Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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The Voice of the Sportsman since 1932

March 13, 2025 Regular Delegates Meeting

Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened up at 7:39 PM by President Anthony Pittore

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bruce Hotaling

A moment of silence was observed for our Military Personnel, first responders and Past Federation members that are no longer with us today.

Roll call: 28 people in attendance, representing 23 clubs
Guests: Mike Longbard and Steve Meyen

FINANCIAL REPORT AND MINUTES:
The treasurers report was accepted upon a motion by Hank Eichenhofer end a second by John Lucas. all in favor. Treasurer Pete Kraanbrink announced all clubs dues were paid up for 2025.

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on February 13, 2025 were approved upon a motion by Jim Guyette and the second by Chris Villa. AIF

THE minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on February 24, 2025 were approved upon a motion Jim Guyette and the second by Chris Villa. AIF

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
ANNUAL DINNER/BARBECUE:
Tom Gannon reported that the date of the Bill Conners's memorial barbecue is August 24. The event will be held at Mid Hudson Sporting Clays. The price will be around $50 and kids under 12 will be $25. Flyers and tickets will be out soon.

HUNTERS HELPING HUNGRY:
Anthony Pittore reported approximately 600 pounds of meat was distributed about a week ago. Also, the power was lost at the cooler and the freezers. The board will be having a discussion at the next board meeting to install a failsafe system in case the power is turned off again. Luckily, the freezers were empty. Also.
a new hot water heater was installed in the cutting room by Member Mike Butts and wired by Member Scott Gannon. Both members were recognized and thanked.

FISH STOCKING :
Anthony Pittore reported that the annual Veterans Fishing day will be held on Saturday, April 26 ,at overlook Park in La Grange. Also, the Family fishing day will be held on Sunday, the 27th ,at overlook Park in Lagrange.
Anthony also reported that the annual Trout stocking program will begin on Monday 3/17/2025
A flyer for both Fishing days was distributed to the entire membership

YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT:
Anthony reported that the Youth pheasant hunt date is September 27, 2025 and the applications will be out by the June meeting and also reported that you will have to register online at the DEC website.

CONSERVATION CAMPS:
Dave Morrison reported he has five applications and sign up will be on March 23 and there are still two openings left if anyone has a child interested to contact him ASAP!

LEGISLATION:
Ken Foster and Anthony Pittore updated a 2025 legislative guide and each delegate received 2 copies.
Anthony thanked Ken Foster for his hard work.
Tom Gannon reported on bills to watch for and the list will be attached separately

NYSCC REPORT:
Anthony and Tom Gannon will be attending the spring meeting for the conservation council on 4/11 thru 4/13, at the Arnot Forrest in upstate New York

FISH AND WILDLIFE BOARD, REGION 3:
Anthony and Tom Gannon and Kevin Haight will be attending the Fish and Wildlife board meeting on 3/19, at DEC office , New Palz. John Pollack from EastHook will come as our guest.

FEDERATION, CAF , CANINE CANCER SHOOT:
Tom Fumarello reported that the canine shoot will be the best ever. Tom gave an update on the progress of the shoot. Tom said the signs are coming in slowly asked if the members can Help get more donations. Bruce Hoteling also added that we have a list of previous signs and and a list of local veterinary hospitals, if any members can approach their clubs or their Vets for a sign donation, that would be very helpful. Tom also reported that the Friday night before the shoot at Hudson House distillery will host a “paws to party”event.

YOUTH TRAP SHOOTING:
Tom Gannon reported 3/20 , 6pm, Thursday night will be the first night of Youth Trap at Northern Dutchess.
Anthony Pittore also reported that the federation received the ammo from the Friends of NRA GRANT.

OLD BUSINESS :
Anthony reported with the help of Ian Hendler the website is almost complete, and should be online shortly.
There was a brief discussion about Upton Lake. Anthony reported that he will continue issuing permits that Bill Conners started issuing for members of the Federation.
Anthony also reported that he , along with Mike Butts and Dave Morrison will attend a meeting at Clinton town Hall on 3/16, for the Silver lake Association.
Anthony also reported that the Veteran Sportsman Association has submitted an application for membership and they will be attending the board meeting in May.
Anthony also reported that Pete Kraayenbrink and Ken Foster were accepted into the New York State Outdoorsman Hall Of Fame and will be inducted on Sunday , May 4, 2025. Deceased Member David Wolhbach will receive the Pioneer award and will also be inducted into the New York State Outdoorsman Hall Of Fame.

NEW BUSINESS:
Tom Gannon reported that the New York State firearms association lawsuit will be heard on Friday, march 14.
A delegate inquired about any purchase for the adjacent Laffetteville property and Anthony reported he should find out any details, at the FWB meeting Wednesday night.
A boater safety course will be needed to operate a boat. The class can be taken online or in class..

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun; Saturday, March 15 open house /pancake breakfast,
April 6, Trout derby, April April 16 steel plate shoot

Viola Rod & Gun; April 12/ 13th and April 26/27th will be hosting a 18 hour pistol course.

Greenhaven Fish & Game; we have a game dinner April 26

Hudson Valley Sportsman; April 26 Trapping course, May 31 firearms course, June 28 bow course, register online at DEC.

Double JK ranch; April 26 will hold a K-9 nutrition clinic, contact Tom Fumarello

Neighbors Gun Club; Will host day IBO archery event, May 10 and May 11.

Pleasant Valley Trout and Game will host an extended program for properly handling of firearms , especially Shotguns , on April 12 Saturday from 9:30 to 2 PM
Register on DEC website, free of charge

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM
The next delegate meeting is April 10, 2025
Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Pittore ,
President/ acting Secretary