

**Northwest CT Sportsman's Council**  
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**Council Minutes: March 27, 2007**

Council President Craig Nelson called the March meeting to order at 7:35 PM. All rise for Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll of Delegates, Clubs, Officers and Guests:**

Elise Mauriello, Newgate Coon Club & Bristol F&G; Phil Mauriello, Woodbury/ Southbury R&G; Jerry Ciarcia, Waterbury F&G; Jason Marshall, NWCSA; Chris Marino, NVBC; Tony Chianese, BWCC; Tom Accuosti, Goshen Sportsmen; Craig Nelson, New Preston R&G; Joe Rinaldi, Torrington F&G; Jim Fedorich, Sharon F&G; Mike O'Connell, UBC; Jim Fairchild, Bethlehem WWCC; Mike Fusco, Harwinton R&G; Dean Fraley, CT Classic Bucks; Jerry Gould, NW TU; Tom Small, Ratlum Mtn. F&G; Adam Murray, NW CT R&G; Jake Parmalee, NW CT R&G.

Officers in attendance: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for the February 27, 2007 meeting were e-mailed to delegates. Copies available at meeting. Joe Rinaldi **motions** to, "accept the minutes" Mike Fusco seconds. Discussion. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom reported on profit for 2007 banquet, and gave a financial report. Tom read a letter from Dominic Basile regarding a lost check from the Chase R&P Club. The check has been replaced. Tom is also working with Bethlehem to determine status of their table payment. Jake Parmalee **motions** to, "accept the Treasurer's Report" Second by Jerry Gourd. Discussion. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** None

**Committees:**

**Conservation Advisory Council:**

Chris Marino reported on the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CAC.

There are several major youth programs scheduled over the next several months including the two BSA Trailblazer programs that will host thousands of young people, and the CT Waterfowler's Junior program. Each program is multi-faceted and asking that sportsmen's groups volunteer with portions of the programs.

A legislative report was given by Bob Crook. As of this meeting, the only gun bill still active in the legislature is the lost & stolen gun bill.

Bear management policy is in process of formulation at this time. No specifics.

No news on new wildlife regulations.

A motion was made and passed by the CAC to, "authorize the chairman to write three letters to the appropriate legislative committees: one in support of the DEP Bill and new licensing structure; one in support of the Sunday Hunting Bill; and one in opposition to the Anti-trapping Bill."

**Comments:** Joe Rinaldi asked about license and permit forms that ask for Driver's License and Social Security numbers. Although this info is not required, the forms do not state that fact and it is felt by many that these questions should be eliminated. This issue has been discussed at CAC without success. We will try to bring it up again.

**Membership:** No report.

**Old Business:**

- It was reported that Metacon has won the federal lawsuit against them. The plaintiffs apparently will appeal, but prospects look good for the club.

- Discuss Council voting policy. Determine that the best course is to follow Robert's Rules as provided in our by-laws.
- Reports from our contact with DEP indicate that planning & approval for the cooperative, early successional habitat project for the Housatonic WMA is unlikely to be completed before April. We may need to consider delaying the project until after nesting season or early fall.
- Habitat work is being conducted by DEP at the Mad River Dam area.
- Discuss the proposed restructure of hunting and fishing licenses. Debate pro and con was considerable and valid. The greatest concerns regarding supporting this bill include: reductions in General Funds as a result of the extra income generated from the new license structure. This could negate any net gain in DEP finances. Transparency and accounting of how the extra income will be spent. Since it is apparent that major funding for natural resources is to continue to be financed by sportsmen; sportsmen should have a major voice in how funds are allocated, and sportsman projects should be prioritized. The bulk of new revenue should finance conservation projects in the field. Finally, we all feel that reciprocity in marine fishing licenses between the New England states is critical to winning sportsman approval.

Jim Fedorich **motions** to, "authorize NWCSC support for the 2007 DEP Bill regarding Sport License Restructure and introduction of a CT State Marine Fishing License." Jerry Ciarcia seconds motion. Discussion. Motion passes by a vote of 11 for and 3 opposed.

The Secretary will draft a letter to the appropriate legislative committee in support of the DEP bill. He will also include our concerns regarding transparency, accountability, General Fund reductions and reciprocity.

- **NW CT Clay Crushers:** Chris Marino **motions** to, "make a Council donation of \$500.00 to support this program for 2007. It is stipulated that this is a one-time donation that can be revisited on an annual basis for consideration of inclusion in a future Council annual budget." Second by Jim Fedorich. Discussion.  
Phil **motions** to, "amend the main motion to include a provision that the Council will provide NWCSC patches for the team, and request that they be worn by the team to demonstrate our sponsorship. And; that the NW CT Clay Crushers provide transparency in finances and fund raising with an accounting to the Council each year that the NWCSC sponsors the team." Second by Chris Marino. Amendment approved. Jason to present the check and patches and request an annual financial report.  
Vote on the main motion as amended, approved.
- Chris to work on a draft proposal for an annual budget.

#### **New Business:**

- Discuss support and prospects for the Firearm's Trafficking Task Force. It is felt that this bill will pass.
- Council raffle discussed with no decision.
- Friends of NRA Banquet, Central CT. Aqua-Turf. We did not have enough people attending to purchase a table. Chris Marino **motions** to, "donate \$100.00 to the Central CT FNRA banquet." Mike Fusco seconds. Discussion. Approved. Phil Mauriello to present the check to Ray Handley at the banquet.
- Jake Parmalee brought up access to Lakeville Lake via State owned property with right of way and frontage on the lake. This area is steep and not overly large. It may be suitable only for foot traffic, (particularly for ice fishing) or car top boats. Jason to speak to Pete Picone for information on this property.
- Phil brought up access to landlocked State land parcels. Can we look into right of ways/ access?

Motion to adjourn at 9:02 PM Approved

Chris M. Marino  
Secretary: NWCSC