

# **Waterbury/Stowe Fish and Game Club**

## **Annual Meeting Minutes**

**January 3, 2007**

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President Dave Grenier began the meeting at 6:35 p.m. with 14 members present.

### **Secretary's Report**

Izzi Keiser read the minutes of the April 5, 2006 meeting.

Jim Sargeant moved to accept the minutes as read; Kevin Rogers seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Note made that there was no June meeting for lack of sufficient attendance.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tom Sandretto distributed the Treasurer's report and annual financial statements. He reported that the Club started 2006 with \$43,000 in cash and ended the year \$41,319. He was pleased that considering the cost of the new garage door and improvements to the porch, the Club came out with a decrease of only \$1,700 in cash. The Club has also increased its investments in CD's by \$5,000. As far as revenues went, memberships were down about \$350, income from clubhouse/grounds were up \$2,300 (thanks primarily to Billy Martin's efforts), the July 4<sup>th</sup> Duck Race had a \$4,500 profit (\$300 more than 2005). Shooting brought in \$650; down a little but the Club also bought targets in 2006. Bank interest brought in \$800.

Expenses: Property insurance went up \$100, taxes went up \$200, cost of heat went up \$500, electricity \$200. Maintenance was up about \$1,200. Cost of trash removal went down and all other expenses were stable.

Bill Martin moved to accept the Treasurer's report as discussed and distributed. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

### **Annual Election of Officers**

Jim Sargeant moved to keep the same slate of officers for 2007. His motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Current Club officers are:

Dave Grenier, President  
Chris Joyal, Vice President  
Tom Sandretto, Treasurer  
Izzi Keiser, Secretary

Dave Mentioned thanks on behalf of himself and the officers for the Club's continued trust in them.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Rich Hearn asked about posting signs at the Club with shooting hours – bigger, more prominent signs. Dave gave him the authority to obtain signs and asked that he send a note to Tom Sandretto with the bills for reimbursement.

Dues for 2008: After general discussion about how the Club is doing financially and whether we should consider increasing either the regular dues or lifetime membership fees, it was generally agreed that the Club is running well at the current levels. Jim Sargeant moved to keep Club dues unchanged for 2006. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

House Committee: Billy Martin – There were 51 rentals in 2006, not including programs like the hunter safety course and fishing derby. He has received eight reservations so far this year. The general trend is that rentals are going up every year. Feedback from renters is that rent could even be a little low. Billy agreed to head the clubhouse committee this year; with the Club's thanks. Dave made note of the fact that the membership is not aware of the amount of time and effort Billy puts into the Club – it is because of efforts of members like Billy that the Club is as successful as it is and that dues are as low as they are. Billy and Dave further agreed to run the duck race this year – they are volunteering for one more year. They really need the help of other members.

Building Maintenance: Porch/Deck/Roof – Ricky Delphia and Billy and Mark Martin did a great job on the porch and roof this past summer. Still need to do the side toward the range next summer. The access to the new part of the cellar has been tabled, although the door has been changed to an insulated door. The radiation heat continues to be considered. The leak in the porch roof will be fixed next summer. Both the pavilion and the club house need desperately to be painted. Brian Woodard volunteered the use of his commercial paint sprayer if others would also help. Rich Hearn offered to help and they will try to get other volunteers. The inside of the clubhouse also needs to be painted and Dave said that he would call his contact at the state to see who the Club could hire to help. The T-111 for the skeet house is primed and ready to go.

Noise and Shooting – The members of the Club who work most to ensure the success are still trying to get a handle on controlling noise and shooting. Members who have spoken with neighbors of the Club believe that the Club is considered to be making an effort to help. There was no further progress or communication regarding the errant bullet that struck a neighbor's window. No additional review can be done with a copy of the policy report. This subject is tabled. There was additional discussion whether a sign-in sheet/log either at the main gate or the rifle range would help. Apparently, members need to be reminded of the Club's shooting hours on a regular basis. Mike Keiser said that he would get a mailbox and log-in system to put at the front gate. Jim Sargeant said that he would investigate using an electronic card system for entry into the Club. Brian Woodard volunteered to design a gate system and provide the labor, as long as the Club paid for materials.

Week Bee: After general discussion about the effectiveness of setting work bees, the spring work bee was set for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please participate.

Archer: Jim Sargeant – Reported that archery is pretty slow at the moment (understandable because its winter!!!). The Club has no place to hold winter archery leagues. Last summer was fun for a few people but not too exciting. We would like to revitalize interest in archery but interest is generally down statewide. Keep pushing it!

Skeet: Kevin Rogers – 2006 weather on Tuesday nights was bad and raised problems with skeet. Because of the weather, they generally didn't shoot past dusk (which probably helped noise levels). He had a special event with Stoweflake Lodge this fall. The lodge organized a skeet shoot with a number of guests. It was a success; everyone had a great time and Kevin is interested in doing it again. Skeet will start the first Tuesday in May. By the way, people are not paying for all the targets they are using. The Club will probably have to change the lock combination again.

Rifle Range: Mike Keiser – Would like to get some dirt or gravel to do the walk-way. Dave spoke to the town of Waterbury and they said they could bring some but they hadn't yet. Mike said Dr. Callan offered to give the Club some gravel but we need to get a truck and loader. Dave said that he would talk to a couple of contacts to see if they can help and asked Mike to remind him in a month or two; in case he forgets. There was some discussion about how to make changes to the range to encourage its use. Brian Woodard and Jim Sargeant offered to get lighter trash barrels for the shooting area. It was noted that the members are doing a very poor job of cleaning up after themselves. There are shell casings and trash left everywhere and a few members are always left to clean up.

Forestry Requirements/Logging: Stuart Baker, the logger working with Peter Watts, has indicated there is a potential for cleaning out useless wood. There are a few trees that could also be logged for profit – but not much. The primary benefit would be to clean up the property while there is a logger right there. Dave will contact Tom Sweet (forester) to discuss and investigate the opportunity. It was agreed that whatever forestry plan was created had to ensure that the buffer on the west side of the property has to be kept to keep noise down for the neighbors. In addition, we need to be aware that there will be a power line constructed beginning in the summer.

Jim Sargeant volunteered to investigate organizing a potluck dinner to encourage membership participation.

Dave reported that Chris Joyal is planning to do the Kid's Fishing Derby this year. Billy asked Dave to have Chris contact him asap to reserve the dates.

Finally, Dave asked the membership to consider where the Club is headed in the future. There are a handful of members who do all the work and in order to continue operating a successful Club, there needs to be fresh volunteerism.

The next meeting was schedule for Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Jim Sargeant moved to adjourn the 2007 Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Izzi Keiser  
Secretary

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