

Northwest CT Sportsman's Council

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Council Report: October 28, 2003

The October meeting was held at NWCSA in Colebrook. The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM by Council President; Chris Marino. All attendees rose to give the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll of Clubs and delegates:

Foothill's Sportsmen	Clyde Breakell
NVBC	Chris Marino
NW Rod & Gun	Paul Bartomioli & Andrew Cote
CT Classic Bucks	Dean Fraley
New Preston R & G	Craig Nelson
NWCSA	Peter Gray & Jason Marshall
Waterbury F & G Protective Assoc.	Jerry Ciarcia
Sharon R & G	James Fedorich

All officers were present for the meeting. NWCSA member, Willi Schmidt attended this meeting.

Council Report for September had not been completed in time for this meeting due to other commitments on the part of Chris Marino. The complete report will be available at Autumn Gun Works next week. Copies will also be sent by e-mail to any delegate whose address is on file and on the web site. Chris Marino gave a brief overview of the September meeting, drawn from the meeting agenda and notes.

Financial Report: Clyde Breakell.

Report included an itemized list of checks issued this past month, totaling \$4517.80. Checks issued to Attorney Peter Reese \$2717.80 for legal work in obtaining not for profit status.

Sharon pheasant Farm; \$675.00 for Jr. Hunting Day.

CCS Banquet. Council Table. \$400.00

NW FNRA Banquet. Council Table: \$350.00

Grand oak Villa: Reserve Council Banquet Date: \$250.00

Hartford Sportsman Expo: Reserve space for a Council display. \$125.00

One deposit of \$17.00 for postal box refund.

CPA Norman Lindroth has agreed to take care of Council accounting needs.

Motion to: "accept financial report". Seconded and approved.

Correspondence:

Communication from Patty Pendergast of CT Forest & Parks thanking our Council for participating in the CT Forest Centennial Celebration. Patty is also interested in initiating a dialog regarding sportsman issues with our Council.

Working Lands Alliance. A questionnaire was sent out to all supporting organizations. Chris Marino has responded to the survey.

Response from Fisheries Biologist, Bill Hyatt to the letter submitted for the Council by Jim Fedorich. This was in regard to trout mortality in no-kill areas where bait and lures are allowed. Jim had suggested several possibilities for reducing trout losses. Mr. Hyatt's response gives a good overview of how the department monitors and perceives these losses, while trying to maintain the greatest amount of fishing opportunity. Angler education and awareness of the problem and how to properly release foul hooked trout seems to be the best way to approach the problem without disenfranchising many sport fishermen and women. Informational signs were posted in the management areas with simple descriptions of proper release. Most of these signs are now gone or destroyed. Jim Fedorich thought that the signs were procured from Trout Unlimited and offered to check with the Northwest Chapter to see if we can obtain new signs for posting. Jason suggested another idea of developing a brochure for distribution when licenses are purchased. Mr. Hyatt suggested contacting biologist Neal Hagstrom for further info.

Council Organization:

CT Sales Tax license has been received. We still are awaiting word on corporation registration with the Secretary of State.

Our new web site is up and running. Check it out at NWSPORTSMEN.COM or nwcsc.org. Check the calendar for meetings and events. Thanks go to David Coons and Lance Leifert for putting this site together for us.

Committee Reports:**Organization:**

Jason brought up the need to obtain a Council Banner for display at the many functions we participate in. A banner with our logo prominently displayed would be an asset at such events as banquets, sportsman shows, and NWCSC sponsored events.

Jason made a motion to “allocate not over \$400.00 to create and procure a NW Council Banner”. Paul Bartomioli seconds. Discussion involved getting more than one quote for this banner. Jason agreed to coordinate with Craig Nelson on pricing. **Motion put to a vote and approved.**

Membership:

We are still trying to update our e-mail files. We need current contact info for all clubs, delegates and alternates. Chris has info questionnaires available to facilitate this.

Banquet:

Discuss sportsman award for upcoming banquet. Individual and club.

We need to get tickets printed soon. Jason to do map for tickets. Date is Feb 6th.

Citizen’s Advisory Council to DEP:

Report will be posted to web site. Discuss highlights including introduction of a new “Conservation License Plate”. This plate will be available in 2004. Part of the proceeds and renewals will go directly to DEP. We are told that the funds generated will be used by DEP as state matching funds to leverage federal environmental funding. There is also going to be an effort to levy fees to the general public for use of state parks to help with facility maintenance and upkeep. This fee will not apply to any holder of hunting, fishing, trapping or boating licenses.

We are to receive a report on the effects of Tournament Bass Fishing in CT next month.

Old Business:

ATV raffle discussed. Still pending application with state.

New Milford municipal hunting. Meeting coming up with Park & Recreation on second Tuesday of November. Dean needs sportsmen to attend.

New Business:

Report on NWCSA Women’s Day Shoot on Oct 19th. Very successful event with approximately 20 participants. NWCSA plans to schedule more women’s shoots in 2004.

It was noted that Jennifer Zordan of Torrington has assumed the responsibilities of state chairperson for the Second Amendment Sisters in CT. We applaud Jen’s efforts and will do what we can to help her succeed. Jen is Gerry Zordan’s, daughter in law.

Chris reported that a new “ Connecticut Sportsman’s Legislative Caucus” is now being organized in Hartford. Representative Art O’Neill seems to be the leading force to organize. We should let our legislators know that this presents a great opportunity for sportsmen and conservationists to be heard, and properly represented in the general assembly. All legislators we support should be members.

Good of the Council:

November meeting: To be held at Borgeson Universal Co., on Commercial Blvd., in Torrington. Date Nov 25th. Time 7:30PM. Commercial Blvd is off Kennedy Drive, just east of exit 45, Rt 8

Adjourn: 9:55PM