

Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs

Minutes for October Meeting 2007

The next meeting will be Monday November 26th, 2007 at the 4-H Bldg., Lockport, New York.

1. Pledge to the Flag

Niagara County Federation of Conservation Club October 2007 Meeting held on the 24th. 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 Guest: 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 Botting Sr.*

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

6. Communications:

A. Bills:

Dale Dunkelberger submitted a bill for \$76.00 for the NYSCC Fall meeting.

B. Correspondence:

C. Notices:

John Butcher reported that he has received more paper work from the NYS DEC Grants Division in Albany after he mailed in the final report for the Del Monte DEC grant TM5090. John will check to see if an error was made.

D. Sick Call: -No Report

7. Committee Reports:

A. Finance and Audit: John Butcher gave a report on the financials from January to September 30th.

- 1) Restricted Funds (Money that has been allocated to projects) has been removed from the checking account and put into a saving account.
- 2) 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, Dec youth camps, membership dues, etc.

- 3) inventory Accounts have been established for items such as knives.

B. Fundraising:

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

President John Butcher has pictures of a doe and fawn for next years patch. They will be brought to the November meeting so members can choose which one they like.

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

- a) Matt Zoronosky reported the Hartland Conservationist Club made 100 dollars on the knife at the October 6, 2007 gun raffle.
- b) John Butcher donated \$100.00 for a 2006 knife in inventory.
- c) 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*

Chris Schotz donated two blight resistant chestnut tree seedlings from Virginia.

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

Ads are now going to run for a complete year. They will start January 1, 2008 and expire December 31, 2008. Gordon Botting will send the bills out in December, 2007. If people sign in midyear we will charge them at a pro-rataed rate.

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*

- 1) Small game season is open. Pheasant season opened last Saturday October 20th~'. The DEC has put stockings around in various locations; unfortunately the hawk numbers are high.
- 2) Many private lands where they used to release pheasants are no longer available. If you have 100 continuous acres that is good habitat contact Chris and he will put you in touch with the DEC.
- 3) The DEC is going to have two more releases of pheasants.
- 4) Dale Dunkelberger reported two hundred pheasants were released that he brought up from the Wyoming Correctional Facility on various sites that Greg Tessmann setup.

F. Big Game: *Dale Dunkelberger*

- 1) Archery season opened October 13th~

2) Black bears are thriving in New York State and the DEC is looking for public input about current bear populations and distribution and about current black bear management in New York. The

following meetings are scheduled in Region 9:

- a) October 23, 2007 .Cuba-Rushford Middle/High School, 5476 Route 305, Cuba, NY at 7:00 PM.
- b) October 24, 2007 .Concord Town Hall, 86 Franklin Street, Springville, NY at 7:00 PM.
- c) October 25, 2007 .Frank W. Bratt Agriculture Center, 3542 Turner Road, Jamestown, NY at 7:00 PM.

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

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

- 1) Dale reported there are two hunter safety classes scheduled for this week. One at the Middleport Conservation Club and the other at the Little Ridge Archery Shop.
- 2) Dale finished up a hunter safety course at the Niagara Falls Airport Base and they have invited him back next year and they would like it to become an annual event.

1. Sport Fishing: *Paul Jackson, Joe Wilczewski* –No Report

J. Habitat: *Chris Schotz & David Whitt*

- 1) Chris reported as chairman of the Habitat Committee the Federation asked him to look for areas to improve. His committee is working on two candidates and he would like to know how and what this Federation will do about funding.
- 2) The no-till grain drill has been in use more this year. Chris has a full report on the usage from Mark Sider. If you have a piece of property that you would like to have planted, contact Mark Sider at Niagara County Soil Water at 716-434-4949.

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 thanked Bill Mudge for filling in for him at the September meeting.

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/SCOPEJ~.egiSlatiVeRepOrt.Pdf>

0. Youth Programs:

- 1) Mobile Air Rifle Range: *John Butcher~ Gordon Rotting Si:* –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*

- a) Bob was absent at the last meeting and gave a recap on the pheasant-rearing program.
- b) Bob presented a certificate from the Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Niagara County 4 H Pheasant Program to the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs for support and contributions to the program.

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* .No Report.

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

Q. Annual Picnic: *Tammy Thrush & Chris Schotz* _No Report

8. Application for Membership: _No Report

9. Old Business: _No Report

10. New Business:

- A. Matt Zarnosky chairman of the Nomination Committee reported if you are interested in running for an office see him and get your name on the fist.
- B. Chris Schotz has available to him a youth crossbow he can donate to the Federation for a raffle.

11. For the Good of the Federation:

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

Bill requested all applicants to get their grant applications back to him by October 31s1.

B. North Forest: *Dale Dunkelberger*

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

C. Iroquois Arms Collectors: *William Mudge*

The IACA next meeting will be November 14, 2007 at the AM VETS Post 26 on 600 Ward Road in North Tonawanda at 8:00 p.m. At our Fall Gun Show on October 20 & 21, 2007 all tables were sold out.

D. 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Mudge
Secretary, NCFCC

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www.outdoorsniagara.com

