

Federated Rhode Island Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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

Federated Meeting- 15 November 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

A quorum was met. There were representatives from 15 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; United Bowhunters of RI; Warwick Sportsmen's Assn. and Woonsocket Sportsmen's Club. A representative from Smithfield Sportsmen's Club attended the October Meeting.

A moment of silence was held for Scott Wright and Mickey Emerson of Wallum Lake Rod & Gun Club and Irene Inasna.

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

Guests present from D.E.M.; Sgt. Fran Ethier, Enforcement.

Also Jack Schemff of the Environmental Council of RI asked for our support on the issue of Land Water Conservation Funding (Senate Bill S2747). Typically the gov't funds \$900M annually nationally, with a reported share to RI at about \$60-70M annually. Lately only about \$130M has been released by the gov't with RI's share diminished proportionally. With several incomplete answers from Mr. Schemff as to specifics as to where money was spent, a vote to support the measure was passed by 8-4.

FISH & WILDLIFE REPORT:

Sgt. Ethier spoke about various recent arrests for baiting and poaching violations. There were many arrests over the summer for fishing violations.

Dennis Etchells mentioned about 2 violations at the Tunk Hill area one involving baiting and the other involved the taking of a buck before a doe, as the area is in an "Earn a Buck" zone.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: was read

COMMUNICATION AND BILLS:

Dennis spoke about problems that some game dinners have ran into and reminds us that to make sure that DEM Game Dinner Permits are properly taken out. Next he spoke about the battle between the Warren Town Council and the Nichols family. Craig plans to attend the meeting at the Warren Town Hall on 19 November. Our 501 c. (4) status with the IRS has been finalized. Our PAC account will now be taxable...

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Game Dinner- Ed has plenty of tickets.

Shot Gunner/ Archer of the Year- We are looking for clubs to host events in 2011.

Federated Day- South County Rod & Gun Club will host, tentative date is Saturday 23 April 2011

E-Board- State office winners were not the most favorable to FRISC's goals. Looks like lots of work ahead of us.

Richard Patnaude cautions us to "wait for the dust to settle" before we start to push or write off the newly elected.

There was discussion of avenues to take to bring forward our issues during the next legislative session. A high priority is a "Right to hunt and fish in Rhode Island". Another is to change the "Pheasant" stamp to a "Game Bird" stamp.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

\$700 was appropriated to Ed Smith to start the Game Dinner.

Matt Smith brought up an issue that has created a storm on RIHunts.com regarding a topic in the Discussion Forum: Demise of the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Check out the site, thought-provoking stuff.

NEXT MEETING: 20 December 2010 @ 7PM, Phenix Sportsmen's Club, West Warwick, RI

Meeting was ADJOURNED: at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next meeting- **PIZZA** for all who attend!!!

GAME DINNER

Sunday 20 February 2011 @ noon

Kelley - Gazzero Post – Plainfield Pike Cranston, RI

Tix are \$30 see Ed Smith or a FRISC E-Board member

Quote of the month:

A man's country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, rivers, and woods, but it is a principle; and patriotism is loyalty to that principle.

~George William Curtis, 1824-1892, a favorite son of Providence, Rhode Island