

## **Warren County Conservation Council (WCCC)**

Minutes October 5, 2023

Present:

1. Dan Ladd – President
2. Dennis Dempsey – Vice President
3. John Bowe - Treasurer
4. Natasha Gadway – Secretary
5. Mike Currie
6. Jim Lieberum
7. Benjamin Gadway
8. Mike Maglio
9. Abe Gadway (with a guest)

Meeting called to Order – 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report – Balance = \$1776.47 (Our Year of Independence!), 1<sup>st</sup> Abe Gadway; 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dennis Dempsey – All in favor, approved.

Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> John Bowe; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Gadway – All in favor, approved.

### **CLUB REPORTS**

Dunham's Bay Fish and Game Club – The variance has passed and they are moving forward with the new cover for the range. Hoping to start after November.

Johnsburg Fish and Game Club – No meetings, need a full slate of officers; new memberships are coming in.

Chestertown – No Report.

Hague Fish and Game Club – No Report.

Luzerne – No Report.

Stony Creek – No Report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

-Background Ammo checks are not working that well. People who should be getting passed, i.e. police officers, are not getting approved.

-Elections are on the table for discussion. Any nominations for officers (four positions) should be made at or before the November 2, 2023 meeting. They shall be voted upon at the December meeting. If there are no changes, or no vote is needed, then the Council Secretary can cast one ballot.

Current officers are as follows:

- Dan Ladd - President

- Dennis Dempsey - Vice President
- Natasha Gadway - Secretary
- John Bowe - Treasurer

If you would like to nominate someone, including yourself, for any of the above positions, please inform the Council Secretary (Natasha) prior to the November meeting. If any current officers wish to remain in office, they too should also inform the Club Secretary on or before Nov. 2, 2023.

Additionally, two club delegates and one alternate are chosen by the member club and make up the Board of Directors. Mike Currie is currently the appointed Individual Member Liaison.

-President Biden Signs Into Law CSF Top Priority, the Protecting Hunting Heritage and Education Act - [https://csf.salsalabs.org/hunter\\_heritage\\_and\\_education\\_act](https://csf.salsalabs.org/hunter_heritage_and_education_act)

-GAZZOLA, NADINE, ET AL. V. HOCHUL, GOV. OF NY, ET AL. "The application for stay addressed to Justice Thomas and referred to the Court is denied." [Search - Supreme Court of the United States](#)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Warren County Funding – Letter went out, we are waiting for a response. Something to think about - If we get this funding, we should use it towards some sort of hunter/outdoor education for children.

Fish & Wildlife Management Board (FWMB) – no news.

Tannery Outdoor Community Day – WCCC (Dennis) had a good turnout, next time we will make small postcards for our upcoming events to handout.

WCCC Social Event – still need to decide what we'd like to do? Options: 1. Dinner; 2. Something with kids field trip and make an annual event; 3. Family Conservation Day – geared toward families and getting them involved with WCCC and their kids. Have a Hunting, Shooting, Archery circuit and do Wilderness 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and Map & Compass training, provide lunch/food. Maybe set in early September? Have a donation/fee (so folks commit); 4. 22 Challenge at Dunham's Bay FGC.

Kids Fishing Derby – need to add information to the flyer "if your child needs instruction, please notify someone when you arrive that morning".

Sportsman's Flea Market – need to add information to the flyer – 'Make checks payable to WCCC'.

*(Including this from old minutes: 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?) – **If we do a Family Conservation Day – maybe we can use this as a project to get funding from this?***

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Bow that Mike Maglio donated, at the last Flea Market we held at the Dunham’s Bay Fish and Game Club, was sold for \$550. Mike is donating that \$ to the WCCC. Thank you Mike!

Dan is meeting with the Docksider re: the Kuniff Ice Fishing Tounament. This didn’t happen last year due to no ice. WCCC can buy gift certificates from local businesses to donate and be used as prizes. This is a good family event – many kids with parents attend. If you would like to go and volunteer to help with this event, contact Dan Ladd.

Washington County Sportsman’s Federation still would like to do something with WCCC or do some events together – something to think about.

Gun, Bow and Trapping Hunter Education Courses are having issues with registering and setting up online. John Bowe will draft a letter to Kelly Stang to ask what’s going on with Hunter’s Education. No one (kids) is getting Hands-On instruction.

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Next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Warrensburg Cornell Cooperative Extension Building, 377 Schroon River Rd., Warrensburg, NY 12885; There will be a Zoom link available provided by John Bowe for those who are unable to attend in-person.

Motion to adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> Ben Gadway; 2<sup>nd</sup> John Bowe.  
Adjourned – 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.  
*Natasha Gadway*  
Secretary, WCCC