

Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs

November Meeting Minutes 2007

NOTICE: The next meeting will be Wednesday December 19th, 2007 at the 4-H Bldg., Lockport, New York.

1. Pledge to the Flag

Niagara County Federation of Conservation Club November 2007 Meeting held on the 26th. Called to order at 7:00p.m. by President John Butcher at the 4-H Bldg., Lockport, New York with the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Reception of Guests: None

3. Minutes:

A motion was made by Gordon Botting to accept the minutes, 2nd by Walter Kanouff, carried.

4. Roll call of clubs and directors:

Sheets were passed around and signed by the delegates.

5. Financial Report: *Gordon Bolting Sr*

Motion to accept the financial report presented by Gordon Botting Sr. was made by Dale Dunkelberger, 2nd by Walter Kanouff, carried.

6. Communications:

A. Bills:

- 1) Dale Dunkelberger made a motion that we spend \$250.00 and become a life member of the NYSCC, contingent on a life membership being available to Federations. 2nd by Gary Lowe, carried.
- 2) Gordon Botting gave a list of the food vendors that setup under the NCFCC tent at the Wildlife Festival and made donations to us. John Butcher will send thank you letters to them.

B. Correspondence:

We received a donation from Jerry Bennett's estate. This puts out a total combined income over the \$25,000 income. John Butcher received more paper work from the NYS DEC dated September 19, 2007 about a quarterly report for the Del Monte DEC grant TM5090. John will check with the DEC to see where the error was made. We received all our payments and John turned in the final report.

C. Notices: No report

D. Sick Call: No report

7. Committee Reports:

A. Finance and Audit: *John Butcher*

1) Restricted Funds (Money that has been allocated to projects)

- a) Separate Accounts have been established to give an accurate paper trail of money coming in and going out for such items as: the 4H Pheasant Fund, Youth Clay League, Bronson Memorial Wall, and DEC Youth Camps.
- b) Gordon Botting S.r will take an inventory of all NCFCC assets such as T-Shirts, Knives, patches and related inventory items.

B. Fundraising:

1) **Patches:** *Gordon Botting Sr.*

President John Butcher brought pictures of a doe and fawn for next years patch. A motion was made by Gordon Botting to go with the fawn because of space on the patch, 2nd by William Mudge, carried. The fawn will be our theme for next year. The fawn will be on the knife, the patches, and the award for the Awards Dinner, and invitations to the Annual Picnic and Awards Dinner.

2) **Knives:** *Chris Schotz, Gordon Botting Sr*

- a) Matt Zoronosky reported the Hartland Conservationist Club made \$100 on the knife at the October 6, 2007 gun raffle.
- b) If you need a knife for an event at your club contact Gordon Botting at 716-434-1563.

3) **Grants:** *John Butcher* -No Report

4) **Don Bronson Memorial Fund:** *Larry Koch, Greg Tessmann*

- a) Larry reported on Monday December 3rd that they are going to dig the hole and Wednesday December 5th they are going to pour the concrete.
- b) Dedication will be after the Annual Awards Banquet here at the 4H Bldg. in Lockport if we can get a date in May.

5) **Ads Newsletter:** *John Butcher*

- a) Gordon Botting is sending out invoices December 3, 2007. Ads are now going to run for a complete year and will expire on December 31 2008. If people purchase an ad midyear we will charge them at a pro-rated dollar amount.

b) Financials on the Newsletter:

(1) Debits

Postage \$ 628

Printing \$ 3470

\$4098

(2) Income

Ads

16YearlyAds \$1920

Inserts \$ 50

Donations \$ 1860

\$ 3830

- (3) If you subtract the debits from the income, \$4098 - \$3830 it cost us \$268 a year to send out the

newsletter.

4) A motion was made by Dale Shank, we will continue with the newsletter, 2nd by Gary Lowe, carried.

