lillinonah, 6:30-1:30, Pond Brook Launch. I know I'll need a few boat captains. I'll know the exact number needed in early August.**

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

**Jerseys were ordered.**

**Tournament Dates: all Saturdays**

**Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Lilly 6:30 to 1:30 Pond Brook**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> Candlewood 7 to 2 Latins**

**Oct 3 Highland 7 to 2 State Launch**

**Kevin Jaracy**

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

- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN**

**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](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 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.**
- **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.**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
- **Excused Absences: None**

**The Six National Contenders had a meeting to decide when they can Volunteer for the High School Tournaments as required by the CBN.**

**Mike Giacco will Boat Captain on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> and Neil Talento will go and help run Trailers and whatever else Kevin may need. The others have not committed yet.**

**They are also holding Benefit Tournaments to add to the Stipend from the CBN, to help them defer the cost of their Travels to the Nationals and back. Next one is June 28<sup>th</sup> on Ct River, Haddam, 6 to 2, Breakfast and lunch will be available.**

**They are having Jerseys made for the Nationals, they are selling spots from \$250.00 to \$1000.00 depending on location of Logo wanted. If Interested please contact Neil Talento, 860-685-1648 or Mike Giacco, 203-494-6696**

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Joe Kowalski asked for permission to get the CBN Tournament Trailer serviced. It has been three years. All agreed to have this done, Joe will set it up with Trailer Depot in Northford.**

**Neil Talento questioned where the \$4000.00 will go from the Alliance lead program. The Executive Board let him know we will be split up where needed, i.e., High School program, Scholarship program, National Account, Tournament Trailer Upkeep, etc. We will be having a Board meeting soon to discuss all of this. Vinny invited Neil Talento and Mike Giacco to join the meeting.**

**Discussion was held on how the National account is fed, The CBN Tournament Trail feeds this account. 25% of all entry fees go into the National Account. The Trail last year only produced 5,450.00. We needed \$6000.00. This year will produce even less. We need to build the Tournament**

**attendance for sure. Keep in mind next year we will be giving a stipend (To be determined) to 12 people! The Two National contenders and the 10 State Team Members.**

**This led to a discussion of how to build the membership/Trail?? Lots of ideas were tossed around.**

**One was to have members on the Radio show that Joe Kowalski is a part of Neil Talento and Mike Giacco will talk with Joe and get that going.**

**More to come on that.**

**Also talked about, creating Flyers to pass out about the CBN.**

**Another suggestion was to hold some sort of Tournament inviting nonmembers to fish to see what we are all about.**

**We will be looking into all these ideas and welcome any other thoughts!**

- **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**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**October 28th**

**November and December 2026 & January 2027 NO MEETING**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:03**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Sylvia Morris**