

Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

June 3rd, 2006

Meeting called to order by: Chris Marino, Chairman. 7:05 pm @ D.E.P. Headquarters, Hartford, CT

Present : (regular delegates; Bruce Tolhurst- American Hunting Dog Club
Ray Hanley- Bristol Fish & Game Assoc.
John D'Arpino- CT Falconers Assoc.
Gerry Zordan- CT Farm Bureau
Robert Andrews- CT Forrest & Parks
Vinnie Ringrose- CT Fly Fisherman's Assoc.
Robert Lazarski- Ct Ruffed Grouse Society
Fred Frillici- Fairfield League Sportsman
Raymond Szajkowski- CT National Wild Turkey Fed.
Rich Lockary- CT National Wild Turkey Fed.
George Finch- New London/ Windam County
Mike Ose- Rockville Fish & Game Club
George Marsh- United Bow hunters of CT
Albin Moller- Ted Nugent Sportsman of America

(Vice –Chairman) Tip Garret- CT Trappers Association
(Acting Secretary) Jason Marshall- NW CT Sportsman's Council

Also in attendance were: Edward Parker- Chief, BNR
Tom Lewoc- D.E.P. Law Enforcement
Mike Michaud- guest of NW CT Sportsman's Council

The official minutes By Acting Secretary Jason Marshall for the month of May were sent out to the delegates. The Chairman, Chris Marino requested a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was made by George Finch and seconded by Ray Hanley. Chris Marino thanked Jason Marshall for stepping in for Jim Cyr until he could resume his duties as Secretary.

I. Correspondence:

None.

II. Chairman's Report:

None.

III. T.I.P. Report:

* Tom Lewoc reported that the new D.E.P. boats are in service.

* He also reported that 49 incidences reported to the T.I.P. line. Out of those, there were 5 arrests. Mostly for fishing violations. (see attached)

* Tom handed out an announcement sheet about the D.E.P. ECON officers awards. (see attached)

* Jim Wolf will be the new representative to the C.A.C. for the Law enforcement Division of the D.E.P. replacing Tom Lewoc. Chris Marino thanked Tom for his service to the C.A.C. and all delegates wished him good luck in his new position.

IV. B.N.R. Report:

* Ed Parker reported on the issue of unleashed non-hunting dogs on state land. His office will have the final regulation package out by September.

* He also reported that the new Hunting Regulation package will be coming out in late 2007 to early 2008.

* Ed told the delegate that for the next session of the C.A.C. meetings that he will be very busy with his new duties as the Director of The Assoc. Of National Wildlife Organizations. He will ask the other dept heads to sit in for him during his absence.

* Pheasant stocking bids are in. There is a new vender, Valley Game out of NY State. The total number of birds purchased is 17,153 at a cost of \$9.47 per bird. That number is down from last years stocking of 19,142 birds. Ed mentioned that the state will be looking at getting more venders from out of state in the future.

* Ed discussed the status of the On-Line Licensing System and what stage the D.E.P. is at right now. Ed reported that the financial review for the top two contractors is ongoing.

* Ed mentioned that the issue of Lifetime hunting licenses will not be pursued by the state at this time.

* On the topic of the state wide Junior Hunting Day funded through a grant from the N.S.S.F. The decision was made by the D.E.P. not to participate this year because of the lack of increase of new sportsman's clubs getting involved with the program. Jason Marshall asked about putting on a privately funded jr. pheasant hunting day by the individual clubs and asked weather they were able to do it. Ed said he would find out and get back to Jason with an answer.

* Jason Marshall introduce Mike Michaud who was attending the meeting as a guest wanted to address the C.A.C. and to bring up the topic of boat ramp access and fish mortality at the bass tournament around the state. Mike was a past tournament director for a bass fishing club in NW CT and spoke from his past and present experiences with bass tournaments. He brought up his concerns about the "out of state" clubs coming into CT and not applying for tournament permits with the state D.E.P. & the overcrowding at the boat ramps by tournament boats. Mike asked about a great law enforcement presence at the bass tournaments to make sure regulations are being followed. Ed said that he would look into the issues that were brought up.

It was decided by all that the C.A.C. write a letter to the CT. Bass Federation to state some of there concerns with any problems they may have with the tournament fishing.

V. Legislative:

* Bob Crook was absent so there was no report.

VI. Committee Reports:

None.

VII. Old Business:

* None.

VIII. New Business:

* The topic of sending a card to retiring D.E.P. Deputy Commissioner David Leff was brought up.

* Tip Garrett brought up the issue of "The Milan Bull Award". The C.A.C. in the past had regularly given this award on an annual basis but has not in several years. It was recommended that the delegates think about who or what organization might be worthy of being presented this award and to start coming up with some names in the near future.

A motion was made by Fred Frillici to adjourn and was seconded by Tip Garrett. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectably submitted by Jason Marshall (Acting Secretary)