

Federated Rhode Island Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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Federated Meeting 19 October 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. A quorum was met. After the pledge of allegiance a moment of silence was held for Perry Wheeler.

The president, vice president and representatives from: R.I. Fish & Game Protective Association; Blue Water Sportsman's Club; Cranston Fish & Game; Wallum Lake Rod & Gun; RIHunts.com; R.I. Raccoon Hunters; Rumford Hunting & Fishing; West Bay Anglers; Manville Sportsmen's Club; Pine Tree Gun Club; Tri-Town Rod & Gun; and Wincheck Gun Club were in attendance.

Guests present from D.E.M. were: Larry Mouradjian, director of Bureau of Natural Resources; Cathy Sparks, Forest Environment/ Fish & Wildlife; and Joe Poccia, Division of Enforcement.

The Nominating Committee presented nomination of officers.

Dennis Etchells, Jr.	President
Craig LaChapelle	Vice President
Kevin Mowry	Treasurer
Dean Talbot	Recording Secretary

Running unopposed, Dan Insana made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation. It was seconded and received a unanimous vote.

D.E.M.

Larry Mouradjian spoke on the confusion of the late season state land hunting question raised last month. It is the intent of D.E.M. to allow antlerless deer hunting with a muzzleloader on state land during the late season 26 December through 2 January. This was done to allow more hunting opportunities. Funds for the printing of abstracts were appropriated and they have been printed and are available. A few printing mistakes were made and D.E.M. staff members made hand corrections.

Joe Poccia reminded us that it is the time of year to revise the road kill lists. Ed Smith asked why a DD214 (military discharge form) can be used in lieu of a hunter safety course for gun and bow hunting, but not crossbow hunting. Larry explained that due to how RI law [RIGL 20-15-2(b)] views crossbows, a hunter safety card IS necessary to obtain a crossbow hunting license.

The minutes from last month were accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the President and accepted.

Communication and Bills

Bills were paid and explained by the President.

Committee Reports

A thanks was given to John Cote and the banquet committee for a successful banquet. Next year's Banquet will be held on 25 September 2010 at the West Valley Inn.

Federated officers plan to visit member and previous member clubs over the next few months.

Game Dinner to be held 24 January 2010 at the Kelly – Gazerra VFW Hall.

Old Business

There was follow up discussion on Al Silva's issue of how gun shops accept Attorney General issued carry permits. Cynthia Julien from R.I. Rifle and Revolver was scheduled to appear at the meeting to give advise on the issue, but was unable to attend. To be continued...

New Business

Dennis is looking into a storage unit for the Federated's booth, table, records, etc.

Next meeting: 16 November 2009 at the Phenix Sportsmen's' Club

Meeting adjourned about 8:45 PM