

Northwest CT Sportsman's Council

Council Report: April 25, 2006

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Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM by the Council President. All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Role of Delegates, Clubs and officers:

Chris Marino, NVBC; Jim Fairchild, BWCC; Tony Chianese, BWCC; Seamus Muzzulin, RRCC; Dean Fraley, Ousatonic F&G and CT Classic Bucks; Joe Rinaldi, Torrington F&G; Jerry Ciarcia, WBY F&G; Jim Fedorich, Sharon F&G; Mike Fusco, Harwinton R&G; Tom Accuosti, Goshen Sportsmen; Mike O'Connell, UBC; Clyde Breakell, Foothill's Sportsmen; Craig Nelson, New Preston R&G

Officer's present: President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The minutes for the March meeting were distributed and reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Account and investment balances reported.

Discuss options for transferring checking funds and opening a higher yield savings account or Fusion type CD. It was decided to transfer surplus funds into each mutual fund and for Tom to seek a better Savings or CD account.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report approved.

Correspondence:

- One bill from CPTV for videotape of Environment Public Hearing. Amount \$35.99. Motion made to, (pay the CPTV bill.) Second. Approved.
- Letter from the Working Lands Alliance. Our Council is a sponsoring member. Clyde Breakell moves to, (authorize the Council Treasurer to make a \$100.00 donation to WLA in the anniversary month of our sponsorship.) There was a second. Motion approved.

Website:

Chris reports that Dave Coons has updated the website with all CAC and Council reports that are available to date. May still need to delete the Northfield Club, as this club is no longer in operation.

Membership: Need list of all clubs and addresses. Clyde reports that NW R&G is trying to find a delegate for the club.

Conservation Advisory Council: (CAC)

- Chris reported on the inland fisheries regulations proposals. Discussion centered on the proposal to limit trout fishing on several of the Trophy Trout Lakes due to high trout mortality during the warm weather, summer months. The regulation proposals will be available on the DEP website and there will be a public hearing later this summer.
- Further discussion revolved around the complexity of fishing regulations and the loss of fishing license sales in this state over the past decade.
- A winter flyover deer survey was conducted in 2005-6. Results are being assessed by DEP and should be available soon.
- The Sunday Hunting Bill is reported stalled in the house because of amendments. It has now become controversial, and as a result, may not be called for debate before the legislative session ends.

Old Business:

- Chris reports that we have the combo for the south gate of the Goshen WMA . We need to plan work parties for habitat work and cleanup.
- Jim reported on the Burlington Hatchery and progress on getting wetlands approvals for the wells.
- Tickets for the Council Raffle will be available next week at Autumn Gun Works.
- Dom reported on the Metacon issue. Plans for our Council visit on Sunday were made.

New Business:

- Chris reported on the formation of an Open Space Committee in the Town of Goshen and efforts by the town to establish an open space fund for future use. Sportsmen on this committee are urging that recreational opportunities and active woodland management be included in the planning wherever reasonably possible.
- Chris also reported on efforts to purchase the 300-acre Kelly Farm for open space.
- Mike Fusco reported that Harwinton R&G is going to host a Range Safety Officer Class. Any club wishing to have members attend this class can contact Mike to make arrangements.
- Torrington Conservation Committee and NW TU are conducting a Naugatuck River Cleanup on the second Saturday of June. Meeting area will be the Torrington Senior Center on East Albert St., and the cleanup will progress south to Campville. Dumpsters, tools and refreshments will be provided.
- Dom reported on the "Lost and Stolen Gun Bill. This bill was discussed in depth and disappointment was expressed that some of our area legislators actually support this bill.
- Dom reported on Metacon's, "Women On Target" program. Flyer's available.
- Seamus reported that Rocky River will be holding its Coon Hound Field Trials and hunt Saturday.

Anyone wishing to attend Western CT FNRA on May 24 can pay for his or her reservation at Autumn Gun Works.

Note: Need to get meetings and event dates on website calendar.

Motion to adjourn. Approved.

Adjourn at 9 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Chris Marino
Secretary, NWCSC