6) **T-Shirts:** *John Butcher* –No Report

C. Public Relations: *Bill Hilts Jr.* –No Report

D. Rosters: *John Butcher*

If your club had elections please get the updated rosters to John ASAP **so that the new officers and directors** receive the minutes.

E. Small Game: *Chris Schotz* –No Report

F. Big Game: *Dale Dunkelberger*

Black bears are thriving in New York State and have been spotted in Wyoming County. Three deer tested positive with Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in Niagara County. EHD is predominantly a disease-affecting deer and is transmitted by certain types of biting flies called midges. It mainly affects deer in late summer and fall, but the flies die and the disease subsides when frosts and colder temperatures occur. Sick or dead deer should be promptly reported to the nearest regional DEC office or to 1-800-TIPP-DEC. Hunters are reminded that they should always take simple precautions to protect themselves from exposure to disease. Hunters that harvest a deer that is found to be diseased may be issued a replacement tag by DEC.

G. Water Fowl: *Kenneth R. Zolnowski* –No Report

H. Hunter Safety: *Gary Lowe, Dave Laverv, Dale Dunkelberger, Larry Koch*

Gary Lowe requested all hunter safety instructors get their dates to Dave Lavery by the end of January. (See Insert)

I. Sport Fishing: *Paul Jackson*

- 1) Paul reported the DEC Fish Hatchery in Altmar was low on water and did not get their run on salmon by October of this year. Consequently they were low on eggs to get their stock up for next year. Thanks to some information through members of the Fisheries Development Board, it was learned there were quite a few salmon moving into Eighteen Mile Creek in the Town of Newfane. So they decided to go to Fishermen's Park at Burt Dam and ask local anglers to donate fish in an attempt to make up the egg short fall. Over 300 fish were donated and 700,000 eggs collected.
- 2) Paul reported they are going to get a fish-tagging trailer from the distribution of the \$12 million settlement from Occidental Chemical Corporation to improve fishing along Lake Ontario and its tributaries.

J. Habitat: *Chris Schotz & David Whitt*

Paul Jackson reported he worked with Chris Schotz on a project to do some grasslands at the Sanborn Historical Society grounds on route 31.

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

L. Region 9 Fish and Wild Life Board: *Greg Tessmann* -No Report

M. NYS Conservation Council: *Dale Dunkelberger*

Dale reported we have had two members pass away. Timothy Noga, Region 7 Director, and Harry Probst, a past president of the council.

N. S.C.O.P.E.: *William Mudge*

1) Bill passed around a copy of SCOPE's 2007 Legislative Report. The highlighted bills need to be watched or are on the move. New information is in red. If a bill comes out of a committee we oppose and goes to the floor we send out alerts to members.

2) If you go to our website www.SCOPEny.org you can download a PDF file of bills we are reviewing. The site is updated weekly. Go to web page:[http://scopeny.org/ARCHIVES/SCOPE Legislative Report.pdf](http://scopeny.org/ARCHIVES/SCOPE%20Legislative%20Report.pdf)

0. Youth Programs:

1) **Mobile Air Rifle Range:** *John Butcher, Gordon Bolting Sr* -No Report

2) **Youth Mentor Clays League:** *John Butcher~ Bryan Meahl, Doug Thompson*

John Butcher reported they are planning to hold an instructional league starting in late winter early spring, March or April 2008. They will have teams of 3 people, an adult, an experienced youth shooter, and a youth who has never shot before. The purpose of the FNRA Grant is to fund shooting and bring new people into the sport. Those interested in volunteering can contact John at 434-7176.

3) **Pheasant Program:** *Bob Glidden* -John Butcher reported that he sent Bob Glidden an e-mail of those clubs that donated to the 4H PF program. Bob would like to stop by and say thank you in person.

P. Conservation Education:

1) **Niagara County Youth Board:** -No Report

2) **Niagara County Fair:** -No Report

3) **Wild Life Festival:** *John Butcher:* -No Report

4) **5th & 6th Grade Environmental Field Days:** *Bob Kerns, Greg Tessmann* -No Report

5) **DEC Youth Camp:** *Paul Jackson*

If you know any kids 12 to 14 that want to go to Rushford, get the names into Paul.

