

Waterbury/Stowe Fish and Game Club

January 7, 2015

Annual Meeting

Vice President Chris Joyal began the meeting at 6:30 and established a quorum.

Secretary's Report: Izzi Keiser read the minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting. The motion was made to accept the report as read and seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reviewed the 2013 vs. 2014 Financial Statement and went over income and expenses for 2014. Tom expressed concern that the Club has had two years of declining revenues. We have not had any fund raisers. He is just expressing concern. Chris noted that we will need to not spend as much this year. Tom and Rene discussed the database for a short while. The response to the Google e-mail system of communicating with members has been good. There was a general discussion about the most effective uses of e-mail. Jim Sargent moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as read and seconded. Unanimously approved.

Election of Officers: Rick Davey moved to keep the current roster of officers for the coming year. The motion was accepted and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

PayPal: There was general discussion for awhile. Tom felt that if we paid a percentage to PayPal, we would have to offer payments to others. Several members disagreed – they felt it would be more convenient to renew by PayPal. The option of charging a convenience fee was offered. Plus, it would be easier for new members to immediately join rather than mailing a payment to the Club or hunting for someone to take the payment. A decision was made to try PayPal and charge a \$2.00 convenience fee for six months to see how it works for the Club.

Shooting Range – People are still abusing the range. Discussed enforcement solutions. Members have the authority to tell abusers to leave. Also, members are encouraged to take license plate numbers and names and report it to the officers for follow up.

New Business

Dues for 2016 – Tom said that he believes we should not raise the dues. Losses over the past couple of years are directly attributable to improvements we have made during the past couple of years. If we don't have large expenditures we should be better financially. Tom would recommend we not raise the dues. Chris agreed with Tom; he noted that revenues from membership fees are just about covering expenses. He also discuss how good fund raisers are good for community interaction. Rene Churchill moved to leave the dues the same for 2016. Jim Sargent seconded and there was a landslide unanimous approval.

House Committee – Bill is talking with the Northeast Fiddlers association about renting the Club and grounds on July 10, 11 and 12 but wants it to be closed to members. Will pay \$1,300. Chris said that for that amount, we can close the Club for three days – we will need to advertise the closure to members. Everyone agreed. Lake Champlain Basin organization wants to come to a meeting to do a 10-15 minute talk. The suggestion would be to do it at the next meeting and advertise to get more people in. The group said to go ahead with it. Four rentals already for this year. Lost two because we can't keep members out.

Archery – Jim said still doing it. Will do it again. Not a lot of interest. Targets holding up pretty well.

Skeet – Kevin isn't here yet. Chris reported that he and Kevin put wireless remotes on the front field and they are impressed with them. George reported that attendance was up this year. Posted scores in Waterbury Record and other publications. It was nice to see that attendance, families with young shooters.

Rifle Range – Joe Hludzensk ipresented a diagram of the proposed design of the rifle range. George talked about the quote from Matt Percy about the drainage for the skeet fields. Fields need to be graded and swale redesigned. Quote was \$4,000.00 for both fields and behind the shed. His request was to budget \$4,000.00 and fine tune the quote by having members help out with their own equipment. Chris thought it was a great idea but was concerned about the price. Would lowering the pond level six inches be a reasonable option to try? The group decided to cut the pond pipe six inches to see if lowering the water table would help, before committing to \$4,000.00. George also discussed getting fill from a state construction project to use on the grounds. Also move 2 feet of ground from the rifle range to use as a back stop and rebuild the range ground with the new fill.

Duck Race – No volunteers.

Fishing Derby – Chris needs to turn over the Derby. Fish are ordered. Suggested to post on the web site and send e-mail asking for a volunteer.

Building Maintenance – Billy reported that the boiler is 25-30 years old and will need to be replaced. He and Chris will work on it. Tom asked that they review and consider the fuel source when they choose the system. George mentioned that at the fall meeting the group talked about asking Mike Merchant to use his crew to paint the buildings. The high and low houses, the new shed, parts of the clubhouse need to be done. Billy will talk to Mike about it.

Tom brought up a request from a handicapped member who would like to use the rifle range. Chris noted that when we work on the rifle range we will work on making it easier to get to the range.

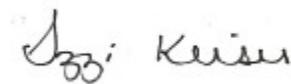
Work Bee – Clean up Club grounds and rake skeet fields. Saturday, April 25th at 8:00 am.

Board of Directors – George talked about the work and efforts of Kevin Rogers. He would like to nominate him as a director, contingent upon discussion between Dave and Rick Darby regarding liability protection. Billy seconded the motion. Duties would center on being a member of the directors to help achieve quorums at meetings.

2015 Meetings: April 1, July 1, October 7, and January 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Izzi Keiser
Secretary