

**Northwest CT Sportsman's Council**  
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**Council Minutes: July 24, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM by Council President Craig Nelson. All rise for Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Phil Mauriello, Woodbury/ Southbury R&G; Jason Marshall, NWCSA; Chris Marino, NVBC; Tom Accuosti, Goshen Sportsmen; Jim Fedorich, Sharon F&G; Dominic Basile, Chase R&P; Seamus Muzzulin, Rocky River Coon Club; Clyde Breakell, Foothill's Sportsmen; Craig Nelson, New Preston R&G; Joe Rinaldi, Torrington F&G; Tom Small, Ratlum F&G; Edward Cormiel, Bell City Rifle Club; Jim Bower, NW TU; Jerry Ciarcia, Waterbury F&G.

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

**Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary reported that the BOD convened the first Council board meeting at 7:00 PM., prior to the start of the regular July membership meeting. The board met to familiarize the members with the board's upcoming schedule and operation. No other Council business was discussed.

Minutes for the June 26, 2007 meeting were e-mailed to delegates. Copies were available at the meeting. Jim Fedorich **motions** to, "accept the minutes" Dom Basile seconds. Discussion. **Motion approved.**

Agendas for the July meeting were also e-mailed and provided at the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom reported all account balances.

Jim Fedorich **motions** to, "accept the Treasurer's Report." Second by Joe Rinaldi. Discussion. **Motion approved.**

**Correspondence:**

- Letter of acceptance to Bell City Rifle Club.
- Letter received from Conquest Consulting containing domain registration and web hosting fees for 2006 and 2007. This is actually two bills; each is for \$300.00, for a total of \$600.00. Chris Marino **motions** to, "pay the two bills submitted by Conquest Consulting for a total of \$600.00). Second by Jason Marshall. Discussion. **Motion approved.**
- Financial statements received.
- NY State Conservation newsletter received.

**Committees:**

**Rapid Response:** No report.

**Junior Hunting Day 2007:**

Warren Speh contacted the Council Secretary to inquire if we would be sponsoring the 2007 JHD; and if so, to select an available date for the event. Joe Rinaldi was asked to inquire of the Torrington F&G Club: 1; if they would be willing to act as the host club for this event in 2007, and 2; if so to select a date for the JHD that would be most convenient for the club.

Joe reported that Torrington F&G is willing to host JHD, and has selected Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 as the date for this event. The Secretary will inform Warren Speh of this approval and the date. Warren will then be able to mail letters of invitation to all successful graduates of CE/ FS classes over the past year.

It was noted that several of our key volunteers will be out of state on various trips during the 2007 JHD. With that in mind, we need to make arrangements for JHD early and ensure that we have enough volunteers to provide adequate service for the event. Jason will contact CE/ FS instructor Tim Barry to recruit and lead the instructors group. Jim Fedorich, Tom Accuosti and Jerry Ciarcia will lead the volunteers at the pavilion for setup, refreshments and cleanup. Joe Rinaldi will head up the skeet field volunteers. Chris, Jason and Clyde will procure supplies and arrange for the purchase of birds.

Setup will start at 8 AM. The JHD event will begin at 9 AM.

**Conservation Advisory Council:** No meeting in July.

**Old Business:**

- Habitat Project Update:

Chris reports that biologist Pete Picone stopped by and reported that he has all agency approvals for our Housatonic WMA habitat project. Pete expects to begin this old-field rehabilitation project early this fall.

- **Range Disclosure Bill:**

Chris reports checking the legislative web site for status of this bill. The Governor did sign this bill into law on July 5, 2007. Chris also reports that the Range Disclosure Bill is being miss-interpreted in the media and by several of our pro-sportsmen national organizations, including the NSSF. It is important that news of this pro-sportsman bill be disseminated to the shooting public. Our bill could serve as a model for other state organizations to follow. Jason to contact NRA and NSSF and explain the concepts behind this legislation.

- **Issue of Funding for the Firearms Trafficking Task Force:**

Our follow up on the various legislative proposals to provide funding for the task force indicate that no specific bill was passed to provide funding. However, the CCS web site, legislative report states that provision in S.B. 192 providing \$500,000 per year in new funding for the task force is included in the new budget bill.

- **Boating Regulations on West Hill. Biologist Tim Barry reports as follows:**

I spoke with Mike Payton from our Boating Division today regarding your question. The reg. there was changed at the beginning of this year and the current sign is correct. There is now an 8 hp size restriction (as opposed to the old 7.5 hp restriction) and the dates are Memorial Day until Sept. 15th. The updated reg. is in our Boating Guide. We did not get the info updated in our Anglers Guide. Please let the concerned angler know that we apologize and I have notified our editor to make sure the change gets put in next years Guide. I will drop off a bunch of the Boating Guides next time I am in the neighborhood.

- Discuss Trust Fund proposal.
- Discuss Tom Deletka benefit dinner. Jim Fedorich leading this effort.
- Seamus Muzzlin is working on a legislative voting record for the past session.

#### **New Business:**

- **Notice To All Connecticut Hunting and Shooting Clubs:**

With the passage and enactment of the 2007 Range Disclosure Law, the NWCSC urges all clubs that allow shooting and/ or hunting activities on club property to register with the town clerks of the towns in which your club has property. Each town clerk is required by this new law to maintain a list of all properties registered by the owners where hunting or shooting occurs. The owners of such property must request to have their property placed on this list. If you do not register, your property will not be added to the list and you will not have the benefit of the real estate disclosure provision this law provides. This provision provides that any seller of homes must notify the prospective purchaser that a list of properties where hunting or shooting occurs is available for the purchaser to review at the town clerk's office. If your property is duly registered, you will have protection from claims initiated by new homeowners in the area that they did not know there was a shooting facility or hunting activity in the area.

If your town clerk is unaware of this law, go to the legislative web site and download a copy of H.B. 6992 for their review. This list may not be available until November 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Jim Bower reports that the resource officer from Wamogo High School has approached NW Trout Unlimited regarding the high school's "Trout in the Classroom Program." Along with this, Jim reports that the Lions Club is trying to start a youth club in the school. The Wamogo youth group is looking for projects in community service to perform. Jim thinks that the Council could consider partnering with this group on some of our projects in the future. Jim would like to invite the resource director to a Council meeting. Council delegates should consider the possibilities and we can discuss whether or not we should pursue some type of cooperative projects at our next meeting. NW TU will also be discussing their level of interest in these projects and will report back to us.

- **State Pheasant Program:**

Phil reminded the delegates that the DEP Wildlife Division is reviewing the current pheasant program with a focus on introducing enhancements to improve hunter participation. We were asked by the Bureau Chief, at the June CAC meeting to get word of this review out to our clubs and sportsmen in general. Anyone with ideas or suggestions to improve the pheasant program should communicate with the Wildlife Division. Mark Clavette heads the pheasant program and would likely be the best contact for suggestions.

**"Motion to adjourn"** by Jason Marshall, second by Clyde Breakell. Approved.

**Adjourn: 8:45 PM**

Respectfully  
Chris Marino: Secretary