

NORTHWEST CT SPORTSMAN'S COUNCIL  
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MINUTES 2/22/2005

Meeting called to order at 7:25pm by council president, Chris Marino. Pledge of Allegiance.

Rolls of club, delegates & officers who  
Attended are:

Craig Nelson, New Preston Rod & Gun  
Phil Mauriello, Woodbury/Southbury Rod & Gun  
Elise Mauriello, Ye Olde Newgate Coon Club  
Peter Gray, Northwest Ct Sportsman Assoc.  
Dean Fraley, Conn Classic Bucks  
Tom Accuosti, Goshen Sportsmen  
Mike Fusco, Harwinton Rod & Gun  
Jim Fedorich, Sharon Fish & Game  
Jerry Ciarcia, Waterbury Fish & Game  
Joe Rinaldi, Torrington Fish & Game  
Clyde Breakell, Foothills Sportsmen  
Chris Marino, Naugatuck Valley Beagle Club  
Jason Marshall, NW CT Sportsman's Assoc  
Dominic Basile, Chase, Metacon & Bell City.

**Committee reports:**

**Financial:** the banquet was a huge success. Tom Accuosti mentioned that he felt all members should be congratulated for a fine job, well done. The financial report will be finalized at the next meeting. All bills will have been paid by this date. Dominic Basile mentioned that we might consider holding this on a Saturday rather than Friday. We might get more response. Other members felt why change a good thing and leave it at Friday...  
It was mentioned that we should have one central location to pay, which would eliminate confusion. Also it would be better if we had an up to date expense report prior to the banquet to get an idea of how much was spent.

There is a Henry rifle left from the banquet. A motion was made and seconded to hold an "in house raffle". We will purchase 200 tickets and sell them for \$10.00 each. We will have them ready for the March meeting. We will send our flyers to the other clubs to check their interest. If each club sold 10 tickets it would give us a profit for this gun... More to follow at March meeting.

A motion was made to purchase a shotgun for the Jr. Hunting Day. It was tabled for next month.

We should start our planning for next year's banquet. Dean Fraley will get catalogs for the prints to review. All prints were raffled at the banquet. A list of suggestions should be made and presented at next meeting.

**Membership:** Metacon wanted to thank everyone for their membership and to allow them to participate. They will take a video of the gun winner and have available to the future meetings and also for the next banquet.

**CAC Report:** Elections were held. There is a new state police bill up to regulate the long guns. All members should call the public safety committee and voice our opinion. Contact Bob Crook at his website also.

**Old Business:**

The trout Unlimited dinner is on 3/12/05, at the Litchfield Inn. \$35.00

The NRA dinner is on 3/11/05 at the Aquaturf.

The issue of all hunters to wear an orange hat was discussed. Most members felt that this proposal was unnecessary as the wearing of an orange hat is suggested by all CE/FS instructors and we feel that 90% plus of the sportsmen in this state already are wearing orange hats during hunting season.

**New Business:**

The results of the banquet show that we have an amount of money in our checking account that should be invested. We should check CD's or mutual funds. It will be reported next month.

We should ask Bob Crook about the Washington boat ramp. No money has been received from the state yet to construct the ramp.

Discuss renewal of state lease for Bantam lake boat access ramp from town of Morris.

Dean Fraley mentioned the kid's camp and that we should think about this. Also to check out other kids camps to educate the youth and each club could sponsor a kid to attend. Due to liability and other considerations, this idea will be tabled for the future.

The project at the Burlington Fish Hatchery was discussed. We need to consider running about 300' of electric to the western portion of property. We should invite Dave Zadrosny to our meeting to discuss this further.

There was a motion to donate \$500 to Bob Crook and CCS, from the Council for our annual donation. Motion was seconded and passed.

It was mentioned that letters and minutes should be sent to all clubs that are members of the Council. This will be discussed further.

The range disclosure law was discussed. All members should write to Sen. Roraback and advise our position on this. Also a copy should go to Bob Crook, CCS.

It was also mentioned that we should invite Sean Williams to attend one of our meetings. Much discussion followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm

Respectively Submitted,

Kathy Phalen