

Winnepesaukee Sportsmans Club
Monthly Membership Meeting
February 9, 2009

MEETING OPENED at 7PM at the Moultonborough Safety Building with 12 members present.

ROLE CALL OF OFFICERS: President Drew Seder, Vice President Norm Coates, and Treasurer Linc Sinclair are present. Anne Bullitt is serving as secretary in Betsy Graham's absence. Also in attendance are Board members Warren Cassidy and Bob Raymond.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES:

The December minutes were read. Adjustments:

- a) No one present remembers any commitment during the December discussion that we, the club, would pay to have the well tiles moved back to Bart's property. The last half of the sentence will be removed, so that the sentence reads "Well Tiles, these will be stored where they are for Bart."
 - b) The meeting start time was 7:15PM, not 7:40PM
- These minutes were approved as modified.

The January minutes were read. Adjustments:

- a) Regarding the police department shooting: Drew recalls that the suggestion was to pick a set day/time for police use of the range, that his examination of the shooting log showed that Tuesday afternoons would affect the fewest members, that the meeting attendees concurred with this choice, and that Drew was to talk with the local police departments about targeting this time slot and the rules for scheduling and use. Others recalled the same. The minutes will be amended to add this discussion and the to-do item.

The minutes were approved as modified.

We welcomed our newest club members, Paul Gamache and Michael Major, who just joined the club tonight.

TREASURER'S REPORT: was read by Linc Sinclair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Police use of range: Drew met with the Moultonborough and Meredith police departments; he could not find the Police building in Sandwich and needs to get the Tuftonboro contact information from Linc. The groups he met with liked what he proposed, so he has put a notice on our website to remind members. The arrangement with the Police is:

- Our range is AVAILABLE to the police every Tuesday afternoon, but the responsibility to SCHEDULE that time on our website calendar is theirs.
- For the Police to have exclusive use of the range on a Tuesday afternoon, they must schedule that slot at least a week in advance.
- Tuesday afternoon slots not scheduled by the police may be scheduled for exclusive use by other groups, such as the Building and Grounds committee.
- If no one is scheduled on a Tuesday afternoon slot, it is open for regular member shooting as usual.

Drew will follow up with the other 2 Police departments. He also plans to ask each one to either help on work days or make a donation to the club.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Bob Raymond reported that he has completed the plans for the new shooting platform and they are available here at the meeting for review. Our current stand will be station #3, the center piece.

CLUB TRAINING: Chairman Will Powers is out sick tonight. He sent his report to the board with a proposed budget for 2009 training and letters to solicit donations from area groups and businesses. The Board decided to table review of all items until the March meeting, however it can be said that their feeling regarding his proposed budget is generally positive.

FUNDRAISING: Chair Warren Cassidy reports that Miss Print sent out our mailing on Friday. We have received 3 nice contributions so far already.

He recognized Drew Seder for doing the newsletter and labels and Jim and Anne Bullitt for doing the stuffing and labeling. Treasurer Linc has created a separate account for our Fundraising money so it can be easily tracked. We will celebrate our 40th anniversary with a grand event in June or July, which will also be a fundraising event, and there will be a drawing for a shotgun there. This event will take the place of our usual annual party in April/May.

NEW BUILDING: Chair Norm Coates reports that we are basically ready to go, just waiting for spring. There will be some ceiling and floor work after the building is delivered; the floor will need to be treated (polyurethane). Good news – we will NOT need to remove any driveway trees for delivery of the building. Its arrival will be quite a show; once we know the date, possibly we should notify the Granite News and plan to have some cameras of our own there, maybe even a video camera, to get pictures.

NEW BUSINESS

WSC By-Law changes:

Article VI Section II:

Currently: A quorum at any member voting meeting *shall consist of 20 voting members.*

Proposed: ...shall consist of 10 voting members present.

Discussion:

- do we require a simple majority or 2/3 majority? Per Article IV, item 6, simple majority, i.e. with 12 members present at today's meeting, we would need at least 6 to vote in the affirmative to pass something
- who can call a meeting? Per Article IV, item 3, the President or at least 2 members of the Board of Directors. (ADB note: At the meeting, we said "The President, or at least 50% of the elected directors holding office", but I checked the Bylaws - this is the requirement for calling a special Board meeting, not special membership meeting).

