

Warren County Conservation Council (WCCC)

Minutes June 2, 2022

Attendance via Zoom:

1. Dan Ladd - President
2. John Bowe - Treasurer
3. Natasha Gadway - Secretary
4. Mike Currie
5. Donald Sage – Adirondack Conservation Counsel
6. Ben Gadway

Meeting called to Order 6:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2022

Mike Currie makes Motion to approve minutes; John Bowe 2nd. All in favor; approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$1723.39 Balance – Donation of \$120 to the Johnsbury Your Committee for the Fishing Derby = \$1603.99 new balance.

Mike Currie makes Motion to approve, Natasha Gadway 2nd, all in favor, approved.

CLUB REPORTS

Dunham's Bay Fish and Game Club – John Bowe – Working on a walk through 3D Course, ordered about 20 targets and vests, hopefully be in by end of Summer; Course has a Plan for and layout, one bridge another on the way; Steel coming; patterning plate. Pavilion Cover over the 50 shooting benches – waiting on architect for a plan then a permit, if it doesn't work out then will be tore down and build a new one. Tentative weekend family fest or open house for the summer; Standard everyday things; Lawn was mowed.

Johnsbury Fish and Game Club – No meeting last month.

Luzerne – restructuring bylaws; no report.

Hague – No Report.

Chestertown – No Report.

Stony Creek – No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS –

WCCC picnic/social gathering – possible location – Gurney Lane cost \$150 and needs to be done before Sept. 5 in order to do it on a weeknight; Lake George or American Legion. Preference would be the Adirondack Grill, but would have to be after Labor Day -Sept. 8th. We will invite public & any members and clubs. Dan will get prices and have more on it for next month. There will be a pre-registration. We will collect the money and pay the vendor. We can move the September meeting to a week later. We should be tax exempt.

NEW BUSINESS –

John Bove mentions that the Open Meeting Law (OML) will be starting up again June 15, 2022. In order to have a meeting – public or non for profit – you have to post on a public venue when your meeting is going to be, date and time. If any of your board cannot attend that meeting, they need to give reasons why they cannot attend. A quorum shall consist of a majority of directors present at any regular meeting. Dan will find out if we are a 501c3 and a definition of who this applies to. This is basically a fraud check and balance.

Who is appointed to be the representative for the individual members? We think it is Mike Currie. If he wasn't appointed, then we need to make that happen.

Dan Ladd - NYS Rifle Assoc. Spring 'meeting' and they are trying to set up a fundraising committee and raise funds for their scholarship fund. Run an ice fishing tournament/derby every year and they want to work with other organizations in the area and share any funds raised with them. 50% will be taken to put into the scholarship funds. It may happen this Winter but if not, definitely next Winter.

This group (WCCC) also needs to think about something for raising funds. We can't keep joining other organizations and not get any incoming funds. Dan will be asking Warren County for funds.

Legislation – today is the last day of the legislative session. Once we see where we are at – Dan will reach out to us (WCCC) to make a motion to send a letter to the Governor. The plan would be to draft a letter on issues saying what we support and what we don't support and why. Dan can't do that without our (WCCC) support. Dan intends to contact the Governor or have this Council contact the Governor if these bills are heading to her desk. May need to make a quick decision. Mike Currie makes a motion to, if need be, have that letter sent if WCCC needs to take that stance. Dan says that the delegates have to make the decision.

COMMUNICATIONS -

Dan has a letter drafter to send to the Clubs, but had printer issues. Hopeful to get memberships, which is part of fund raising. Dan confirms that the memberships will be sent to Natasha.

GUEST -

Donald Sage from the Adirondack Conservation Council (ACC) – Meeting at the Schroon Lake Fish and Game Club on Sunday, June 5 at 10 a.m. for the prime rib dinner for \$25. New York

State Conservation Council-Donald is representing Region 5 because no one else is. Their annual meeting will probably be in September, you can check online. ACC meets quarterly.

Dan Ladd makes motion to join the ACC; John Bowe 2nd; \$50 check will be made out to ACC. We will try to find someone from this group to attend the meetings – they usually meet in Schroon Lake. Each County gets one vote and anyone can show up for the meeting.

Dan Ladd will talk to Charlie about getting a membership with New York State Conservation Council (NYSCC) as he thinks every county should support.

ADJOURNMENT -

Next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2022 at 6 p.m. in-person at the Johnsbury Fish and Game Club (JFGC). There will be no Zoom for this meeting.

We will be having hot dogs/hamburgers!

Motion to adjourn – John Bowe 1st; Mike Currie 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned - 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Natasha Gadway

Secretary, WCCC