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Federated Meeting- 21 December 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

A moment of silence was held for Jack Lawhead from Manville and Norman Boyer from RIF&G.

A quorum was met.

Present were the president, vice-president, recording secretary, and representatives from RI Fish & Game Protective Assn; Bluewater; RIHunts.com; RI Raccoon Hunters; Buckeye Brooke Assn; Wallum Lake Rod & Gun; Highland Rod & Gun; Cranston Fish & Game; Rumford Hunting & Fishing; Manville Sportsmen's Club; Wincheck Gun Club.

Guests present from D.E.M. were Larry Mouradjian, Director of Bureau of Natural Resources, and Cathy Sparks, Forest Environment/ Fish and Wildlife.

D.E.M.

Larry Mouradjian spoke about the current deer harvest being down, presumably to a reported high acorn crop keeping the deer deeper into the woods. Though there were quite a few record deer checked in. The salmon stocking process is going on for the upcoming ice fishing season. The fallow deer issue has been re-resolved and they are now fair game and future regs should reflect this. Biologists say there is no fear of them interbreeding with native whitetails. Cathy Sparks had current deer check in totals of 1889, with a breakdown of; 440 bow, 277 shotgun and approximately 1200 muzzleloader.

The minutes from last month were accepted.

The treasurer's report was made by the president and accepted. Kevin Mowry has resigned as treasurer due to work commitments. We will be looking for a replacement.

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance reported that United Airlines has reversed a recent decision to ban the transportation of antlers on it's planes.

Committee Reports:

Game dinner ticket sales have been slow, only 25 tickets sold to date. A vote was passed to continue the dinner.

Dean Talbot attended a Coventry town council session where a resolution was to be voted on as to whether or not the Coventry Police Department could explore the feasibility of building a police training range at the old Picillo farm on Piggy Lane in Coventry. The site is currently an EPA Superfund site. Many abutting residents were against the resolution citing "NIMBY" (Not In My Back Yard). One said that the site was unsafe due to previous pollution issues. Others cited that it would make it more convenient for the police to train there as opposed to looking for alternative locations, which would save tax payers money in over-time travel costs. The

resolution passed and FRISC will monitor future developments.

Craig LaChapelle wished a thank you for a job well done by Lynda Johnston our mailing secretary on behalf of the e-board and body of FRISC.

The salt water license saga rages on. It was vetoed by the governor. We have asked the house to consider an override as opposed to a new bill. We are currently working with Steve Medeiros of R.I.S.A. on the issue. We'll keep you posted.

There was talk about the difference between SHALL verses MAY issue carry permits. RI is a MAY issue state, and local police chiefs have the discretion whether or not to issue. The RI attorney general may issue as well, though if turned down an attorney's letter is usually all that is needed to get the permit from the AG, though the AG issued permit usually has more restrictions than a police chief's.

We are looking for clubs willing to host matches in archery and shot-gunning for our "Archer" and "Shot-gunner" of the Year competition. There will be individual and team competition, and winners will be announced at the annual FRISC banquet in September.

Old Business:
NONE

New Business:
NONE

Next meeting: 18 January 2010 @ 7PM, Phenix Sportsmen's Club, West Warwick, RI

Meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dean Talbot, Recording Secretary, FRISC