

Northwest CT Sportsman's Council
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Council Minutes: January 22, 2008

Regular meeting called to order at 7:37 PM by Council President Craig Nelson. All rise for Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll of Delegates, Clubs, Officers and Guests:

Seamus Muzzulin, RRCC; Phil Mauriello, Woodbury/ Southbury R&G; Chris Marino, NVBC; Tom Accuosti, Goshen Sportsmen; Jim Fedorich, Sharon F&G; Clyde Breakell, Foothill's Sportsmen; Tony Chianese, Bethlehem F&G; Jim Fairchild, Bethlehem F&G; Craig Nelson, New Preston R&G; Jerry Ciarcia, Waterbury F&G; Jerry Gourd, NW TU; Dominic Basile, Chase R&P Assoc.; Edward Cormier, Bell City; Tom Small, Ratlum Mtn. F&G; Jim Bower, NW TU; Mike Fusco, Harwinton R&G; Joe Rinaldi, Torrington F&G; Jason Marshall, NWCSA. Guests included Robert Lazarski and Dennis Nogiec of the Ruffed Grouse Society: CT River Valley Chapter.

Officers in attendance: President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes for the December 18, 2007 meeting were e-mailed to delegates. Copies were available at the meeting. Clyde Breakell **motions** to, "Accept the minutes as delivered." Motion receives a second from Joe Rinaldi. Discussion. **Motion approved.**

Agendas for the January 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 as received." Second by Jerry Gourd. Discussion. **Motion approved.**

Correspondence:

- Tom received notice of an RGS banquet being held March 28th in Warwick, R.I.
- Correspondence received from Working Lands Alliance regarding our annual donation. Mike Fusco **motions** to, "Send a donation of \$100.00 to WLA." Second by Clyde Breakell. Discussion. Motion approved.
- Letter received from Bob Crook of CCS endorsing Sean Sullivan as a Congressional candidate. Contributions are being solicited. Although the Council cannot make direct contributions, it was suggested that delegates go back and report to their clubs to encourage private donations.

Committees:

Rapid Response:

No report.

Membership:

The Secretary introduced Bob Lazarski and Dennis Nogiec of the CT River Valley Chapter of RGS to the delegates. Bob and Dennis were on hand to learn about the Council and its operation with a view towards possible membership.

Banquet:

- Tom Accuosti reported that he is preparing a mailing for the banquet. Tom passed the mailing list around in order to eliminate unnecessary mailings. He also passed around several unreadable ticket stubs to determine if any delegates could decipher the information.
- Tickets are available and flyers have been mailed. Announcement will be added to the web site.
- We are working with Cabela's for reduced pricing on raffle and auction goods.
- Discuss comp tickets and invitations. Chris volunteers to research and send out invitations.
- Need to write up a program.
- Next meeting, discuss event planning.

Conservation Advisory Council: Jason Marshall. Full report on NWCSA web site.

- Jason informed the delegates about how to apply for membership on the CAC. If interested, it is a good idea to have an application on file. Memberships do occasionally come up and the list of applicants is looked at first.
- Law Enforcement distributed the Annual T.I.P. Report. All game violations called into TIP for 2007.
- Two new CO's are being hired at this time.
- Marine Fisheries Director Eric Smith gave a presentation on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and how it operates to set fishery quotas.
- DEP is receiving a lot of communication regarding Lyme disease and the correlation with deer.
- Update on Grasslands initiative. Parcel being purchased by CT & Mass on the border of each state, totaling 450 acres. Cost is 4.4 Million. Other parcels being investigated.
- Work continues on the automated license system. Should be up & running within the next few months.
- Chris brought up the Council request to look at dropping permit requirements at other state stocked hunting areas. Ed Parker to check on the possibilities.
- Chris asked about the Shepaug River Agreement. Ed Parker replied that the money has been allotted and the project is ready to go out to bid.
- Chris asked for a CAC meeting with Deer Biologist Mike Gregonis to discuss the status of deer populations in the northern zones of CT. This meeting will take place within the next few months.

Old Business:

- Dominic reported on the status of the Castle Doctrine. Dom has spoken to Rep. Piscopo who is planning to re-introduce this subject in the forthcoming legislative session. He was happy to hear that the Council would support such a bill and suggested Dom contact Rep. Art O'Neill who is also interested in this proposal. Dom also sent e-mails to Bob Crook and Ralph Sherman advising them of our interest and what is being done. Dom has invited any and all of these gentlemen to attend any of our monthly meetings to discuss this issue.
- Dominic enquired of Sen. Kane regarding his position on Gun Control. Sen. Kane replied that he is endorsed by the NRA, holds a CT State Pistol permit, and is a strong supporter of the 2nd amendment.

New Business:

- Reminder on the NW-Trout Unlimited Banquet coming up on Feb 9th.
- Jim Fedorich suggests that we contact Pete Picone in regards to the habitat project we are sponsoring at the Housatonic WMA. We should ask Pete if he has the resources needed to complete this project in its entirety once it is restarted; and if not, we want to make it clear to Pete that we would be willing to make additional funds available to see the project through to completion, Chris will contact Pete with this info.
- Mike Fusco reported that he has offered to be the alternate for the Torrington Gun Club.
- Mike also reported that he has a report ready to be submitted regarding Handgun Hunting in CT. Mike will get the report to Chris as soon as possible.

Motion to adjourn: Approved.

Adjourn: 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Marino
Secretary: NWCSC