OCT 28th, 2026

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

The call began at 7:04 pm

Officers' Present & on the Call were:
Vinny Mucci-President
Mike Shay- Vice President
Sylvia Morris Secretary
Dean Rustic- Conservation Director
Jim Young-Tournament Director

Missing:
Marc Levesque-Treasurer
Kevin Jaracy-Youth Director

Clubs Missing: Candlewood
Minutes from the prior month accepted.
<u>Announcements</u>:

Good Luck to our National Contenders going to the 2026 Nationals in Nov, Representing the CBN,on Lake Hartwell!!! They are:

Noah Winslow, Kevin Barnosky, Anthony Consiglio, Neil Talento, Brett Vernon & Mike Giacco!

<u>Correspondence</u>: None

<u>REPORTS OF OFFICERS:</u>

- **Treasurers Report-None**

- **<u>CBN Conservation Report: Dean Rustic</u>**

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Information from this past Month –
1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting
a. I was unable to attend due to a work commitment
2. Fisheries Advisory Council – No Meeting
3. Friends of CT Sportsman (FOCS) no meeting.
a. No – Meeting
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

- **<u>Tournament Trail Report</u>: Jim Young**
  We have completed our 2026 Trail Tournaments and Mr. B.A.S.S./Bryan V Kerchal Tournament

  Our 2027 CBN National Contenders and Angler and Co Anglers of the year are:
  Nick Papotto-Angler
  Neil Talento-Co Angler

  Our 2027 CBN State Team Members are:
  Anglers #2 to #5 From the 2026 Trail
  Lenny Gaita
  Devon Ramos
  Tim Talento
  Anthony Consiglio
  Kevin Barnosky-Mr B.A.S.S. Winner

  Co Anglers#2 to #5 From the 2026 Trail
  Lorin Valenti
  Patrick Walsh
  Steve Sanders
  John Zera
  John Najarian-Mr. B.A.S.S. Winner

  2027 Tournament Trail Is Being Worked on, as the DEEP EZ file site is being upgraded, making it user friendly. As soon as it is up and running, we will get the trail set and sent out to all along with the Tournament Rules.
- **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: We had one applicant that qualified, Hunter Leslie, he is a member of Milford Black Bass. A $1000.00 award will be given to his College and presented to him at the CBN Banquet.

Banquet Report: Mike Shay rebooked for Nov 14th, 5:00 pm, 2026, $55.00 a person. Make your reservations Now! Mike Shay- togofish@gmail.com
Location of the Banquet is:
Manor Inn
1636 Meriden Waterbury Road
Milldale Ct. 06467

Membership Committee/Social Media Director: Newly Appointed, Mike Iovino! Welcome Mike!

Sponsorship/ Chairperson: Need One!

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.

- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN**

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 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.**

- **<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>**

  Secretary cast one vote for the Existing 2026 Officers and Directors to remain in office for 2027 as they were running unopposed:

Vinny Mucci- President
Shay- Vice President
Marc Levesque- Treasure
Sylvia Morris- Secretary
Dean Rustic- Conservation Director
Jim Young-Tournament Director
Kevin Jaracy- Youth Director

- **We have turned in 17 Alliance/Triton Leads. Deadline is tomorrow Oct 29th.**
- **The B.A.S.S. Nation online rosters have been cleared and are ready to renew your Clubs members. They have worked on the Roster page, and you now can delete past members who are no longer members.**
- **Chapter Awards and Person of the Year Nominations are due in By Monday Nov 3rd, no later than 6PM**

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **CBN E Board will be getting together to look into revamping the 2027 CBN Trail to hopefully increase competition and participation.**

- **New 2027 CBN Meeting Dates Listed below.**

- **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!!!**

2027 CBN Meeting Dates

Feb 24th

March 24th

April 28th

May 26th

June 23rd

July 28th

Aug 25th

Sept 22nd

Oct 27th

November and December 2026 & January 2027 NO MEETING

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully submitted:
Sylvia Morris