

Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs Minutes May 29th. 2007

NOTICE

The next meeting will be Monday June 25th, 2007 at the 4-H Bldg., Lockport, New York.

1. Pledge to the Flag

Niagara County Federation of Conservation Club May 2007 meeting held on the 29th. Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Butcher at the 4-H Bldg., Lockport, New York with the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Reception of Guest: No Guest

3. Minutes:

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

4. Roll call of clubs and directors:

Sheets were passed around and signed by the delegates.

5. Financial Report: *Gordon Rotting Sr.*

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

6. Communications:

A. **Bills:** Chris Schotz submitted a bill for the 2008 NCFCC Knives

B. **Notices:** No report

C. **Sick Call:** No report

7. Committee Reports

A. Finance and Audit: *John Butcher*

John submitted a Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the officers and delegates for the 1st quarter of 2007.

B. Fundraising:

1) **Patches:** *Gordon Botting Sr.* 2007 Patches are available and are for sale at a price of \$3.50.

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

- a) Chris Schotz reported that he has received the 2008 NCFCC Knives that will be raffled to send kids to DEC Youth Camp. He purchased case folding pocket knives retail value is approximately \$92.00, purchase price was \$34.05 each.
- b) John Butcher reported that he had raffle tickets printed for one of the 2007 knives so that they can be sold over the next 6 weeks, drawing will be at the NCFCC picnic in July. All delegates were encouraged to sell tickets.
- c) If you need a knife for an event at your club contact Gordon Botting at 716-434-1563.

3) Grants: *John Butcher*

John reported once he gets an invoice from Treasurer Gordon Botting for the final cost of the cabinets for the shooting trailer, he would submit it to the DEC and get the balance of our funds. Gordon also went shopping to spend the unused grant funds, the last \$100.00 was spent on miscellaneous supplies such as ladder, tools and wheel locks.

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

Larry reported that the location of the memorial will be at the Cornell Cooperative Extension where the large barrel is currently located. A drawing of the memorial was submitted by Greg Tessmann and passed out for review by the delegates. Tentative date for the ceremony is July 23rd at 10:00AM. Chris Schotz reported that he is growing chestnut trees and volunteered to donate them for planting at the memorial site.

- 5) **Ads Newsletter:** *John Butcher* There is still space available.

C. Public Relations: *Bill Hilts Jr.*

- 1) John Butcher wanted to express his thanks to Bill Hilts Jr. for the newspaper article, Bill wrote on two Niagara County girls that took Turkeys during the youth mentor hunt in April. It is nice to get some positive PR for the NCFCC.
- 2) Pam Leaderhouse wrote an article on her and husband Herb's bear hunt, which appeared in the Winter Spring 2007 issue North American Bear Foundation Magazine.

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*

Regular Turkey season ends on May 31st, 2007.

F. Big Game: *Dale Dunkelberger* — No report

G. Water Fowl: *Kenneth R. Zolnowski* — No report

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

- 1) The new hunter safety instructor's class is scheduled for June 19 & 20, 2007 at 6 PM, location Cornell Cooperative Extension, Lockport New York.
- 2) Matt Zornosky reported that he has received reports that the DEC web site is very difficult to navigate through and find information pertaining to Hunter Education. Matt noted that Hunter Education is found under services and not education.
- 3) Walter Kanouff reported that LaSalle Sportsman Club would be holding Hunter Education Classes on the following dates:

Firearm Hunter Education:

Aug. 1st	Part I & reg.	6:30 pm sharp
Aug. 8th	PartII	6:30 - 10:30 pm
Aug. 15th	Part III	6:30 - 10:30 pm
Aug. 22nd	Part IV	6:30 - 10:30 pm

Archery Hunter Education:

July 11th	Registration	6:30 pm sharp
July 18th	Part I	6:30 - 10:30 pm
July 21st	Part II	8:00 am - 12 noon

I. Sport Fishing: *Paul Jackson*

Paul reported Olcott and Wilson pen projects are finished and that the Niagara River Anglers will have their Niagara River project completed by June 1st; fish to be released the same day.

