

# VERMONT FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC.

10 of January 2016

## MEETING MINUTES

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I. Meeting called to order at 10:02 A.M. by President Chris Bradley.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Attendees:

NAME	CLUB
Chris Bradley	VT State Rifle & Pistol Association
Marcia Marble	Lamoille Valley Fish & Game Club
Dick Lyford	Chelsea Fish & Game Club
Roy Marble	Lamoille Valley Fish & Game Club
Scott Chapman	Green Mountain Practical Shooters
Terry Williams	Poultney Fish & Game Club
Ed Harmon	Poultney Fish & Game Club
Steve Rubalcaba	Green Mountain Practical Shooters
Tim Meehan	Vermont Bearhound Association
Evan Hughes	Barre Fish & Game Club
Trevor Lewis	Barre Rifle & Pistol Club
Mike MacDuff	Vermont Junior Shooting Sports Association
Dwina Warren	Randolph Fish & Game Club
Scott Warren	Randolph Fish & Game Club
Vaughn Gross	Sportsman's Club of Franklin County, Inc.
Eddie Cutler	Gun Owners of Vermont
Bob DePino	Gun Owners of Vermont
Bill Walsh	Barre Rifle & Pistol Club
Neil Langer	Mendon Fish & Game Club

IV. Organizational Changes:

- A. Northern Vice President position is open – due to Resignation of Clint Gray. Evan Hughes shall step-in for Fish & Wildlife Issues.
- B. Lobbying – Tim Meehan is stepping back on Lobbying.
- C. Appointment of Acting Secretary – Due to Darryl Montague's circumstances an Interim Secretary is needed. Dwina Warren has been unofficially helping out in such capacities, including assistance on the Vermont Gun Shop Project. Motion was made to vote her in as Interim Secretary. Second. All in Favor.

## **V. Approval of July 12, 2015 Minutes:**

Minutes were not available at this time. Motion was made to review July 2015 Minutes at the next meeting. Second. All in Favor.

## **VI. Reports:**

- A. Club Update – Total Member Clubs is currently 44 and continues to grow. It is our goal to reach 50+ clubs.
- B. Treasurer's Report – Read and Discussed. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second. All in Favor.
- C. Upcoming Gun Show – fees and contracts are coming in and being confirmed.
  - 1. Yankee Classic: January 15 – 17.
  - 2. Barre Gun Show: February 6 – 7.
  - 3. Rutland Green Mountain Gun Show Trail: March 12 – 13.
  - 4. Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club Show: March 18 – 20.
- D. Printing has been started for the 2016 Annual Banquet at the Barre Elks Club: March 12.
- E. Operation Fame Thief – 12/16 are lower than normal with a reported total of 168 provided by Orange County Sheriff Bill Bohnyak. Need help at booth and a sign-up sheet is available. We have a nice Browning available for raffle. No reimbursement on tickets.
- F. Vermont Gun Shop Project – Update provided. Discussion...wording changed on one of the posters. Motion to accept. Seconded. All in Favor.
- G. Legislative Update & Overview – Discussion on what we want to do and may be facing. We must have a presence. Suppressors – 2 yr Provisions. 2016-2017 Anti-Hunting and Anti-Trap. Recap on past & current Bills and their effects on us.

## **VII. Suspension of Federation Meeting and Opening of FCT Meeting**

## **VIII. Fund for Conservation & Training :**

- A. Treasurer's Report – Read with no further discussion needed. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second. All in Favor.
- B. Fund grants approved in 2015 – Barre Banquet, Sportsmen's Caucus fundraiser; Hunter Safety Program equipment; Let's Go Fishing Program; Orange County Sheriff's Dept. OGT Dispatch Program; BSA Mt. Norris Merit Fishing Badge Program; Sportsmen's Club of Franklin County Range Improvements.
- C. Harry Montague Memorial funds.
- D. Budget Committee – Chris, Marcia, Dick & Evan.
- E. Annual Federation Banquet – Scheduled for March 12 at Barre Elks Club.
  - 1. Committee Member List.
  - 2. Obtain mailing list for ticket sales.
  - 3. Ticket printing

- F. Barre Gun Show Booth:
  - 1. Door Prize
  - 2. Discussion on AR-10 .270. Motion made to accept. Second. All in Favor.
  - 3. Handouts on Operation Game Thief
- G. Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) – New England CMP Games to be held September 14-18. The New England Games will take place at Camp Ethan Allen Training Site in Jericho, VT. It is hosted by the Vermont State Rifle and Pistol Association, along with the Burlington Rifle and Pistol Club. There will also be a GSM New Shooter Clinic and Garand Maintenance Clinic, as well as, a Small Arms Firing School (SAFS).
- H. Motion for adjournment of FCT Meeting and break for Lunch. Second. All in Favor.

## **IX. Reconvene the Federation Meeting**

### **X. Old Business:**

Open Discussions with ample historical data. Mendon Fish & Game Liaison wanted information about the Federations stance on certain items, since it was the first meeting the liaison was a part of.

### **XI. New Business:**

- A. Discussion on the Burlington Charter changes; Information on Pre-emption laws.
- B. Clarity on Visions for the future and direction of the Federation for the new member clubs.

## **XII. Adjournment of Meeting**

Motion made to adjourn the Federation Meeting. Second. All in Favor.