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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**  
**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

OMB No 1545-1150

**2014**Open to Public  
Inspection**A** For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning

and ending

**B** Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return/terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

**C** Name of organization**CONNECTICUT B.A.S.S. NATION, INC.**

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

**C/O MARC LEVESQUE 20 FIRST AVENUE**

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

**WATERBURY, CT 06710****D** Employer identification number**06-1306552****E** Telephone number**203-592-6305****F** Group Exemption Number ▶**G** Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶**I** Website: ▶ **WWW.CTBASS.COM****J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(7) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**H** Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).**K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ▶ \$ **80,881.****Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

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Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	14,509.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	37,102.
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	13,600.
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	15,670.
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	10,514.	
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	5,156.	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	<b>Total revenue</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	70,367.	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	4,053.
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	950.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	1,671.
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	64,525.
	17	<b>Total expenses</b> Add lines 10 through 16	17	71,199.
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-832.
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	85,809.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0.
	21	<b>Net assets or fund balances at end of year.</b> Combine lines 18 through 20	21	84,977.

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**Part V Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Sch. O to respond to any question in this Part V ☒

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		X
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	N/A	
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37a	0.
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	N/A
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	0.
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	0.
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:		
section 4911 <u>N/A</u> ; section 4912 <u>N/A</u> ; section 4955 <u>N/A</u>		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	N/A
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		N/A
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		N/A
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed	CT	
42a The organization's books are in care of	MARC LEVESQUE	
Located at	20 FIRST AVENUE, WATERBURY, CT	
Telephone no.	203-592-6305	
ZIP + 4	06710	
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b	X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	43	N/A
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	X
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	X
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office?

If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		X

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Sch. C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		
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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
N/A				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None." N/A

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

☐ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer

MARC LEVESQUE, TREASURER

Type or print name and title

5/15/15

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
TODD SHELANSKY	Todd Shelansky	5/7/15		P00445857
Firm's name	Firm's EIN			
HARPER & WHITFIELD, P.C.	06-1071692			
Firm's address	Phone no.			
314 FARMINGTON AVENUE FARMINGTON, CT 06032	860-677-9188			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.**

**▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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**Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

**Total**

- 3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events NONE	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
		<b>BANQUET</b> (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	15,670.			15,670.
	2 Less: Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	15,670.			15,670.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages	560.			560.
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	9,954.			9,954.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				10,514.
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				5,156.

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
- |                               |     |   |
|-------------------------------|-----|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility         | 13b | % |
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records.

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_

Address ► \_\_\_\_\_

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?
- ☐
- Yes
- ☐
- No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_

Address ► \_\_\_\_\_

## 16 Gaming manager information

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided ► \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Director/officer
☐ Employee
☐ Independent contractor

## 17 Mandatory distributions.

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV** Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions)



<b>Part IV</b>	<b>Supplemental Information</b> <i>(continued)</i>
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**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
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**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10, GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS:**

**ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

**GRANTEE NAME:**

**GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: CHILDREN OF CBFN MEMBERS**

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: SCHOLARSHIP - CASH AWARD**

**DATE OF GIFT: 12/31/14**

**AMOUNT GIVEN: 3,000.**

**ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED**

**GRANTEE NAME:**

**GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: NONE**

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: SCHOLARSHIP - CASH AWARD**

**DATE OF GIFT: 12/31/14**

**AMOUNT GIVEN: 1,053.**

**TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10 4,053.**

**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 14, OCCUPANCY, RENT, UTILITIES, AND MAINTENANCE:**

**DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSES: AMOUNT:**

**DEPRECIATION 1,671.**

**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:**

**DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES: AMOUNT:**

**TOURNAMENT EXPENSE 31,842.**

**STATE TEAMS 20,022.**

**YOUTH EVENTS 2,909.**

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2014)

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OFFICE EXPENSES	1,478.
PROPERTY TAXES, INSURANCE, MISC. FEES	546.
BOATING/FISHING SHOWS	1,182.
CONTRIBUTIONS	1,962.
WEBSITE EXPENSE	750.
HIGH SCHOOL FISHING EXPENSE	1,000.
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE	201.
PRO SHOP EXPENSES	555.
CONSERVATION EXPENSE	2,078.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16	64,525.

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24, OTHER ASSETS:

DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
UNSOLD PINCS, PATCHES, STICKERS, T-SHIRTS	685.	685.
OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS	2,220.	549.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 24	2,905.	1,234.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE - RECREATION WITH CONCERN  
FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

FORM 990-EZ, PART V, INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS:

THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,  
OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,  
OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

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Asset No	Description	Date Acquired	Method	Life	Conv	Line No	Unadjusted Cost Or Basis	Bus % Excl	Section 179 Expense	* Reduction In Basis	Basis For Depreciation	Beginning Accumulated Depreciation	Current Sec 179 Expense	Current Year Deduction	Ending Accumulated Depreciation
1	WEIGH IN SYSTEM SOFTWARE	05/18/07	SL	3.00		16	2,023.				2,023.	2,023.		0.	2,023.
2	TENT FOR TOURNAMENT EVENTS	07/10/07	SL	7.00		16	1,208.				1,208.	1,124.		84.	1,208.
3	DIGITAL CAMERA	07/10/07	SL	5.00		16	291.				291.	291.		0.	291.
4	TRAILER	05/22/08	SL	7.00		16	9,232.				9,232.	7,364.		1,319.	8,683.
5	OPTOMA PROJECTOR	10/26/09	SL	5.00		16	400.				400.	333.		67.	400.
6	TOSHIBA LAPTOP	09/16/09	SL	5.00		16	466.				466.	395.		71.	466.
7	DIGITAL VOICE RECORDER	05/07/09	SL	5.00		16	95.				95.	89.		6.	95.
8	TWO WAY RADIOS	05/15/09	SL	5.00		16	101.				101.	93.		8.	101.
9	DIGITAL LEADERBOARD READOUT	03/30/09	SL	5.00		16	2,325.				2,325.	2,209.		116.	2,325.
	* TOTAL 990-EZ PG 1 DEPR						16,141.				16,141.	13,921.		1,671.	15,592.

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(D) - Asset disposed

\* ITC, Salvage, Bonus, Commercial Revitalization Deduction, GO Zone