

Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs January 2006 Minutes/Report

Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs January 2006 Meeting held on the 24th. Called to order at 7:15 P.M. by John Butcher at the 4-FI Bldg Lockport, New York with the Pledge to the Flag.

Guest Speaker: Dave McDonald - Niagara Frontier FNRA gave a presentation about the Friends of the NRA. The Friends of the NRA is one of the top charitable organizations in the U.S. which has raised over \$70 million in charitable grants since its inception in 1990. The NRA Foundation primarily funds shooting sports. The Niagara Frontier chapter will be holding its 11th Annual Fundraising Banquet Saturday, March 25, 2006 at Samuel's Grande Manor, Williamsville, New York (See Insert). Dave would like the NCFCC to support the banquet by: purchasing gun of the year tickets, underwriting merchandise, and buying a club sponsors table. Dave also explained the grant writing process and encourages clubs to apply for funding. The Niagara Frontier [NRA has returned over \$65,000 in charitable grants to our community.

Minutes: Motion made from the floor by Dale Dunkelberger to accept, 2nd by Larry Childs

Roll Call of Clubs and Directors: Sheets were passed around and signed by the delegates.

Financial Report: Motion to accept the financial report presented by Gordon Botting Sr. was made by Larry Childs, 2nd by Matt Zornosky, and carried.

Communications: Bills and Notices: No Report

Committee Reports: President John Butcher reminded all delegates to fill out an NCFCC COMMITTEE AND CLUB REPORT FORM and give it to Secretary William Mudge in the interest of having accurate information in the minutes. (See Insert)

Finance and Audit: No Report

Fund Raising:

Patches: John Butcher passed out a proof of the 2006 patch after review by delegates in attendance. It was decided that we should make 2 minor modifications: add a color flower to the patch and put some type of structure under the porcupine like a downed log. The additional changes would cost the NCFCC an additional \$ 65.00 motion to order the patches with the changes and pay the additional \$65.00 by Dale Shank, 2nd by Paul Jackson, carried.

Knives: Rapids Rod & Gun Club raffled a knife at the December meeting and raised \$160.00.

Annual Shoot: No Report

Grants: No Report

County Funds: John Butcher reported that he has been in contact Legislator Richard Updegrave and that he has sponsored a plan B resolution to provide the NCFCC with \$5000.00 in funding. The resolution was 2nd. by Legislator John Syracuse. and carried.

Newsletters: No Report

Public Relations: No Report

Rosters: John Butcher requested if your club is holding elections please give us updated rosters as soon as possible in the interest of keeping the minutes updated.

Small Game: Herb Leaderhouse reported the DEC is doing a study on the Turkey population in Niagara County and that they are looking for volunteers. The study will include: sightings, live trapping, and banding. Those interested can participate by contacting Connie Adams at the NYS DEC, phone: (716) 851-7010.

Big Game: No Report

Water Fowl: No Report

Hunter Safety: Dale Dunkelberger reported that the blaze orange bill is up for consideration again. Please let your elected leaders know that you are against this because the bill does not cover the non-hunting public.

Sports Fishing: No Report

Habitat: Dave Whitt reported that P.F will be Hosting Habitat Day at the Tonawanda Sportsmen Club on February 11, 2006 limited to 100 people. (See Insert)

C.F.A.B.: Bill Hilts Sr. - No Report

Region nine Fish and Wildlife Board: No Report

NYS Conservation Council: Gerry Bennett reported on the various memberships available through the NYS Conservation Council: you can belong as an organization of affiliated clubs as we do through NCFCC or you can also apply for membership as an individual or Club. All membership levels allow you to sponsor resolutions

S.C.O.P.E. Bill Mudge

If you go to our website www.SCOPENy.org you can download a PDF file of bills we are reviewing.

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Shooting Sports: no report
Pheasant Program: No Report

Conservation Education:

Niagara County Fair — No Report

Wildlife Festival — No Report

Environmental Field Days — No Report.

DEC Youth Camp — No Report

Town of Wheatfield Picnic — No Report.

Shooting Trailer — Paul Jackson reported that we have been invited by the promoters of the

Marine and Boat

Show to bring the Mobile Air Rifle Range to their event January 25 — 28, 2005 at the Summit Mall, Niagara Falls NY

John Butcher reported that the promoters of the Erie Sportsmen Show have also invited us to participate in their show. Erie Sportsmen Show will be held March 8-12 2006 at The Erie County Fair grounds, Hamburg New York.

Convention:

Awards Banquet — Mark your calendar the banquet will be Saturday April 1 , 2005 at the Holiday Inn, Lockport New York.

Application for membership — None.

Old Business::

Nominating Committee: Jerry Bennett, John Chilcott and Dave Whitt. The committee recommendations for 2006 officers are:

President; John Butcher
Vice President; Paul Jackson
Secretary; William Mudge
Treasurer; Gordon Botting
Conservation Council delegate; Dale Dunkleberger
Alternate; Chris Schotz
Dave Whitt made a motion to accept the nominating committee's recommendations for 2006 officers second by Pam Lederhouse, and carried.

Directors and Officers Insurance: Gordon Botting Sr. made a motion that we purchase the D&O insurance policy from Unioted Insurance, second by Tom Schultz.

Dale Dunkelberger reported on Costal Erosion Bill (**A4535**) it is not in the senate.

New Business: No Report

For the Good **of the Federation:**

Adjournmant: Motion to adjourn, Gordon Botting SR, 2nd ~ Dale Dunkelberger.

Respectfully submitted,
John Butcher Secretary. NCFCC

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www.outdoorsniagara.com