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FEDERATED MEETING - NOVEMBER 16, 2009

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM. A QUORUM WAS NOT MET.

PRESENT WERE THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM RI FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, BLUE WATER SPORTSMEN'S, RI HUNTS.COM, RI RACCOON HUNTERS, WALLUM LAKE ROD & GUN, CRANSTON FISH & GAME, WEST BAY ANGLERS, PINE TREE GUN AND WINCHECK GUN CLUB.

SPECIAL GUESTS PRESENT WERE SOUTH COUNTY ROD & GUN CLUB, LARRY MOURADJIAN AND BOB BALLOU FROM **D.E.M.**, JACK SCHEMPP FROM ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF RI AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER JOE CASINELLI.

JACK SCHEMPP MADE REFERENCE TO FEDERAL FUNDING FOR FISH & WILDLIFE HERE IN RI. HE ADVISED THAT THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE VOTED ON A BILL TO GIVE 80 MILLION DOLLARS TO BE MATCHED BY THE STATES AT 35%. LAST YEAR IT WAS 60 MILLION TO BE MATCHED BY THE STATES AT 50%. LAST YEAR RI GOT \$600,000 AND THIS YEAR COULD GET UP TO \$800,000 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. JACK WILL KEEP THE FEDERATED UPDATED WITH ANY OTHER INFORMATION.

LARRY MOURADJIAN SPOKE ON A FEW ISSUES GOING ON IN THE STATE. THE FALLOW DEER ISSUE WAS BROUGHT UP AGAIN. LARRY ADVISED THAT **D.E.M.** WAS LOOKING INTO THE PROBLEM AGAIN. AN EPO SHOT A FALLOW DEER ON STATE PROPERTY A FEW WEEKS AGO. **D.E.M.** IS LOOKING AT THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND LOOKING AT A CHANGE NEXT YEAR IN THE WORDING. THE RI ABSTRACTS BOTH ONLINE AND THE PRINTED VERSIONS HAVE SOME WORDING ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE LOOKED AT. ALL OF THE ISSUES SHOULD BE BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE RULES AND REGULATIONS WORKSHOP. ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING THEIR CONCERNS TO THE WORKSHOP. LARRY ALSO SPOKE ON THE TWO ONGOING LAW SUITS IN THE TOWNS OF COVENTRY AND MIDDLETOWN. THE SUITS WERE FILED DUE TO THE TOWNS HAVING ORDINANCES THAT OVERSTEPPED THE STATE'S RULES AND REGULATIONS IN REGARDS TO HUNTING AND SHOOTING ON STATE AND PRIVATE LAND. **D.E.M.** AND BRYANT COLLEGE HAD AN ISSUE AS TO THE OWNERSHIP AND HUNTING RIGHTS TO THE GEORGE WASHINGTON GROVE. THERE IS MORE TO COME ON THIS ISSUE. REPORTS ON THE PHEASANT STOCKING ARE GOING WELL AND **D.E.M.** IS HEARING POSITIVE FEEDBACK. THE STATE HAS SEEN A RISE IN THE NUMBER OF AUTO STRIKES THROUGHOUT THE STATE DUE TO THE RUT KICKING IN. A QUESTION WAS ASKED ABOUT NO HUNTING IN THE TOWN OF WARREN. LARRY ADVISED THAT THE TOWNS CAN RESTRICT HUNTING IN COMPACT AREAS AS WELL AS ON TOWN OWNED PROPERTY. CRAIG ADVISED THAT HE HAS SPOKEN WITH A COUNCIL MEMBER IN THE CITY OF WARWICK WHO ADVISED THAT ARCHERY HUNTING WAS ALLOWED WITHIN THE CITY. A PROBLEM THAT IS AN ONGOING ISSUE IN THE STATE IS HUNTERS DROPPING ANIMAL CARCASSES AND REMAINS AT STATE MANAGEMENT AREAS IN THE VIEW OF THE PUBLIC. THIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS. LARRY

ADVISED THAT THEY ARE WORKING WITH A GROUP IN THE EAST BAY IN COMING UP WITH A PLAN FOR COMPOSTING THE REMAINS. MORE TO COME ON THIS.

