

## **Northwest CT Sportsman's Council Report 9/27/05**

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm by Council President, Craig Nelson. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll of Clubs, Delegates, & Officers:**

Elise Mauriello, Ye Olde Newgate Coon Club, Bristol Fish & Game; Phil Mauriello, Woodbury Southbury Rod & Gun; Dean Fraley, Ousatonic Fish & Game, CT Classic Bucks; Ray Schmid, Bethlehem W.C C; Bret Hodorski, Bethlehem W C C; Jim Fedorich, Sharon Fish & Game; Michael Fusco, Harwinton Rod & Gun; Tom Accuosti, Goshen Sportsmen's Assoc; Jason Marshall, NWCSA; Craig Nelson, New Preston F & G; Clyde Breakell, Foothills Sportsman; Chris Marino, NVBC.

**Minutes** of August meeting were read and accepted.

### **Financial Report:**

The Jr Hunting Day on 9/17/05 was a success. It cost \$642.00.

Our investments have been made and all bills have been paid. A motion was made to accept the financial report and all were in favor.

A motion was made to reimburse Chris Marino for the purchase of 5 Junior Memberships to the Ruffed Grouse Society. These memberships were awarded to interested youths participating in our Council sponsored: Jr. Hunting Day. Motion approved. As a footnote; the junior memberships were purchased at the RGS Banquet September 16<sup>th</sup>. Each membership received a chance at the RGS drawing for a youth shotgun. One of our tickets won the shotgun and it too was donated to the kids participating in our JHD.

A motion was made to purchase a new computer for our Treasurer. It was withdrawn because Tom Accuosti indicated that what he had at home was fine.

### **Nominations:**

The Board of Directors nomination were made and voted on. Three directors were elected to serve on the board along with our Council Officers.

Mike Fusco, Phil Mauriello, & Clyde Breakell were elected. Mike would serve 2 1/2 years, and Phil and Clyde will serve 1 year.

**Correspondence:** None

**Rapid Response:** No report

### **Banquet:**

There are only 5 months and 5 meetings before the event. Members should start to get raffle prizes and all delegates should go back to their clubs for donations or cash. Some of the suggestions were Barrows of Cheer and Gift Certificates for Services. Members should check on the purchase of prints. We would need 5 to 10. Also would need 20 to 25 Guns. The Board of Directors would set up a Committee at the next meeting to decide on the Guns. Also letters need to be sent out with our Statement of Purpose for donations. A motion was made by Clyde to start a list of Guns that we would start to purchase. It was seconded and all in favor. Motion carried.

**CAC-** A meeting with Dale May of Wildlife Division. Connecticut will introduce a ban of transporting whole deer carcasses from New York State and other CWD positive states. There are new regulations beginning with the 2005-2006 trapping season regarding land sites for trapping coyotes and fisher. Trappers will have to attend a special class to be certified to participate. CAC & NWCSA discussed the involvement of Nature Conservancy and the purchase

of 16000 acres of land to be put aside for the public. We have asked Deputy Commissioner, David Leff to come out and talk to our group at a future meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

The Senior Fishing Derby was a great success and thanks were given to NW CT Sportsman's Council for their support.

Insurance:

The applications have been filled out and sent into the agent in New York State. Jason will call and get a status of the application and will report next month.

#### **New Business:**

The Federally sponsored, CT Highlands Program will be the subject of meetings set up in New Milford, Winsted, and Falls Village. 10/19 in New Milford, 10/20 in Winsted, and 11/7 in Falls Village. Craig & Dean will attend the New Milford meeting. Chris and Clyde have attended the Torrington meeting.

The Glastonbury Shooting Area off Rt#2 is open to the Public. Check the DEP website or call 1 860 295 9523 for more information.

The CT Forestry Council will hold a meeting on 10/26/05 from 6 to 8 at the Sessions Woods Wildlife Management location. Jason will set up the seminar on issues in Connecticut. Invitations will be sent out. If interested, call Jason.

#### **New Business:**

The Pheasant Tags are now at a limit of 10 birds on private property. CAC should look into this. A review of the CT Hunting laws was made and discussed.

Aquatic Classes in Bethlehem will be held for the identification of plants. Call Jason for the date and time.

The Bantam Lake Boat Launch is now closed. Morris and the DEP are negotiating to have it open again.

#### **Good of the Council:**

Old New Gate Coon Club is holding a Pig Roast on 10/2. Also 11/6 will be a Shoot for Sporting Clays.

NW Trout Unlimited is teaching Fly Fishing & Fly Tying classes at Wamogo High School. Information will be obtained for the next meeting

A motion was made to buy a table at the 10/21 NRA Dinner, which will be held at the Cornucopia in Torrington. Dinner is at 7. The table would hold 8 people. Also a \$100 donation will be made. Motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.