

Waterbury/Stowe Fish and Game Club

January 07, 2009

President Dave Grenier welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 6:35 p.m. with 12 members present.

Secretary's Report

Izzi Keiser read the minutes of the January 30, 2009 rescheduled annual meeting. Tom Sandretto moved to accept the minutes as read which Billy Martin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Tom reported that Billy had a good year! Tom handed out the report. Savings account has been rolled into a CD. Memberships and revenue from memberships are up – can't tell if it's the increased dues. Tom can say that he has not seen a significant drop off in renewals because of the increased cost. It was a record year for House rentals and the Duck Race. Shooting showing a negative number because the Club bought targets. Interest is up but is because there is an extra three months of interest recorded this year. Tom gave more detailed other information. Some expenses are up, some are down. No major maintenance projects. Dave noted that we did some major maintenance but paid very little thanks to community support.

Jim Sargeant moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Election of Officers

There was a motion to keep the slate of officers the same this year. Jim seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Dave gave his thanks for the Club's support of the officers.

Old Business

None

Agenda Items

Dues for 2010 – Tom Sandretto moved to leave the dues as they are. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. It was estimated that we have about 500 members.

House Committee - Billy was asked to speak but said he didn't have much to say. He reported 36 rentals last year and had donated the Club's use for a few organizations. Mike Merchant was credited for keeping the Club grounds perfect. He already has six rentals for this year. The members gave Billy a round of applause

July 4 Celebration – Billy announced that he is definitely taking the year off from the Duck race – won't even volunteer. He feels that the rentals are high enough to make up the lost income. Dave asked if anyone would volunteer. Chris suggested having a Fire-Quaker raffle and not even doing the ducks. Chris asked Billy if he would consider doing that. We usually sell about \$800 of tickets at the booth the day of the celebration. Billy respectfully tried to decline and finally said he would think about it. This decision was tabled for awhile. Billy didn't want to make any rash decisions. Chris asked about doing the Booth – NO booth.

Fishing Derby – Chris Joyal said they would make it happen. It will be held on May 17th. Billy scheduled the date. 11:00 – 12:00 is registration and fishing is between 12:00 – 2:00.

Building Maintenance – Billy reported that the front deck and roof is done. Cellar access was tabled. Radiant heat was also tabled. Leak in the porch has been fixed. Pavilion and Club House vinyl siding is done. Painting will be done next summer. Skeet house and second field is done on three sides. Billy's coming up with other jobs for Mike and his crew. Billy said that we will need more work on the driveway. Chris talked about a new type of mat and said he would take of getting prices for the mat and getting the work done.

Noise/Shooting Complaints – Dave reported there have been no complaints that he knows of.

Work Bee – Work Bee was scheduled for April 18th.

Archery/Jimmy – Jim reported that it's been kept alive. About 5 people shot regularly last summer. Didn't generate any funds but cleaned out the course and had a good time. Quite a few targets were repaired.

Skeet/Kevin – Kevin wasn't at the meeting but the others noted that he had a pretty good following. There was discussion about raising the prices because the cost of targets and shells has gone up. It was thought to increase the cost from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per round. There was a motion to set the price at \$4.00 per round. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Tom e-mailed Kevin with the new price.

Rifle Range/Mike - Mike reported that maintenance continues. Jim said there was an extra roll of backstop in the cellar that he could use. Dave said he was doing a great job. It is amazing how much brass is left there. Several people said that they've cleaned up. Dave suggested putting a pail and having the Club benefit. Unfortunately, people have taken the bucket that was being filled. The culvert made a huge difference to the range.

Ponds – Dave and Chris have discussed that the upper pond over-flow appears to be plugged and the over-flow will have to be monitored and fixed in the spring. Chris said that we're having a real problem with cattails and will want to clean out the ponds in the spring. The group felt that it should be done.

New Business

Chris suggested that Tom move some of the money in the checking in the account into a CD.

Chris suggested that the old skeet house and pad should be taken down because it's been there for 45 years and is falling apart. He suggested getting a storage building from Home Depot to use as the skeet house. The group agreed. Chris said the building could be torn down at the same time the ponds are cleaned out and he could get prices for a new building (12x16). Mike suggested the camps that Camp Meade is selling. Chris said he would stop and check them out.

Next Meeting

The meetings for the rest of the year have been set (6:30 pm) and will be posted to the web site.

April 1, 2009

June 24, 2009

September 2, 2009

January 6, 2010

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded an unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Izzi Keiser
Secretary