

Warren County Conservation Council (WCCC)

Minutes August 3, 2023

Attendance:

1. Dan Ladd – President
2. Dennis Dempsey – Vice President
3. John Bowe – Treasurer
4. Mike Currie – Appointed Member Liaison (also the Delegate for Individual Members)
5. Natasha Gadway – Secretary
6. Mike Maglio
7. Brockton Maglio
8. Ken Hammond
9. Jim Lieberum (new Individual Member)
10. Matt Simpson (NYS Assemblyman for the 114th district.)
11. Erika Patton

Meeting called to Order 6:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2023 - Natasha read the minutes.

Motion to approve minutes – Mike Currie 1st; Mike Maglio 2nd; All in favor, approved.

Treasurer's Report – Current Balance = \$1998.86. Depositing \$60 (memberships and donations); \$100 (four checks never cashed (made out to Dan Ladd) for tables from Flea Market).

Motion to approve report – Mike Currie 1st; Ken Hammond 2nd; All in favor, approved.

CLUB REPORTS

Dunham's Bay Fish and Game Club – Waiting for Town Variance for roof on the shooting range; A tractor was purchased; August 19, 2023 there will be a MilSurp Shooting event; They are hosting Forest Lake Camp.

Johnsburg Fish and Game Club – No Meetings, basically all officers are texting back and forth.

Luzerne Rod & Gun Club – No Report

Hague – No report.

Chestertown – No report. Someone is going to try to reach out to Mike Paccard again.

Stony Creek – No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Spring Zing – WCCC had a table, there was a good turnout but our table did not get much interaction. Felt like the table was not set up where all the action was.

-Legislation – Matt Simpson - 1. Lead Ammo Ban, still in committee, it is all based on bald eagles getting lead poisoning from carcasses. Mr. Simpson debated for half an hour. DEC will be doing a study w/bald eagles to try and verify; 2. Ban on Hunting Contests, passed both houses, excludes Bear, Deer and Turkey; 3. Ammo registration may begin September 15th.

Biden Administration – BSCA 2022 (Bipartisan Safer Community Act) – School Education \$ cannot be spent on gun education, hunter education and Archery.

OLD BUSINESS

-There was a bow donated by Mike Maglio for the Flea Market – was it sold yet? No one has spoken to the individual who put it in his shop, therefore, this is unknown.

-Mike Currie met with Mike Gray and was able to get a \$250 donation to apply towards the fishing derby. (Natasha will send out a Thank You card to the Warren and Washington County Youth Bureau, County Municipal Center, 383 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY 12828.)

-Warren County used to give WCCC \$1000.00 annually and we are still trying to get it back. We discovered tonight (thanks Jim!) that we may be able to find the records online for budget approvals from 2008 that shows where the County allocated \$1000 to this council. (After the meeting it was found, see attached.)

NEW BUSINESS

-New Individual Member – Jim Lieberum – District Manager of Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District. He will be a valuable member to the WCCC – Welcome! If you are interested in finding out what his office does, you can look on the website:

www.warrenswcd.org .

-DEC Fish and Wildlife Management Board: This is a Regional meeting; they need to have meetings during the day time; still looking for public members to help with Public Fishing Rights. WCCC needs a council of 3 Delegates: 1 – Sportsman; 1 – Landowner; 1 – Government to attend the meeting in September.

--(This is from the last meeting – WCCC needs to find projects in our area for the Pittman Robertson Act. Any ideas welcome i.e. Big Buck Contest?)

-WCCC – still looking to plan a social event – Maybe hold at a Tavern/Restaurant? Lizzie Keyes? We are now looking at the December 2023 meeting.

Upcoming events:

-YHEC at the Johnsbury Fish & Game Club – September 9, 2023 – There is a \$10 registration fee for kids to participate. YHEC will be at the August 26, 2023 Gore Mtn. Community Day to raise money.

Motion for WCCC to donate \$100 – 1st – Natasha Gadway; 2nd – Mike Maglio; all in favor, approved.

If anyone wants to donate items or money to YHEC – you can bring your donations to the next WCCC meeting.

-Birds and Brew Shoot – August 12, 2023 (sorry the notes are late for this) – at the Indian Lake Fish and Game Club and then at Basil and Wicks.

-Sportsman Outdoors Event – September 23, 2023 at the Tannery Pond Center in North Creek, NY. WCCC would like to be a sponsor. Natasha will make a flyer that says who we are and include the events we have planned for 2024. They are looking for vendors and speakers. If you are interested, please contact them through their Facebook page.

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Next meeting will be September 7, 2023 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building in Warrensburg, New York at 6:00 p.m. **IF WARRENSBURG SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, THEN MEETINGS WILL BE VIA ZOOM ONLY.**

**Motion to adjourn** – 1<sup>st</sup> John Bowe; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Currie; all in favor, meeting adjourned – 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

*Natasha Gadway*

Secretary, WCCC