Motion was moved by Bob T, seconded by Warren C, unanimous

Article III Section 1:

Currently: Voting member: Any person *16 years of age or older* who is interested in the stated objectives of the Corporation, and who shall agree to respect and obey the Fish and Game Laws of the State of New Hampshire, shall be eligible for voting membership.

Proposed: Any person 18 years of age or older...

Currently: Junior member: Any person *under the age of 16* shall be eligible for free junior membership and shall be allowed to participate in all functions as a non-voting member when accompanied by an adult member.

Proposed: Any person under the age of 18...

Discussion: none

Motion by Bob T, seconded by Jim B, unanimous

Article III Section VI:

Currently: Annual dues are *due and payable on the first of January each year.* A member shall be delinquent if payment in full is not made by said date. Any member who becomes delinquent shall be considered to have voluntarily terminated membership in WSC.

Proposed: ... due and payable by the first of April each year...

Discussion: none

Motion by Bob T, seconded by Chuck, unanimous

Article VI Section II:

Currently: Term: Each officer shall take office on the July 1st following his or her election and shall serve a term of one (1) year. Any officer may be nominated and elected for successive terms or to an office or position formerly held.

Proposed: Each office shall take office on the 1st of the month following his or her election...

Discussion: Since elections were in October this year, and are usually held in September, there seems to be no sense in waiting to the next July for officer changeover.

Motion by Bob T, seconded by Chuck, unanimous

MARCH MEETING SITE: On March 9, this room has to be set up for elections; therefore the WSC meetings will be at the Moultonborough library: 6PM Board meeting, 7PM general membership meeting. (ADB note: checked website on 2/24 and March calendar shows correct location.)

WSC WEB SITE: John Scudder has been doing a lot of work on our site for us. With the Fairpoint transition, there have been some problems with accessing the site. If you find the website down, please notify Drew.

This Wednesday, Feb 11, from 2-4PM, Drew will be holding a workshop in the Meeting Room at the library to show people how to navigate around our website, schedule something on the calendar, etc.

Our website will become the club lifeline. Work days, training events etc will be on the calendar. We will be adding a page for Items for Sale.

SNOW REMOVAL: At the last meeting, Bart had expressed interest in not continuing to do this. Another member, Ben Fullerton volunteered, at no charge in exchange for coverage of his dues. He does have 126 driveways to do so there may be some delay in getting to us, but he will take care of us. We agreed that this was a great deal and Anne is to go ahead and process him as paid (ADB note: done).

NEXT NEWSLETTER: March 9 is the deadline for information to go in the next newsletter. We can expand the newsletter from 4 to 6 pages without changing our mailing costs.

GOOD & WELFARE:

- Regarding planning for the June celebration: Chuck has sent Drew some suggestions for the event. Chuck is willing to be a co-chairman for the event, but we still seek someone to work with him. We also need committee members to help with the planning and preparations. ACTION: Anyone interested should let Drew know
- We have a member who is a Marine Sniper; maybe we can have a tactical shooting day.
- A new member asked what levels of weapons we allow. Our only rule is no automatics. We do allow shotguns, but our wooden backboards take a real beating from shotgun patterning. The use of watertight homosote(?) was suggested instead, which doesn't

splinter like wood. (ADB note: in addition to the current club rules page which is sent out with the membership application, we should probably create a New Members document, to be sent after they join, which includes, among other things, the actual location of the club (not just the mailing address), the levels of weapons, the website address and need to check the calendar for events and Police use of the range, and the current gate code for folks who join earlier in the year than the April 1 gate code change.)

- Drew plans to run a shotgun patterning seminar in the spring.
- Jack Weinman plans to have a Boy Scout shoot sometime in April. Jack is a certified instructor. ACTION for Jack: we asked him to please Xerox his certification certificate(s) and send to Will Powers. ACTION for Board: once a date is solidified, we will call for club members to assist or be a Range Officer.
- Jack asked if the club has considered getting CMP certification. ACTION for Anne B and Jack: get CMP contact information to Drew.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Bullitt, Temporary Secretary