

NCFCC October 2005 Minutes of Board Meeting

Pledge to the Flag:

Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs October 2005 Meeting held on the 24th. Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Mark Richardson at the 4-H Bldg., Lockport, New York with the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes:

Don Clark reported our guest speaker at the last meeting was his granddaughter Rachel Ripley. Tiffany Clark is her sister.

Larry Koch reported he did not second the motion that we reimburse for mileage at the current IRS rate for any member of this body that has the prior approval of the board of directors to be reimbursed for their mileage. The motion was reintroduced by Mark Richardson, a motion was made by Gordon Botting to accept, 2nd by Dale Dunkleberger, carried.

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 William Mudge, 2nd by Bob Kerns, carried.

Communications Bills and Notices:

Mark Richardson reported there is a new TV program Fresh Air produced under the direction of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and will appear on Empire State Outdoors in the Buffalo Area on WNLO, Cable 23 on December 17, 2005. A motion was made by Paul Jackson to view the tape, 2nd by Dale Dunkleberger, carried.

Sick Call: Secretary Bill Mudge reported he drop the card off everyone signed to Ken Mottorn. Ken is out of Newfane Hospital and doing better.

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: John Butcher prepared a set of financials for the 4 quarter at the next meeting on October 24, 2005.

Fund Raising:

Patches:

Patches for this year are still available. They are \$3.50 each. Some patches from past years are still available. They can be obtained by contacting Gordon Botting at 716-434-1563.

Gordon Botting reported President John Butcher is trying to find a picture of a porcupine on the web for our patch next year.

Knives: Gordon Botting reported if anyone needs a knife for a gun raffle or events at their club contact him at 716-434-1563.

Annual Shoot: John Butcher is looking for a club that wants to host the 2006 shoot. He will send out a letter this fall to clubs in the Federation. If your club wants to host the NCFCC Annual shoot contact John.

Grants:

Mark Richardson's reported on our grant to the New York State Office of Family and Child Services is 99% complete. It has to be reviewed by the board and signed by President John Butcher.

County Funds: John will check on the availability of funds from Niagara County Legislature.

Newsletters: Gordon B. Oiling reported there is an open spot for advertising on the front sheet.

Public Relations: Bill Hilts Jr.

Rosters: John Butcher requested if your club is holding elections please give us updated rosters as soon as possible.

Small Game:

Greg Tessman reported Chris Schotz went to Attica Prison and picked up 200 pheasants the Safari Club paid for. They were released in the 19 habitat sites in Niagara County.

Big Game: Dale Dunkleberger

Dale reported as you know A4853A/S918A was signed by Governor Pataki. This legislation will allow hunters to use a center rifle for deer and bear in certain southern tier counties. There was no caliber specified in the bill. Next year this may be changed. There has been some concern some hunters will be using SKS or AK-47 to hunt deer. This is unlikely since you are only allowed 1 round in the chamber and 6 rounds in the magazine. Remember bear season opens a week later than deer in the southern tier.

Deer management permits second go around is November 1, 2005. You can have them check to see what areas are available, this is on a first come first served basis.

Waterfowl:

Dave Whitt reported that the Niagara Falls DU (Ducks Unlimited) Chapter held a meeting at the Wilson House on October 2005. If anyone wants to work on the committee see Dave Whitt and get your name on the list.

Hunter Safety Dale Dunkleberger reported most hunter safety classes are done. He still has one class left.

Sports Fishing: Paul Jackson

The salmon run is underway right now in the Niagara River. The Steelhead are just starting to run. DEC personnel are going to be at different locations conducting throughout the winter months to see what is being caught. Many sturgeon are being caught in the Niagara River, some of these fish are up to 100 years old. Tuesday we are going to be stocking Coho fingerlings off the sand dock. Perch are running in the Lower Niagara River.

Habitat: Greg Tessman

Greg reported the no till grain drill has been used to plant grasses on several habitat sites and several more sites are lined up for next year on the WRP and WEB programs this coming year.

