

## Warren County Conservation Council (WCCC)

Minutes April 6, 2023

Present:

1. Dan Ladd - President
2. Dennis Dempsey – Vice President
3. John Bowe - Treasurer
4. Natasha Gadway - Secretary
5. Benjamin Gadway
6. Mike Maglio
7. Abe Gadway
8. JJ
9. Ken Hammond
10. Erika Patton
11. Mike Currie – better late than never 😊

Meeting called to Order – 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report – Four Deposits made: \$821 (Entry Fees); \$415 (Tables); \$158 (Donation Table); \$128 (50/50 Raffle); \$814 went to Dunham's Bay. Total Bank Balance \$2116.19.

1<sup>st</sup> Dennis Dempsey; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Maglio – All in favor, approved.

Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Ben Gadway ; 2<sup>nd</sup> John Bowe – All in favor, approved.

### CLUB REPORTS

Dunham's Bay Fish and Game Club – Military Surplus Shoot scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> .

Johnsburg Fish and Game Club – No meeting last month

Hague Fish and Game Club – No Report.

Luzerne – No Report.

Chestertown – No Report.

Stony Creek – No Report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fishing Derby, April 29, 2023 – 4-H will take care of Food and do a bake sale.

JJ will be in charge of scales and rulers. Dan will do photos. Dan and Mike will take care of prizes. All volunteers should plan to be there by 8:00 a.m. Natasha will create spreadsheets for registration (name, age, where they are from). Natasha will also come up with a chart for all the catches (name, fish species, length, weight). Abe Gadway will bring 2 - 30# propane tanks. Spontaneous prizes may present themselves at the event that are not advertised.

**Via email after meeting – motion was made to donate \$50 to the 4-H Shooting Sports Banquet and carried/approved.**

## OLD BUSINESS

**Sportsmen's Flea Market** – Great success! Next year's date = looking at March 30, 2024?

**Feedback:** More people for parking/traffic control; Cones and Road Signs for road warnings; Radios for parking/traffic attendants; Confirmation of Table Assignment with a table number – maybe an email?; Possibly have outside tables since weather will be warmer.

**Spring Zing** – May 13, 2023 (THIS IS THE CORRECTED DATE) – Warren County Fish Hatchery. If you would like to help attend this to promote the WCCC contact Dennis Dempsey.

## NEW BUSINESS

Fish and Wildlife Management Board – last meeting was March 28<sup>th</sup> at the DEC building in Warrensburg. This meeting had a great turnout. DEC would like to get more people involved and resurrect this Board from Covid. Discussions were:

1. Pheasant Farms got avian flu and they are hopeful that there will be something to use for the youth hunt. Need Fed approval to use the Pitman Robertson \$ to buy pheasants.
2. Trout Stocking – DEC will ask people for help if they need help.
3. Public Fishing Rights – DEC will go door to door or volunteers can go door to door to find willing landowners for access to fishing waters. They need to be told that giving access/permission would put their property on the DEC website that the public can see.
4. Brook Trout Plan Committee (BTPC) (catch & release; keepers; keepers but change size) – Need a representative preferably from Region 5 for this committee. Abe Gadway is willing – **Motion to appoint Abe Gadway as possible Rep from WCCC for the BTPC 1<sup>st</sup> – Ben Gadway; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Maglio, All in favor, approved.** Dan Ladd will mention Abe to the BTPC.

WCCC as a group should try to come up with ideas of possible projects that the Pittman Robertson Fund money can be used for, i.e. Educational Programs for conservation councils and organizations?

Next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Johnsbury Fish and Game Club; Reason for change of location is due to another meeting to begin at 6 p.m. at Basil & Wicks in North Creek (regarding bird hunting) and some of us would like to attend and show support from the WCCC and the JFGC.

Motion to adjourn by Natasha.

Adjourned – 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

*Natasha Gadway*

Secretary, WCCC