

Winnepesaukee Sportsmans Club
Monthly Membership Meeting
March 9, 2009

MEETING OPENED at 7:15PM at the Moultonborough Library with 17 members present.

ROLE CALL OF OFFICERS: Vice President Norm Coates (chairing the meeting), 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, Bart Barton, Barb Creelman, Rich Creelman, and Bob Raymond.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES:

The February minutes were read. Adjustments:

- a) Regarding plowing: Bart wished the minutes to reflect that he had stated at the January meeting that plowing was getting expensive so this would be the last year he could do it. When he went to plow and found the driveway already plowed, he assumed he'd been replaced.
- b) Regarding club training: Will's budget and letters were available to President Drew but never got distributed to other board members at that meeting. (ADB note: Drew reports that he had received only one copy of these so he could only make a verbal presentation at the February meeting.)

These minutes were approved as modified.

We welcomed our newest club member, Van Barker of Tuftonboro, who just joined the club tonight. Rodger Woodbury, who plans to join the club but came without payment, was also present.

TREASURER'S REPORT: was read by Linc Sinclair.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Bob Raymond reported that he received one estimate for \$2460 to complete our shooting clays platform; he also expects to be receiving estimates from "Day-Kine development" and "Good Ol' Days construction". The work is to be completed in April. With the platform system in place, all clay shooting will occur from 3 feet above ground level.

CLUB TRAINING: Chairman Will Powers reports needing to hear from any club members who are interested in training to be instructors or in attending training in any area of personal protection or marksmanship. A training budget was submitted to the Board tonight, but a vote has been tabled until the April meeting.

5 Range Officer packets will be ordered, for home study by our currently-certified shotgun instructors.

Women's handgun certification course will be presented in April or May; NRA Shotgun course is scheduled for Early June, Let's Go Fishing is scheduled for the last 2 weeks in June.

Will received some CMP information but is unsure what President Drew wanted him to do with this.

If anyone has training questions, please contact any committee member (Will Powers, Linc Sinclair, Anne Bullitt, Jim Bullitt).

FUNDRAISING: Chair Warren Cassidy reports that 78 member donors and 2 non-member donors have sent in \$13,200 for the building. There are a few folks who have sent in some money but wish to add more to it to reach the next donor increment.

NEW BUILDING: Chair Norm Coates reports that there is basically no new business. Once the snow is gone, he will uncover and check the pad.

WSC 40th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: Chairman Chuck Caldwell needs some helpers - to date only one person, Jack Weinman, has volunteered to help.

A tentative date for the event is Sunday May 18 (ed. Note, when the Winne Derby dates were announced later in the evening, it was obvious that May 18 is not a Sunday, and there were rumblings that a new date would be needed!), from approximately 1 to 5 or 6.

Chuck has many ideas for possible demonstrations and static displays. Selectmen from all towns whose police use our range should be sent an invite, as well as clubs in our area, Fish & Game, the media, Boy Scout Troops and those boys' parents.

We will want to have someone in charge of parking, as well as having areas roped off with safety tape so that non-club members cannot be anywhere where there could be lead.

Chuck particularly needs people who like to write letters right now, as well as people who like to make telephone calls.

To volunteer, please call him at home at 253-7653.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

<Ed Note: President Drew not present to report on contact with Sandwich and Tuftonboro Police departments, an unfinished item from February meeting.>

Linc has not reached the NRA guy responsible to ask why our NRA grant, which had been approved for \$6000 at the county meeting, has been reduced to \$5000.

We received the material from UNH regarding sending boys to camp. To send 2 boys there again, as we did last summer, they would now charge us about \$900. Instead, we will be sending 4 scouts to camp for only about \$200.

Norm reports that the new web site is working fine now; the For Sale page is already available there.

A Membership Dues Chairperson position was established by the board tonight, and the position will be filled by Anne Bullitt.

Articles for the next newsletter are due now.

NEW BUSINESS

28th Winne Derby will be May 15th through 17th. On Friday and Saturday there will be 2 work sessions - 8 to 3 and 3 to 9; Sunday there will be just one - 8 to noon. All land activities for this Derby will occur at the Weirs only. To let Rick know you can help, please send an Email to mail@winnederby.com, including your name, phone number, and desired work times.

New member Mike Major reports that he went to the club to shoot for the first time last weekend. Snowmobilers were flying up on to the berm even while he was shooting. Naturally this concerned him and he wondered what signage etc. the snowmobilers do or should have. Rich Creelman reports that there is (or was??) a sign on the trail.

ACTION: we need to check what signs are still in place and consider replacing or improving the signage from both directions of travel on the trail.

It was also suggested that we might need to review the signage all around our property to prevent a liability problem with someone just wandering in.

GOOD & WELFARE

2009 Club dues are due before April 1st. Anyone not paid up after that date will be delinquent and will need to submit a new club application.

The Franklin Rotary Club is hosting its second annual Wild Game Dinner from 5-8PM on Saturday, April 4th, at the Franklin Congregational Church. In addition to fabulous food, there will be a door prize and a separate raffle for a 50 caliber Traditions Muzzle Loader. Tickets are \$15 ahead (available from Bob Sharon at 393-5228 and Deb Hinds at 365-1999) or \$18 at the door.

Our April meeting (April 11) will be back at the Police Safety Building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Bullitt, Temporary Secretary