

**Northwest CT Sportsman's Council**  
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**Council Minutes: October 23, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 7:28 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; Elise Mauriello, Olde Newgate Coon Club & Bristol F&G; Jason Marshall, NWCSA; Chris Marino, NVBC; Tom Accuosti, Goshen Sportsmen; Jim Fedorich, Sharon F&G; Seamus Muzzulin, Rocky River Coon Club; Clyde Breakell, Foothill's Sportsmen; Craig Nelson, New Preston R&G; Joe Rinaldi, Torrington F&G; Edward Cormiel, Bell City Rifle Club; Jerry Ciarcia, Waterbury F&G; Mike Fusco, Harwinton R&G; Tony Chianese, Bethlehem F&G; Jim Fairchild, Bethlehem F&G; Dominic Basile, Chase R&P; Tom Small; Ratlum Mtn. F&G.

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

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes for the September 25, 2007 meeting were e-mailed to delegates. Copies were available at the meeting. Tom Accuosti **motions** to, "accept the minutes as delivered" Motion receives a second from Joe Rinaldi. Discussion. **Motion approved.**

Agendas for the October 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 Mike Fusco. Discussion. **Motion approved.**

**Correspondence:**

- Note of thanks received from Ellen and Art Palmer, (Senior Coordinators) for our donation to the Senior Fishing Day event.
- Letter of thanks received from the chairman and committee members of NW CT FNRA for our continued support of annual banquet event. Signed by Chairman Mike Fusco.
- Letter from U.S. Sportsman Alliance offering club insurance.
- Brochure from UCONN Ext Service announcing a CT Forest Seminar to be held at the Goodwin Forest Education Collaborative on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Information from Mike Cronin, Senate Republican Legal Counsel regarding our enquiry into club eligibility for CT Open Space Funding through Senator Roraback. DEP has requested info regarding public use of lands purchased under the program.

**Committees:**

Rapid Response: N/ A

Membership: N/ A

Banquet:

We still are in need of donations. Four months to go.

Conservation Advisory Council: N/ A

**Old Business:**

- Update the Minetto Park issue.

- **Junior Hunting Day:**

Another 40 youth hunters went through this program again at the Torrington F&G. Once again, we thank the Board and members of this Council Club for their generosity in allowing this program to be held at their facility.

The Council volunteers compiled a list of observations and recommendations to aid planning for future events that will be added as an addendum to these minutes.

**New Business:**

- Jason informed the Council about the upcoming Legislative Coverts Tour to be held at NWCSA on November 4<sup>th</sup> and elaborated on how this tour will support our efforts to be included in the CT Open Space Funding program by demonstrating the principles of active habitat management as practiced at many of our clubs.
- Ed Cormier brought up the possibility of accepting cash or land donations from individuals through various means such as bequests or outright donations. Jason Marshall responded to this idea by citing the reality that most people contemplating such a bequest expect some kind of tax benefit resulting from the donation. Jason states that benefits of this type usually follow donations to non-profit organizations. Since most, if not all of our clubs are set up as corporations or not for profit membership organizations, we cannot offer tax benefits as a result of making donations. For now, we must rely on the generosity of if individuals to contribute without tax benefits. Ed has the ability to write about financial matters and offers his help in the future with fund raising.
- Ed also mentioned that Central CT State University could be a source of help in habitat and construction projects through their School of Technology, which is developing more of an engineering course structure. They have a construction design and management department chaired by a retired colonel from the Corp of Engineers, and they are looking for projects to work on.
- Phil reported that DEP has created a new parking area just east of the junction of routes 109 and 209, off 109. There is room for ten to fifteen vehicles and a trail into the property has been established.
- Phil reported the passing of Council delegate Dean Fraley. Craig reported on the service for Dean and informed the group that a potluck picnic will be held in Dean's honor at the Warren Woods on Sunday afternoon. Seamus motions to, (authorize the expenditure of \$200.00 to purchase food for the picnic.) Motion receives a second. Approved. Phil volunteers to handle the arrangements.
- NWTU will hold a meeting and Christmas party at the Torrington Elks Club on the first Tuesday of December. Jim reports that Kim Barberri will attend and discuss important issues pertaining to the Naugatuck River. Jim thinks the NWCSC should be aware of proposed flood control projects that will be initiated on the river. The proposed plan reportedly includes bank to bank clearing of all vegetation, which could be detrimental to river life.
- Seamus reported on boundary research at the American Legion State Forest. The Field office did not have a current map showing the entire area of this forest. New property has been added to ALSF that has not been properly marked. We need to ask that maps be updated. The forestry map shows a lot more acreage than what is showed on regular state maps.

Chris Marino motions to, "adjourn". Motion receives a second. Approved.

**Adjourn: 9:20 PM**

Respectfully

Chris M. Marino  
Secretary: NWCSC