

**Newcomb Sportsmen's Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes 11/01/2014
Newcomb Firehouse, Newcomb, NY**

**Meeting called to order by Ric Taras at 7:22 PM
Total of 24 members present including the board members.**

I. Secretary Report: Walt Huba

Minutes from the May 17th General Membership Meeting distributed and reviewed. Pete Fiorello made a motion to accept the minutes and Mark Steuerwald seconded the motion. All members present approved the minutes.

II. Treasurer's Report: Joe Novak for Ron Caponera

The current club balance as of 11/01/2014 is \$80,047.54. We still need to pay approximately \$6,000 for guns and we need to reallocate \$10,000 for road repairs. This leaves a balance, after these expenditures, of approximately \$63,000.

Membership consists of the following: 120 total members with 85 full paying members, one person on a waiting list, all other members have paid their dues. There is one camp left for sale and that is Len DeForges camp. We lost a total of seven members and gained nine. Joe indicated that the nine new members are all interested in buying or building a camp.

Motion made by Mark Steuerwald to accept the Treasurers Report, second by Matt Richardson. Report accepted.

III. Presidents Report: Joe Novak

Joe informed the membership that Ken Helms did a great job on the roads at a cost of \$6,200. The club will focus on repairs to Boulder Alley next year.

The clubs new dock is currently stored at the pavilion. The dock measures 4' x 16' and will be installed at the flow just below the bench to the right of the bridge.

The club stocked 120 3" trout in two feeder brooks at a cost of \$120. The club will not stock the flow in the spring but rather in September. Therefore there will be no need for a one-week restriction on fishing in the spring.

Joe thanked Mark Steuerwald for his fine work on the fireplace at the pavilion.

Joe informed the membership that the club camp is installed on the designated lot at Wards Mills. Joe and Bruce worked with Gary Mueller from the Santanoni Club with the selection and transfer of the camp. The camp is mounted on steel rollers, not wheels. Our club received the camp for free. The cost to transport the camp, prepare the site with three loads of crushed stone, and the 10 hours of work to move the camp totaled approximately \$1,000. The cost for Bill Warner and his driver and fuel is to be determined. The club camp is 192 square feet and the plan is to add a bunkhouse and a handicap accessible out house. Bruce stated that we might be the only club in the Adirondacks with a

handicap accessible club camp. Joe indicated to the membership that the board would work on an SOP for the rental and use of the camp.

Joe informed the membership that new chains have been installed at the dam.

Walt reviewed the current up to date ATV/Snowmobile registration data.

Charlie Kementzer made a motion to accept the President's Report, which was seconded by Frank Sullivan. Report accepted.

IV. Raffle Committee Report: Ric Taras

Ric reviewed the results of the September Raffle. The club sold 729 tickets or approximately 73% of all tickets and this resulted in a winning rate of 80%. Of those winners six were club members. The club realized a profit of approximately \$4,000.

V. Membership Committee Report: Jay Caponera

No report presented.

Vi. Property Committee Report: Bruce Murdock

No report presented.

VII. Old/New Business

Ed Martin asked about the lot across the road from his camp and what the status of the lot was. Joe said that the member who reserved the lot pays the taxes so therefore it's his lot.

Mark Steuerwald raised the issue of the new combination locks that have been installed at both gates. Mark made the statement that "everyone at Wards Mills is not happy with the locks." Joe indicated that the club saves approximately \$500 per year with the new locks. In addition to the money, the fact that new keys do not have to be mailed is a substantial savings in labor for the Treasurer. Also, the combination on the locks can be changed at any time with no expense to the club. Other members indicated that the locks were difficult to operate since the numbers were small and typically they would have to use a flashlight to see. Joe indicated that the secretary has recorded the comments and the board will re-visit the change in locks.

Motion to close Board meeting made by Matt Richardson, seconded by Frank Sullivan. Meeting concluded at 8:00 PM.