Greg reported there is going to be cutbacks in the (CRP) Conservation Reserve Program.

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

Region Nine Fish and Wildlife Board: - Greg Tessman

Greg reported he completed the habitat report for Niagara County.

Greg reported the DEC is preparing a fishing access site in Tonawanda Creek in rapids.

Greg brought some hunting and fishing access signs from the Fish and Wildlife Board. These signs are now free. He recommended the large signs be put in the corner of your property. The small ask permission signs should be on the corner of your posted signs along the sides of your property. See Greg for more information.

Greg is working on a resolution for the Fish and Wildlife Board to allow landowners a reduction in taxes if they allow selective access to their property.

Convention:

Awards Banquet – John Butcher brought in a proposal from the Lockport Holiday Inn for the Awards banquet. The price was \$16.95 +8% tax with a cash bar. You get two salad choices and two entree choices. A motion was made by Jim McCornber to have the Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn, 2nd by Marc Richardson, carried.

A motion was made by Jim McComher to have the Awards Banquet on Saturday March 18, 2006, 2nd by Mark Richardson, carried.

John passed out some Award Nomination forms and requested all delegates to take them back to their clubs. Ask your presidents and officers to start thinking who did a great job at your club or community and let's get some nominations for awards next year.

Application for Membership: - None.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee: Jerry Bennett, John Chilcott and Dave Whitt. The committee recommendation are:

President - John Butcher
Vice President - Paul Jackson
Secretary - William Mudge
Treasurer - Gordon Botting
Conservation Council Delegate - Dale Dunkleberger
Alternate - Chris Schotz

Pheasants Forever Challenge Grant: A motion was made by Dale Shank to donate \$100 for matching fund for the Pheasant Forever Grant, 2nd by Dale Dunkleberger, carried.

Directors & Officers Insurance: John Butcher made a motion that we get quotes three to five quotes for insurance at our next meeting, 2nd Dale Dunkleberger, carried.

Greg Tessman reported he signed an agreement to reserved the large meeting room here at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building all this year for our monthly meetings, other than for July

Picnic Note: Our December meeting will be on the December 21, 2005.

New Business:

Gordon Botting reported he nominated Don Bronson for a prestigious Award, through the Masons. Don has been a master hunting training instructor for 20 years. Don will be receiving the award Wednesday November 9, 2005 at the Masonic Hall in Lockport.

For the Good of the Federation:

Iroquois Arms Collectors: William Mudge reported their next meeting is November 9, 2005 at AM VETS Post 26 011 600 Ward Road in North Tonawanda at 8:00 p.m.

Niagara Orleans Friends of the NRA:

William Mudge announced the 2006 Friends of the NRA Banquet will be March 25, 2006 at Samuel's Grande Manor. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. Tile NRA Gun of the Year is a limited edition Weatherby Vanguard SS .270 WSM w/Leupold 3-9x Scope and hard case. Tickets are \$5.00 each,-3 for \$10.00 or 7 for \$20.00. If you are interested call Bill at 716-772-2261.

Pheasants Forever of Western New York:

Dave Whitt made a reported on the mismanagement of the Plateau Recreation and Wildlife Management Area at Artpark by tile Village of Lewiston.

- 1) The Village of Lewiston is going to meet with Pheasants Forever and other environmental groups next month about tile plateau.
- 2) The Village of Lewiston has already moved construction debris consisting of broken concrete, chunks of blacktop, gravel, sand and broken pipe and other junk from the site.
- 3) They have temporarily banned model airplanes flying at the site.

SCOPE: William Mudge

Bill reported at their last meeting they review Candidate Questionnaires sent out to our local office seekers. Bill reported their next meeting is November 16, 2005 at the American Legion Post 410, 42 Niagara Street in Lockport at 7:00 p.m.. Everyone is welcome to attend as his guest.

Twin City Sportsmen: Mark Richardson announced Twin City continues to be willing to host the 4H youth event later this year.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, James McComber, 2nd Paul Jackson, carried.

Respectfully submitted,
William A. Mudge Secretary, NCFCC

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