

Sept 23rd, 2026

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

The call began at 7:09 pm

Officers' Present & on the Call were:

Vinny Mucci-President

Mike Shay- Vice President

Sylvia Morris Secretary

Dean Rustic- Conservation Director

Marc Levesque-Treasurer

Jim Young-Tournament Director

Kevin Jaracy-Youth Director

Missing: None

Clubs Missing: None

Minutes from the prior month accepted.

Announcements: None

Correspondence: None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS: Marc Levesque

- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**

CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic

CBN Conservation Report September 23, 2026

Information from this past Month –

1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting

a. Presentation from the CCAC Deer Population Sub-Committee

b. CT Deep Breau Chief Justin Davis presented on the Fisheries and Wildlife updates.

a. Justin gave a shout out to the CBN for the Outreach Tournament. He has gotten positive feed back from all who attended and is looking forward to next year's tournament.

2. Fisheries Advisory Council – September 10, 2026, at the CARE Facility a. Provided an overview of the Friends of CT Sportsmen and introduced Keith Cagle.

a. Keith was presented with an \$800.00 check from the CT BASS Nation

b. Presentation from Spencer Mallette about the changes to the Bass Management Lakes and initial feedback from the survey that was sent out.

a. Spencer also provided information on the SMB program at the Kensington Hatchery

c. Bill Hyatt presented on the FAC's Legislative Committee's work on the riparian bill

d. Representative Mushinsky spoke about the Menhaden/Osprey issue

e. Bill Lucey spoke about the NEFMC actions relating to Atlantic herring, mackerel, and by-catch of shad & river herring.

3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FoCS) no meeting.

a. Friends of CT Sportsmen fund raising dinner – was Canceled

4. Information from DEEP –

a. New Online Tournament system is about ready to go live for 2027.

b. Peter Aarrested is looking to retire in 2027

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rustic, Conservation Director

- **Tournament Trail Report: Jim Young**

A discussion was held about the upcoming possible storm for Sunday's CBN T#5 on Lilly and the possible safety issues with holding the Tournament.

It was decided to wait until Friday afternoon, Sept 25th, before making a decision to Cancel or not.

If there is a small craft advisory the B.A.S.S. Insurance will not cover our event, something to consider.

Sylvia will text all anglers and co anglers who are signed up for T#5 via text message tomorrow morning to give them a heads up on what might happen and when our decision will be made.

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!!!

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

Mr Bass apps and invites were sent to all club Reps and Presidents. Please fill out and return ASAP.

2026 Tournament Trail:

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- It was sent out to all and posted. Jim Young has received one so far!!! Deadline for applying will be Oct 1st 2026. We need Judges! Joe Kowalski and Sylvia Morris volunteered we need at least one more!!

Banquet Report: Mike Shay rebooked for Nov 14th, 2026, will get the price and invites out soon.

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

Tournament #3 was held, 4 Teams had 15lbs or better! Th top Team has 19 and change, great bag!

TSgt Logan Gillingham attended the weigh in and talked about recruiting for the Air Force and wanted to support our local youth fishing event.

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

Tournament Dates left: Saturday

Oct 3 Highland 7 to 2 State Launch

Kevin Jaracy

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- **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 (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.**
- **OLD BUSINESS**

- **The Veterans Tournament was held this past Tuesday; Joe Kowalski thanked all who volunteered to make it a great success.**
- **Nominations were turned in for 2027 positions:**
- **Vinny Mucci- President**
- **Mike Shay- Vice President**
- **Marc Levesque- Treasure**
- **Sylvia Morris- Secretary**
- **Dean Rustic- Conservation Director**
- **Jim Young-Tournament Director**
- **Kevin Jaracy- Youth Director**

Voting will take place at the Oct CBN Meeting.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**
- **Dean Rustic has booked the 2027 Outreach Tournament for Friday May 14th, Candlewood, Latins Cove**
- **Mike Iovino was on the call. He has put together a Proposal to Increase Participation in the CBN.**
Discussion was held, lots of ideas tossed around. Mike will join the Executive Board at an Executive Board meeting for further discussion.

Thank you, Mike!

- **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

October 28th

November and December 2026 & January 2027 NO MEETING

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18

Respectfully submitted:

Sylvia Morris