

## Warren County Conservation Council (WCCC)

Minutes October 6, 2022

Attendance:

1. Dan Ladd – President
2. Natasha Gadway – Secretary
3. Mike Currie – Acting Vice President
4. John Bowe - Treasurer
5. Ben Gadway
6. Dennis Dempsey

Meeting called to Order 6:19 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2022**

Motion to approve minutes; Ben Gadway 1<sup>st</sup>; John Bowe 2<sup>nd</sup>; All in favor, approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Previous Balance \$1553.29; Paid out to Adirondack Bar & Grill \$440 for September Picnic/Social; Money from additional people who attended picnic \$120.00.

New Balance \$1233.29.

Motion to approve report – Ben Gadway 1<sup>st</sup>; Dennis Dempsey 2<sup>nd</sup>; All in favor, approved.

## CLUB REPORTS

**Dunham's Bay Fish and Game Club** – Holding off on construction due to possible neighboring property purchase as a buffer for the club. Using Farm Credit East for loan. TD is not pro-gun, therefore will most likely be moving all accounts out from them. Beginning new memberships with online software company.

**Johnsburg Fish and Game Club** – Members are using the club and shooting; new memberships are coming in; not enough officers to have meetings.

**Luzerne** – No report.

**Hague** – No report.

**Chestertown** – No report.

**Stony Creek** – No report.

Dan hasn't heard from any other clubs but would like to go to the Hague Fishing Derby this Winter and maybe come up with something to donate for them to raffle. Luzerne is considering joining the Saratoga Conservation Council.

Washington County Federation Sportsman's Club is doing pretty good – President Rick Vladyka.

DEC - Hoping that the Fish & Game Meetings will begin again for Region 5; Contact - Ron Rybicky is trying to get them going again.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

North Creek Fishing Derby – Agreed, we will have again; April 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 will be the tentative date as we need to wait for John to confirm the date of the 4-H Shooting Sports Banquet; John Bowe will ask 4-H kids to do the concessions at the Derby; John would take care of the permit; WCCC will reimburse 4-H kids for food (coffee, cocoa, lunch) and kids will have a bake sale to raise money for their needs.

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### **IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:**

This next information is copied from an email from the WCCC President – Dan Ladd ...

*“Hi Everyone:*

*We had a very productive meeting on Thursday. The most important things to share are some potential updates to the by-laws, as follows and the nominations for elections.*

#### *ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS*

*Proposal to amend the by-laws to read that officers will be nominated at the November meeting. Currently, the by-laws only say that officers will be elected at the December meeting.*

*Proposal to allow the President to appoint an officer if such position is vacated. The appointed officer will fill the position until the next election. If the President’s office were vacated the, the Vice President would appoint a replacement.*

#### *ARTICLE X - BY-LAWS*

*Proposal to add to the by-laws that quorum be required to update them and that by-law changes should be proposed at a meeting and voted upon at the next meeting. Also, added to this proposal was that the membership be notified within seven days of their proposal that these by-laws changes will be voted upon at the next meeting.*

*You will see the proposals in red in the attached PDF file of the by-laws. Should the proposal to nominations pass, we will be looking for nominations of officers starting with the November meeting.*

*A few notes from the meeting:*

- *Kids fishing derby is tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2022.*
- *The Council is looking into a possible Sportsman’s Flea Market, which would be held at the Dunhams Bay Fish & Game Club and would serve as a fundraiser for both the WCCC and D-bay. Stay tuned for Natasha’s minutes later this month.*
- *Next meeting is Nov. 3 at the Cornell office in Warrensburg. Please consider joining us.”*

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**ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN OFFICER SHALL CONTACT DAN LADD.**  
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Fundraiser ideas to think about – we will be partnered with Dunham’s Bay. Two ideas:

1. Lake Trout Tournament on Lake George; Dunham’s Bay can host. Short Tournament, sign up in the a.m. and have prizes or a 50/50.
2. Sportsman’s Flea Market at Dunham’s Bay – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; anyone can rent a table to use and sell; limit it to how many tables; tell them what they can’t sell; have a door charge with a door prize; 4-H kids can do their bake sale; have a food truck. Maybe make it an annual event.

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YHEC – we need to see if Erika will be continuing this program next year and if not, the WCCC should find a way to keep it going at the Dunham’s Bay Club. If need be, we may change the timeframe of when it happens. If we do do it, we can’t do the Trap Shoot at the Dunham’s Bay Club.

**ADJOURNMENT -**

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 6 p.m. - in-person - at the Warrensburg Cornell Co-Op Building, 377 Schroon River Rd, Warrensburg, NY 12885.  
There is a Zoom scheduled for those who are unable to attend this meeting in-person.

Motion to adjourn – 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Ladd; Ben Gadway 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, meeting adjourned – 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

*Natasha Gadway*  
Secretary, WCCC