6) **Convention:** *Walter Kanouff& Matt Zarnosky*

Walter reported the 2007 Annual Awards Banquet has been tentatively set for April 17, 2007 at the 4H Bldg in Lockport. The Convention Committee and the Memorial Committee are trying to reserve a date at the 4H Bldg that will work for both committees.

Q. Annual Picnic:

John Butcher asked all delegates to go back to their clubs and ask if they want to host the annual picnic.

8. Application for Membership: –No Report

9. Old Business:

John Butcher had 15 unsold tickets on the North Forest Knife Raffle and sold them at the meeting tonight. When the winning ticket was pulled by Paul Jackson, John was the winner of the knife.

10. New Business:

A. John reminded everyone if you are interested in running for an office see Matt Zarnosky chairman of the Nomination Committee him and get your name on the list.

- 9.** John will book the large meeting room for all our meetings next year except the annual picnic in July. Our tentative meeting dates for 2008 are:

Monday January 28, 2008 Large Meeting Room 7:00-9:30 PM

Monday February 25, 2008 Large Meeting Room 7:00-9:30 PM

Monday March 24, 2008 Large Meeting Room 7:00-9:30 PM

Monday April 28, 2008 Large Meeting Room 7:00-9:30 PM

Monday May 26, 2008 Large Meeting Room 7:00-9:30 PM

Monday June 23, 2008 Large Meeting Room 7:00-9:30 PM

Monday July 28, 2008 (Annual Picnic) .To be determined.

Monday August 25, 2008 Large Meeting Room 7:00-9:30 PM

Monday September 22, 2008 Large Meeting Room 7:00-9:30 PM

Monday October 27, 2008 Large Meeting Room 7:00-9:30 PM

Monday November 24, 2008 Large Meeting Room 7:00-9:30 PM

Wednesday December 17, 2008 Large Meeting Room 7:00-9:30 PM

- 9.** Paul Jackson reminded everyone to think of resolutions to submit to the NYSCC for next year. Some recommendations are:

John Butcher –Do away with big game back tags

Dale Dunkelberger –Change the fall turkey season to 4 weeks.

Paul Jackson –Increase the rod limit on the Great Lakes to 3 rods on small boats

D. Our guest speaker for January 28, 2008 will be Dr. Richard Thoma from the Oakawanda Wildlife Foundation. He would like to make a handicap accessible duck blind on Grand Island.

9. For the Good of the Federation:

A. Niagara Frontier Friends of the NRA: *John Butcher & Bill Mudge*

Bill reported their 2008 Banquet kick off meeting will be Tuesday November 27, 2007.

B.Niagara River Anglers: *Paul Jackson*

- 1) They are having their Christmas Party on December 17, 2007 at the LaSalle Sportsmen Club.

- 2) LOTSA is having the Lake Ontario/Niagara River Fishing Expo and Flea Market here at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sunday February 24, 2008 from 10AM —4PM. Their goal is to raise money for the Niagara and Orleans Pen Rearing projects.

C. North Forest: *Dale Dunkelberger*

Dale reported they had elections and have a new slate of officers.

D. Iroquois Arms Collectors: *William Mudge*

The IACA next meeting will be December 12, 2007 at the AM VETS Post 26 on 600 Ward Road in North Tonawanda at 8:00 p.m. We will be holding nominations and election of officers.

E. SCOPE: *William Mudge*

Bill reported their next meeting is December 19, 2007 at the American Legion Post 410, 42 Niagara Street in Lockport at 7:00 p.m.; everyone is welcome to attend as his guest.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Chris Schotz, 2nd Gary Lowe, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Mudge

Secretary, NCFCC

For information about the NCFCC including minutes, and upcoming events check us out at:

www.outdoorsniagara.com