

Federated Rhode Island Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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Dennis Etchells, Jr., President (401) 615-8640

Federated Meeting- 18 January 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

A quorum was met. There were representatives from 15 clubs.

ROLL CALL:

Present were the president, secretary, and representatives from RI Fish & Game Protective Assn; 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; Pine Tree Gun Club; Tri-Town Gun Club; South County Rod & Gun; RI Grouse Dog Club; and South County Field Trial Club.

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

Guests present from D.E.M. were Larry Mouradjian, Director of Bureau of Natural Resources, Cathy Sparks, Forest Environment/ Fish and Wildlife, and Sgt. Steve Criscione, Enforcement. From the RI G. O. P. were Giovanni Cicione, Chairman of the RI Republican Party, Patricia Morgan, former Chairman, and 2nd Congressional District candidate Mark Zaccaria. Roger Swann from the RI Firearms Owners League was also present.

Giovanni Cicione spoke first and vows that the G. O. P. stands firmly behind 2nd Amendment issues. He also gave us an interesting fact that the democrats have controlled the RI general assembly since 1942. He assured us that the republicans will focus on the economy and making sure that personal freedoms will be beyond government control. He also referred us to two organizations; Ocean State Policy Research Institute (oceanstatepolicy.org) and how to track legislative voting at rivotes.org.

Paul Collette asked him about the governor's veto on the salt water license bill. Mr. Cicione said that the governor felt that the bill was unconstitutional.

Dennis Etchells asked about possible republican gubernatorial candidates. Mr. Cicione spoke of a couple possibilities and said that the results of the Massachusetts US Senate race may have an effect on republicans running in RI in the fall 2010 election.

Mark Zaccaria says he is ready for his second run at the 2nd Congressional District seat as he learned many lessons from his previous attempt. He says that the 2nd Amendment is all about liberty which he is all for. He described it as two teams trying to run Washington. One team believes in big government who decides how you are to live your lives and it costs a lot to run it that way. The other team is smaller, costs less, lets you decide how to run your life, which places the burden of responsibility on ourselves which in turn should instill self pride.

FISH & WILDLIFE REPORT:

Larry Mouradjian spoke about F&W moving out of Steadman and most of the operation going to Chopmist Hill and some to Great Swamp. Work is progressing on the Snake Den Station. F&W will be working with New Shorham officials for a better management plan for the Block Island deer herd. They are working on a plan to consolidate smaller land plots in an effort to follow firearm discharge regulations. Look for easier property access and maybe stay packages at local inns and B&B's.

Cathy Sparks said that Hunter Education was currently located at Jerusalem. She also had current deer harvest numbers of about 2100, off a bit from last year. F&W will also be reviewing guidelines for private property deer damage permits.

Trout stocking for ice fishing should take place the week of 25 January. They are also looking at stocking a limited number of golden rainbow trout and offer recognition to anglers lucky enough to catch this "Willie Wonka" fish! The Aquatic Resource Education Ice Fishing Program will be held Saturday 30 January 2010 on the Big Pond at the Carolina Trout Hatchery. This program will teach young and old the techniques of ice fishing. For information contact Kimberly Sullivan at 401-789-0281 or kimberly.sullivan@dem.ri.gov.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was made by the president and accepted.
The federated is looking for a treasurer.

COMMUNICATION AND BILLS:

We received an invitation to a Lincoln Chafee fundraiser. It was referred to the PAC committee. We received a bill for the website; a vote was passed to pay it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Game dinner will be this Sunday 24 January, at noon at Kelley Gazzero Post, 1418 Plainfield Pike, Cranston, RI. *Tickets are available.*

The menhaden issue was discussed and a vote was passed tabling discussion of talking to clubs about getting behind a restriction plan until accurate figures can be reviewed.

The banquet committee will get into high gear after the game dinner.

The committee for Shotgunner/Archer of the Year will meet Thursday 4 February 2010 at 7PM at Highland Rod & Gun Club.

The nominating committee is looking for a treasurer.

OLD BUSSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSSINESS:

Besides the fact that we need a treasurer, none.

NEXT MEETING: 15 February 2010 @ 7PM, Phenix Sportsmen's Club, West Warwick, RI

Meeting was ADJOURNED: at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dean Talbot, Secretary, FRISC