

Warren County Conservation Council (WCCC)

Minutes February 1, 2024

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. Mike Currie
8. Jim Lieberum
9. Jeff Johnson
10. Dave Porter
11. Glen Rode

Meeting called to Order – 6:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report – \$3,318.86 balance; Glen Rode, Mike Curry, Dennis Dempsey, and Dave Porter all paid individual dues. Johnsborg paid their club dues. We received a \$50 donation and \$40 in table rental fees for March 30. Last month, Jim Lieberum paid his dues. *(Amendments from 1/4/2024 minutes under New Business: John Bowe makes Motion to donate \$500 (\$125 each) to four different Youth Groups: 1. Johnsborg Jr. Outdoor Club; 2. Warren County 4-H Shooting Sports; 3. NYS Shooting Sports; 4. Adirondack High School Clay Group. 2nd - 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; 2nd Ben Gadway, all in favor, approved.)

– 1st Dave Porter; 2nd Ben Gadway – All in favor, approved.

Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2024 – 1st John Bowe with Amendments to the treasurer's report; 2nd Mike Currie – All in favor, approved.

CLUB REPORTS

Dunham's Bay Fish and Game Club – John Bowe – new range, 240 linear feet, is up and getting benches soon. Membership count is 528; had a successful 2 gun shoot; new septic; 3 trap programs; orientation on new range was 2/10/2024 (sorry for the late notes).

Johnsborg Fish and Game Club – no report.

Johnsborg Jr. Outdoor Club – no report.

Chestertown – No Report.

Hague Fish and Game Club – No Report. Fishing Contest.

Luzerne – Dave Porter – Club is doing well, getting new younger members.

Stony Creek – No Report. (Joe Fisk, Gary Diehl)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sportsman's Outdoor Flea Market – scheduled for March 30, 2024; Tables filling up (21 out of 27 as of today). If there is overflow people will have option to be outside in the range. Need volunteers for parking attendants. Front Entry Fee/50-50: Natasha and Cheri; Parking attendants: Mike Maglio; Dave Porter is a maybe. Will get a porta potty for the day.

Fishing Derby – April 27, 2024 – waiting to hear from John Bowe on someone doing food or bake sale for the morning.

Warren County Soil and Water – Jim Lieberum

- 1) Grant Program – <https://warrenswcd.org/community-conservation-program/>
- 2) Spring Fish Sale – they have a new vendor and looking to get brook trout.
- 3) DEC – new culvert and bridge guidance, assist w/putting in properly and have a permit. <https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/brdgclvrtguidlines.pdf>
- 4) Be aware of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, an invasive bug - <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/insects-and-other-species/hemlock-woolly-adelgid>
- 5) NYSDEC Wetland guidance for public comment: <https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/wtlndpreprodraftregs.pdf>
- 6) The Warren County 2024 Tree & Shrub Seedling Sale - deadline is March 6, 2024. Go to their website to view: www.warrenswcd.org
- 7) May 1, 2024 - Warren County Envirothon Program will be sponsoring the 31st annual conservation education competition event for high school students, called the Envirothon – see attached letter for details.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Logo – will be in the shape of Warren County and have wildlife on it, NY on it, blue for the Hudson, Schroon and Lake George. Mike Currie will look into pricing for patches to be made. Dan knows someone who may be able to draft this logo.

WCCC – John Bowe makes motion to have the next event on September 28, 2024, which is National Hunting Day at the Dunham's Bay FGC. Natasha 2nd, all in favor, carried. This will include your successes with photos and have a BBQ plus activities and prizes. Jim L. may do a woods walk. Mike Currie will plan kids events. John Bowe will Chair the Committee for this event. All members are encouraged to bring their ideas and talents.

(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

Dan Ladd puts a motion out for WCCC to pay membership dues for the Adirondack Conservation Council and the New York State Conservation Council.

1st – John Bowe; 2nd – Ben Gadway; all in favor, carried.

Future events:

March 22, 2024 – Ace High Annie at the 1825 Barn

April 27, 2024 – 4-H Shooting Sports Banquet – location to be determined

May 1, 2024 - Warren County Envirothon Program

August 3, 2024 – Warren County Fair – Does WCCC want to set up a booth? If so, who will do to promote what we do?

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Next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the **Dunham’s Bay Fish and Game Club at 2080 Ridge Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804** (this month’s meeting will not be at the **Warrensburg Cornell Cooperative Extension Building, 377 Schroon River Rd., Warrensburg, NY 12885**);

Motion to adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> Ben Gadway; 2<sup>nd</sup> John Bowe.

Adjourned – 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

*Natasha Gadway*

Secretary, WCCC