

Northwest CT Sportsman's Council

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Council Minutes: January 24, 2006

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

Roll of clubs and delegates.

Elise Mauriello; Olde Newgate Coon Club & Bristol F&G; Phil Mauriello; WoodburySouthbury & Thomaston R&G, Clyde Breakell; Foothill's Sportsmen, Mike O'Connell; UBC, Dean Fraley; Ousatonic F&G, Tom Accuosti; Goshen Sportsmen, Dom Basile; Chase, Bell City, and Metacon, Mike Fusco; Harwinton R&G, Jim Fedorich; Sharon R&G, Bob Andryzeck; CT Trapper's Assoc., Jason Marshall; NWCSC, Craig Nelson; New Preston R&G, Tony Chianese; Bethlehem WCC, Jim Fairchild; Bethlehem WCC, Joe Rinaldi; Torrington F&G, Chris Marino; NVBC

All officers present.

Minutes of December meeting distributed, read and approved.

Treasurer's Report given and approved.

Motion to, "reimburse Jim Fedorich for Banquet merchandise purchases from Orvis" approved.

Correspondence:

Letter from DEP regarding the "Teaming With Wildlife" program, given to secretary for investigation.

Rapid Response: No Activity.

Membership: No Activity.

Conservation Advisory Council: Check web site for full report.

Chris and Jason reported on the January CAC meeting noting that election of CAC Officers had been conducted and the new officers are: Chairman: Chris Marino, Vice-chairman; Tip Garitt, and Secretary; Jim Cyr.

Fisheries Director William Hyatt attended this meeting as the BNR representative. During discussion of the increased production and efficiency of the Burlington Trout Hatchery, Bill made a comment that the improvements at the hatchery as a result of the new management and volunteer donations of material and labor from the Farmington River Anglers, NW Trout Unlimited and the NWCSC over the past several years had an estimated value of 2.3 million dollars, based on the projected costs to the state to achieve the same level of improvement.

The topic of requiring all hunters to wear fluorescent orange hats was brought up the Council and discussed for the second time. The consensus of the delegates present was to reaffirm the previous "No" vote regarding this subject and take no further action.

Banquet:

Motion to purchase two Hand-carved decoys from Dean Fraley at \$175.00 each was approved.

Motion to purchase pheasant mount from Craig Nelson at \$75.00 was approved.

Motion to purchase L.C. Smith double from Marlin for the banquet or NWCSC raffle through AGW approved.

Motion to return proceeds of Metacon Raffle at the 2006 banquet, to the club as a donation to their legal defense fund approved.

Discussed changing banquet date to avoid conflict with Hartford Sportsman's Show. Consensus to move our banquet to the fourth Friday in February next year.

Banquet committee will meet at Council office on Feb 12th, at noon, to finalize preparations for banquet.

Tom Accuosti requests NWCSC ID cards for all banquet volunteers. Jason to comply.

Old Business:

Chris presented a draft proposal regarding NWCSO purchase of habitat management equipment. Copies of proposal distributed to those present. This proposal is to generate thought and suggestions on how best our Council can proceed to have a meaningful impact on habitat management issues.

New Business:

Report and discussion of "Gun Forums" sponsored by CCAGV and city mayors/politicians. No pro-gun representatives of firearm business leaders at these forums. They are setting the stage for anti-gun legislative proposals to be introduced during the upcoming legislative session.

Adjourn: 9:30 PM.

Respectfully
Chris Marino
Secretary, NWCSO