

## Warren County Conservation Council (WCCC)

Minutes January 4, 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. Erika Patton
8. Mike Currie
9. Jim Lieberum
10. Jeff Johnson
11. Matt Simpson

Meeting called to Order – 6:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report – \$3,318.86 – 1<sup>st</sup> Ben Gadway; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Currie – All in favor, approved.

Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2023 informal – 1<sup>st</sup> Ben Gadway; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Currie – All in favor, approved.

### CLUB REPORTS

Dunham's Bay Fish and Game Club – John Bowe – the range - canopy was taken down and the concrete has been poured and cured, they are setting up for framing. Septic system is being replaced. Currently 500 members re-enrolled.

Johnsburg Fish and Game Club – had a few meetings; new membership cards were printed by Erika. May have a new vice president.

Johnsburg Jr. Outdoor Club – kids want to go back to Nationals this year – so fundraising has been in the planning. NASP will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> this year.

Chestertown – No Report.

Hague Fish and Game Club – No Report.

Luzerne – No Report.

Stony Creek – No Report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Sportsman's Outdoor Flea Market** – scheduled for March 30, 2024; Draft of new flyer (see attached). Please advise if any changes are needed. Absolutely no firearms or ammunition. There will be 28 tables in-house at the Dunham's Bay FGC. Members of WCCC members and all vendors who got tables last year will get first dibs on table rentals until February 1, 2024, after that, they will go out to the general public. Table Rentals: \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

**Legislation** – Matt Simpson addressed the hunting contest ban and what is really behind it – the reintroduction of wolves into the Adirondacks. He also mentioned that he expects more attack on what WCCC is supportive of.

Assembly Bill A8443 – Sponsored by Steck, Enacts the NYSAG Firearms Enforcement Act.

Current bill status: In Assembly Committee (see attachment).

#### **Warren County Soil and Water** – Jim Lieberum

- 1.) The Warren County 2024 Tree & Shrub Seedling Sale has begun and the deadline is March 6, 2024. Go to their website to view: [www.warrenswcd.org](http://www.warrenswcd.org)

**WCCC Membership Renewals – ATTENTION:** It is time to renew your WCCC memberships! **See attached registration form.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Warren County Funding** – We will be receiving \$1000 from Warren County (see attached letter received from Warren County). **After receipt of this funding, Dan Ladd will write a thank you letter as well as let them know where this money is going.**

**Fish & Wildlife Management Board (FWMB)** – WCCC still needs to come up with a Council of three Delegates for the FWMB. Mike Currie – Landowner; Dan Ladd – Sportsman; Jim Lieberum – Government. These are three possibilities for WCCC to agree and approve. Think on for the next meeting.

**WCCC** – still working on coming up with one more annual event/social function: Buck Contest? Cost? Prize? Possibly get the crossroads involved so they would be a weigh station?

**Logo** – WCCC still needs to come up with a logo in the shape of Warren County. WCCC will offer a contest and have a flyer to pass out at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kids Fishing Derby. Need to think of a prize. Natasha will have a draft of the contest form at the next meeting for approval.

**WCCC Member Card? Hat? Shirt? Patch?** – Once we get the Logo done, WCCC still would like to have something to give to members to show off that they are a member of WCCC! Think on it and what you would prefer. (I'd prefer a shirt 😊 )

*(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?)*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

John Bowe makes Motion to donate \$500 (\$125 each) to four different Youth Groups: 1. Johnsbury Jr. Outdoor Club; 2. Warren County 4-H Shooting Sports; 3. NYS Shooting Sports; 4. Adirondack High School Clay Group. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ben Gadway, all in favor, approved.

Dan Ladd makes motion for \$125 to be donated to the Warren County Envirothon to be held at the Warren County Fish Hatchery on May 1, 2024. John Bowe so Moved; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Gadway, all in favor, approved.

Any questions on how to volunteer to help with this event, contact Warren County Soil and Water (Jim Lieberum) at: [www.warrenswcd.org](http://www.warrenswcd.org)

John Bowe will draft a letter – from the WCCC – for the push to hire a DEC Region 5 Hunter Education Coordinator.

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Next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2024, 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> John Bowe; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Currie.

Adjourned – 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

*Natasha Gadway*

Secretary, WCCC