J. Habitat: *Chris Schotz & David Whitt*

- 1) Chris reported that over 100 acres have been planted in Niagara County with the seed drill.
- 2) John Butcher reported that he had an opportunity to speak with State Senator George Maiziarz about the John White Game Farm and faxed the information and research compiled by Dave Whitt of Pheasants Forever to Senator Maziarz.

K. C.F.A.B.: *John Long Sr., Bill Hilts Sr*

- 1) There is new Wild Life Refuge Center opening near exit 41 on the NYS thruway.
- 2) Dr. Boser lead researchers for NYS state spoke on VHS Virus, which has the ability wipe out entire species of fish. VHS virus can kill fish in two to three days, it is already in the great lakes. They would like sportsmen to work with them to prevent it from spreading into land lakes. It was recommended that bait fish not be transported between lakes and the sportsmen clean boat hulls. Anyone that finds a large fish kill in NYS lakes should report it to the DEC.
- 3) The purchaser of the Seneca Army Depot is willing to work with the White Tail Deer Committee to ensure the herds survival by protecting their habitat.

L. Region 9 Fish and Wild Life Board: *Greg Tessman* — No report

M. NYS Conservation Council: *Dale Dunkelberger, Gerry Bennett*

Gerry Bennett reported that the 2007 resolutions are available and distributed copies to all delegates in attendance, those not present at the May meeting will have the resolutions mailed to them. Gerry requested that all delegates take the resolutions back to their respected clubs and review them with their membership and call for a vote. Each delegate will then vote his clubs position on each issue at the August meeting.

N. **S.C.O.P.E.:** *William Mudge* — No report

0. Youth Programs:

1) **Mobile Air Rifle Range:** *Gordon Bolting Sr*

a) John Butcher reported that we have a lot of requests coming in for the trailer, but we are short of the volunteers needed to man it. Master instructor Larry Koch has given John a list of NYS DEC Instructors that are located in Niagara County. John will draft a letter and ask DEC Instructors for their support.

b) We need a committee chairman to oversee the trailer for the Niagara County Fair, primary duties will include contacting and organizing the volunteers needed to man the trailer.

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

Committee is hoping to meet over the summer who and they are planning a September or October date.

3) **Pheasant Program:** *Bob Glidden, Greg Tessmann* — No report

P. Conservation Education:

1) **Niagara County Youth Board:** No report.

2) **Niagara County Fair:** *No current committee chair* Fair dates will be August 1st - 5th, 2007

3) **Wild Life Festival:** *John Butcher*

John Butcher will contact Lori Presti from the NYS Power Authority and try to set up a June meeting so that we can get an early start.

4) 5th. & 6th. **Grade Environmental Field Days:** *Bob Kerns, Greg Tessmann*

a) Bob reported the Field Days are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday June 5th & 6th.

b) We received a letter from Darcy Tone about donating meals for the volunteers again; Gordon Botting will make contact with Darcy and make sure the NCFCC donates funds to cover the lunches.

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

Paul has 10 kids lined up for DEC Youth Camp (Rushford); they have received their acceptance letters.

Q. Convention: *Walter Kanouff & Malt Zarnosky*

Walter asked treasurer Gordon Boning for a final receipt. Gordon reported that all bills have been paid, and the income and expenses have been reported in the treasurer's report. He will total up the income and expenses from the reports and give a final report at the June meeting.

R. Annual Picnic: *Tammy Thrush & Chris Schotz*

The annual picnic will be at the Wilson Conservation Club on July 23rd. 2007. Chris reported that he has reviewed our mailing list and has added many people to our guest list that he felt should be invited. John will mail out invites 6 weeks in advance of the event. Tammy and the Ladies Auxiliary will purchase and prepare food. Please bring a dish to pass if you plan on attending.

8. Application for Membership: No report

9. Old Business: No report

10. New Business:

Assembly Women, Francine DelMonte is looking for support for a bill that would allow big game hunting for youths 14 and 15 years of age when in the presence of an adult hunter. It would be very similar to the youth mentor hunts that are currently being held during turkey and duck season.

11. For the Good of the Federation: No Report

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Chris Schotz, 2nd Pam Leaderhouse, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

John Butcher
President, NCFCC

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www.outdoorsniagara.com