OCTOBER MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED AS POSTED.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS READ BY THE PRESIDENT AND ACCEPTED.

THERE WERE NO **COMMUNICATIONS** AND THE ONLY **BILL** FOR THE MONTH WAS FOR THE MAILING SECRETARY.

UNDER **OLD BUSINESS** WAS THE SALT WATER LICENSE ISSUE. THE GOVERNOR VETOED THE BILL SENT TO HIS OFFICE. BOB BALLOU SPOKE AND ADVISED THAT RI RESIDENTS WILL HAVE TO REGISTER WITH THE FEDS AND THAT THE FIRST YEAR WILL BE AT NO CHARGE. RECIPROCITY WILL NOT BE HONORED BY OTHER STATES.

UNDER **NEW BUSINESS**, WEST BAY ANGLERS BROUGHT UP A MENHADEN ISSUE ON THE BAY. THIS PAST SEASON THERE WERE MANY ISSUES THAT ACCRUED: THE FISHERIES BEING OVER FISHED, PERSANE TRAWLERS USING OVERSIZED NETS, SPOTTER PLANE NOT FLYING AND WHEN IT DID, A **D.E.M.** REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT ON THE PLANE, ALSO NAVIGATION ISSUES ON THE BAY. BOB BALLOU WAS ASKED TO ATTEND THE MEETING TONIGHT TO ANSWER ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS. ONE OF THE REQUESTS FROM WEST BAY AT THIS TIME IS TO HAVE THE NORTHERN PART OF THE BAY CLOSED TO PERSANE TRAWLING FROM MAY 15 TO JULY 15. THE CLOSURES WOULD BE FROM THE JAMESTOWN/ NEWPORT BRIDGES NORTH. LARRY MOURADJIAN AND BOB BALLOU BOTH SPOKE ON THE ISSUE AND ANSWERED MANY QUESTIONS. DENNIS ALSO HAD A MEETING WITH STEPHEN MEDEIROS FROM RISAA ON THIS ISSUE. MANY GOOD IDEAS WERE MENTIONED AND DISCUSSED. THE E-BOARD WILL LOOK INTO THIS FURTHER AND REPORT BACK TO THE MEMBERS. ALL CLUBS ARE ASKED TO FORWARD ANY AND ALL COMMENTS TO EITHER DENNIS OR CRAIG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING - DECEMBER 21, 2009 - PHENIX SPORTSMEN'S CLUB AT 7:00 PM

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

*THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE **FRISC** FOR A GREAT YEAR. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE AND MEET YOU ALL. THE OFFICERS AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO 2010 AND ALL THAT IS TO COME. JUST TO LIST A FEW, THERE ARE: THE **FRISC** GAME DINNER, ANNUAL BANQUET, SHOT GUNNER OF THE YEAR, ARCHER OF THE YEAR, SHOOTS AND OUTINGS. OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS THE OFFICERS AND I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE CLUB MEETINGS AND SPEAK WITH THE MEMBERS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME WITH ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS.*

*WITH LAST MONTH'S AND THIS MONTH'S MAILINGS THE NEW 2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS WERE SENT TO THE CLUBS. PLEASE FILL THESE OUT AND RETURN THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD LIKE TO PUT TOGETHER THE **FRISC** MEMBERSHIP PACKETS AND GET THEM OUT TO ALL CLUBS. ALSO IN THE MAILING WAS THE **FRISC P.A.C.** DONATION FORM. WE ASK THAT IF IT'S POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO CONTRIBUTE EVEN JUST A DOLLAR TO RETURN IT TO YOUR **FRISC** DELEGATE OR MAIL IT TO: **FRISC P.A.C. , P.O. BOX 9595***

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**IN CLOSING, I WOULD ONCE AGAIN LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,
ALL OF THE FRISC DELEGATES FOR ATTENDING THE MEETINGS AND ALL OF THE FRISC
OFFICERS AND E-BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK.**

I WISH ALL OF YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**DENNIS A. ETCHELLS, JR., PRESIDENT
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