

Membership meeting Feb 10, 2020

A few minutes of information from Lura Bush from Vernon outlining her campaign.

Call to order 7:32

Moment of silence for JD Morin passed away in January 2020.

Please make sure you sign the attendance sheet. And get this back to me by end of meeting.

Secretary minutes for January recorded by Chris S not available at this time.

Treasure report read motion to accept Larry 2nd Bernie.

Membership:

- **Tonight, is the cutoff for latest application submission, letter will go out at the end of this week.**
- **Please fill out applications completely if you are sponsoring a person, do not have the applicant contact Steve for the form it is up to the sponsoring member to obtain the document and fill it out properly.**

Safety:

- **Thanks to Jim Hughes and Drew Tomco for coordinating with Eversource's for tree trimming down Fish and Game road.**
- **Signage for the club has been sourced for a lower overall price.**

Facilities:

- **Good response from Newsletter for volunteers for work parties.**
- **If you volunteer you need to show up, recent volunteers for electrical work who were no shows and stood up other members managing the activity.**
- **Facilities inventory list was submitted but very limited in scope.**
- **Lawn moving is being worked a Work party for cleaning up around the property will be scheduled. Lawn mowing options is being worked for purchase or outsource.**
- **Connex boxes being worked for lower possible lower expense.**

Newsletter:

- **Articles due Feb 14.**
- **Looking for photos of events occurring at the dinners.**
- **John C is still working to reduce Newsletters mailing expense.**

Programs/Events:

- **Sat Feb 15 Valentine's Day dinner.**

- Chile Cornbread cookoff coming up see Newsletter for details
- Barbecue cook off with Stafford Club see Newsletter for details.
- Looking for someone to teach Fly tying and casting to interested members either before or after a membership meeting.

Archery:

- No News.

Crystal Lake:

- You can fish the lake, but ice is disappearing.
- Club House is still open.
- Slips assignment going out.

Forestry:

- Sandpit still not ready or acceptable for reimbursement dollars due to remaining Autumn Olive growth, concerned about branches and tops down on the ground.
- A chemical suit has been obtained for Roundup application, still need to obtain a respirator for the application process.
- Do we want to look at someone to perform the application due to safety concerns?
- Still selling firewood for \$10 a cord.

House:

- 62 tickets sold for Sat 15 Valentines Day 75 tickets is the max.

Ponds:

- Pond regulations for 2020 are completed, tickets \$27adults Junior tickets \$12, adults may not use bait.
- March 18 Pond committee meeting
- April 4 tag sale details in Newsletter.

Pistol Rifle:

- More target bases are needed to be built Feb 22nd is the date.

Trap and Skeet:

- Great turnout for Superbowl Party.
- Work party on Feb 17 range will remain open.
- Committee meeting on Feb 24th.
- 5 Stand Dates will be in Newsletter.
- Feb 29 of February for custom ear plugs contact Jason

Website:

- No news.

Cub Scouts

- No news

Legislative:

- CT house bill 5040 Ammunition Tax bill is in motion.
- Need more political activity by members donations to representatives that support our needs for defense on legislation this is the only way to combat these legislations.
- Club support for CCDL workshop and Membership involvement, takes 2 hours for CCDL presentation.
- Parking in the city is difficult Club used buses in the past.
- Dates for sports man functions will be in Newsletter provided by Mike O.
- This weekend Feb 15, 16 Fishing show at Mohegan Sun.
- Fund Raiser dinner to raise money for Friends of Ct Sportsman this will be used to support lobbyist that are needed to move our positions forward.
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LRD:

- Next meeting is on Feb 18th, there is a need for milk jugs rinsed out tied up an left at rifle shack.

Wood carvers:

- Still here numbers have dwindled a bit but the jokes are still good.

Old Business:

Time for member of year if you have a nomination please let the board know.

Currently nominated **Paul Finney** House chair and **Drew Tomco** for major contributions to the House construction project.

Jim Hughes was nominated at tonight's meeting.

New Business:

1) Vision Statement;

Be the local pathway to educate current and future generations to participate in outdoor conservation.

Good of the Club:

In 2008 we had 128,000 in the club account, in 2020 Club account balance is \$327,000. Tidbit from Mike O.

Orange by laws has the Land acquisition information, Green by laws does not something was lost in translation. Drew Tomco provided this information.

Motion to adjourn Keith Frank S 2nd 08:46.