



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

P.O. Box 3201, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603

Meeting April 10, 2014
Copperfield's Restaurant

Attendance: 23 clubs represented, 30 delegates and guests

Bill Conners reported that the strippers are running in the Hudson River one was caught in Kingston and are still small. Bill also reported that the gate at Wassaic is open and will remain open and unlocked until the end of the season. Skip North asked if it is ok to walk horses there, Conners replied that this is a multiple use area; horses and hunting are both allowed and one may not exclude the other from using the area.

Tom Holsopple asked for the names of the clubs whose dues have not yet been paid. Pete Kraayenbrink reported that Algonquin and Poughquag have not paid. Tom stated that delegates from these two clubs if present at a meeting may not vote.

Conservation Camps: Scott Emslie reported nothing new has happened. 12 kids are signed up. No clubs have contacted him with campers for Camp DeBruce. There are still 3 openings. Scott said that any clubs that did contact him were for Pack Forrest and that is full. Tom Holsopple asked that anyone who may have someone interested should contact Scott Emslie directly. Tom also added that a couple of spots would be added and used for the general public. We will hold some kind of raffle at the Dutchess County Fair.

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Penny Hickman reported that to-date 3900 lbs of meat has been distributed. The total distribution will be around 4300 to 4400 lbs.

Fish Stocking: Ken Rose reported that all streams have been stocked once, these are beautiful fish; 12 to 15 inch 2 year old trout. 400 fish were stocked in Morgan Lake and 200 in Upton Lake. The 2nd round of stocking the streams is also completed.

Legislative Report: Paul Annetts reported that last week the Poughkeepsie Journal posted "Do You Support the SAFE Act?" as the question of the day. Paul sent an email to Cathy to forward to the delegates. The early count was about 60 yes and 15 no; but at about 3 pm the question was no longer available to answer. Paul reported that the results, which were printed in the paper the next day; were 176 yes and 2867 NO. Paul attended a meeting for Region 3 in New Paltz and stated his club has been having trouble with trespassers and one of the topics covered was guidelines for posting, signs must be no further apart than 660 feet. His club is looking into a deposition to be filed with the DEC to be used for future prosecution. Paul reported some of the highlights of the legislative meeting were the use of the cross bow has passed; the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association is reporting that Rob Astarino the Republican candidate for Governor will repeal the SAFE Act if elected. NYS Police recertification of pistol permits will basically be free and require a NICS check, as he understands the process, to ensure that pistol

permit holders have not become ineligible for pistol permit renewal. Ammunition can be sold at trap shoots but the appropriate paperwork must be on file with the NYS Police. Paul's club has introduced a bill to allow clubs to sell ammunition for trap shoots and strictly used on-site. There was discussion about doing away with back tags, if an officer questions someone, they request to see the license, back tags are really unnecessary and can be more easily forged than a license. Voting is just around the corner and Paul encouraged all sportsman to get involved. A question was raised from the floor asking if the cross bow had definitely passed. Conners stated that it has been passed and signed, cross bow regulations should be out by the end of the month. The cross bow is a legal hunting implement but is regulated by the DEC. Scott Emslie asked if any dates have been set for the pistol license renewals, Bill Conners said not at this time and we really do not want to push for a date. Bob Pascocello asked if there is anything in the statutes that could change the current type of pistol permit, answer, the judge or issuing agent determines that. Bob also asked if the proposed bills all have companion bills, Conners answered that the list shows bills and whether they are in the assembly and/or senate.

Old Business: Bill Conners reported that in his column he covered the jurisdiction issue for permits and the limit of 7 rounds in a magazine. It has been argued that this is unconstitutional but in Onondaga County they have stated they disagree and will enforce the limit. Bill Grady the Dutchess Co. DA contacted Bill and indicated that he would not enforce this limit. Bill cautioned that you need to be aware of where you are since NYS Police may make the arrest. It is best not to put yourself in this situation and get into trouble just to prove a point. Bill also reported that he got a call from a fisherman who said he caught a 24 to 25 inch rainbow in the 10 Mile River, Bill asked him to send a picture which he got. The fish was as big as the man said, but was a brown trout; Bill had to tell him the record was much bigger than the fish he had caught; which weighed around 4 lbs and the record is 30 plus lbs.

A question was raised whether there will be a new copy of the directory for delegates, he has not received an update in several years. Tom Holsopple reported that the update is still in process. Pete Kraayenbrink said that even though he sends a form to the member clubs every year some are not returned. Cathy will enter the most recent updates and email a copy of the updated Directory to the delegates.

Kevin Haight reported that the Long Island deer cull took place and an estimated 800 deer were taken but based on the amount of venison the actual number was probably closer to 500. They said that next year they would give some of the venison to our Hunters Helping the Hungry Program.

Announcements: Northern Dutchess will host a trout derby on Saturday April 27.

Huck Finn Weekend Saturday and Sunday April 26th and 27th

Senior Fishing Day Saturday May 10, you must call to register, while free to seniors it is limited to 50 anglers who must be at least 60. Call Candy Olson 454-1990 to register.

Attendance: 23 clubs, 7 guests 30 members present

Next Federation Board of Directors meeting – April 28, 2014

Next Federation Monthly Delegate meeting – May 8, 2014

Respectfully Submitted, Cathy Culkin