

Federated Rhode Island Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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Federated Meeting- 20 December 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

A Moment of Silence was held for Donn DiBiasio.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present were the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and representatives from RI Fish & Game Protective Assn; Blue Water Sportsmen's Club; Wincheck Gun Club; RIHunts.com; Buckeye Brooke Assn; Wallum Lake Rod & Gun; Highland Rod & Gun; Cranston Fish & Game; Rumford Hunting & Fishing; Manville Sportsmen's Club; Narragansett Bowhunters; Pine Tree Gun Club; Tiverton Rod & Gun and Woonsocket Sportsmen's Club.

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

The guest present from D.E.M. was Larry Mouradjian, Director of Bureau of Natural Resources.

Also present were John DeMello from United Blood Trackers and Steve and Gail Hogan from RI State Rifle & Revolver Association.

John DeMello spoke about the use of dogs to track wounded deer. Currently only RI and Mass. are the only states in New England to prohibit the use of dogs to track wounded game. Next month he plans to return with national representatives of his organization.

Steve and Gail Hogan are looking forward to working with the Federated on common issues.

FISH & WILDLIFE REPORT:

Larry Mouradjian spoke about Governor-elect Lincoln Chafee's planned appointment of Janet Coit to replace Michael Sullivan as director of D.E.M. Coit is the state director of The Nature Conservancy.

Lately the relationship between the hunting community and the Conservancy has been good. Larry says future cuts to D.E.M. are looming. As of 12 December the deer harvest numbers are as follows: archery 490; ML 1154; SG 244 for a total of 1888. There was discussion of pheasants and Snake Den results. Dan Insana brought up concerns about the quality of future communication between FRISC and D.E.M.

D.E.M. Hotline phone number 222-3070, recorded 24 hours.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: was read.

COMMUNICATION AND BILLS:

Renewals are coming in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: 2010 Legislative Pushes; Right to Hunt and Fish; Change from "Pheasant" stamp to "Game Bird" stamp; re-submittal of proposal to close the northern part of the bay to commercial fishing for Menhaden from Connimicut Point to Rumstick Point.

Game Dinner Committee: tix available.

Federated Day Committee: Date set: 23 April 2011 10am- 3PM at South County Rod & Gun Club with a rain date of 7 May 2011.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: We will be working on the Warren gun shop issue. There will be a meeting at the Warren Town Hall 7PM on 17 January 2011. It would be good to see as many Federated members there as possible, especially Warren residents.

A motion was made, 2nd and vote passed to reimburse Dick Patnaude \$450, half of his expenses working on the behalf of FRISC at the state house.

NEXT MEETING: 17 January 2011 @ 7PM, Phenix Sportsmen's Club, West Warwick, RI

Meeting was ADJOURNED: at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
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GAME DINNER
20 February 2011
Kelly- Gazerro Post
Plainfield Pike - Cranston, RI
Dinner at noon - \$30 per ticket