

Federated Rhode Island Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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Federated Meeting- 15 March 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

A quorum was met. There were representatives from 14 clubs.

ROLL CALL:

Present were the president, vice president, secretary, and representatives from RI Fish & Game Protective Assn; Blue Water Sportsmen's Club; Wincheck Gun Club; RIHunts.com; RI Raccoon Hunters; Wallum Lake Rod & Gun; Highland Rod & Gun; Narragansett Bowhunters; Smithfield Sportsman's Club; South County Rod & Gun; United Bowhunters of RI; Warwick Sportsmen's Club; RI Grouse Dog Club; and South County Field Trial Club. Matt Smith also attended.

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

Guests present from D.E.M. were Dr. Michael Sullivan, Director; Cathy Sparks, Chief of Forest Environment/ Fish and Wildlife; and Larry Mouradjian, Director of Bureau of Natural Resources. *We appreciate the time they took out for this meeting, as it lasted well into the evening.*

FISH & WILDLIFE REPORT:

Representatives of D.E.M. are still working with New Shoreham officials on deer management strategies on Block Island. They are also working with the Charlestown town council on deer management strategies for Ninigret Park. There will be separate east bay and west bay regulation workshops in April with the single public hearing, probably at the Warwick Police station following. Dates and times to be announced, check website.

Richard Patnaude asked about consolidation of all F&W services at one facility. Dr. Sullivan replied that there currently is no suitable site for this.

Craig Lachapelle asked about hunting and access at the Snake Den property in Johnston. Dr. Sullivan replied that the town of Johnston must comply with original agreement for parking and restroom access to the public.

MINUTES OF THE LAST 2 MEETINGS: were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Executive Committee voted to submit payment to IRS for 501 (c) (7) non- profit status. There is \$3314.18 in the general account.

****We are still looking for a treasurer. Give it a try, one of us will be glad to help you out.****

COMMUNICATION AND BILLS:

We have received dues payments from several new and old clubs, we are currently at 31 clubs. We paid our dues to the US Sportsmen's Alliance (\$100) and will send 5 people to the Roughed Grouse Society banquet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Shotgunner/ Archer of the Year committee is finalizing archery competition rules and hope to determine where events will be held soon. Work will now get under way on the shotgun side of things. A meeting of the committee will be held 16 March.

Any club interested in hosting an event please contact dtalbot@frisc.net .

We are still looking for a shotgun coordinator to work with the committee.

A waterfowl hunting ban has been introduced into the general assembly for the Kickemuit River. Proponents of the bill cite safety concerns while opponents cite that no problems have ever actually happened. See house bill H 7637 and check out the chatter on RIHunts.com: Waterfowler's forum for more information.

Final details about the salt water license will be announced by D.E.M. in mid- April.

The Federated's Annual Game Dinner will be held on 20 February 2011 at the Kelly- Gazerro Post in Cranston. This year's dinner was a success and we are looking forward to next year!

OLD BUSSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSSINESS:

There was much discussion about the restructuring of D.E.M. Dr. Sullivan, Cathy Sparks and Larry Mouradjian took a barrage of questions from concerned sportsmen. The major concerns of sportsmen were in the continuation of services and the assurance that monies are to stay with appropriate programs and divisions. We were assured that F&W services and funding would be unaffected. For more information or to add your concerns, contact us at www.frisc.net .

NEXT MEETING: 19 April 2010 @ 7PM, Phenix Sportsmen's Club, West Warwick, RI

Meeting was ADJOURNED: at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
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