



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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

Meeting May 8, 2014
Copperfield's Restaurant

Attendance: 20 clubs represented, 29 delegates and guests

President Tom Holsopple – called meeting to order at 07:40 PM.

Bob LeBeauf was introduced as the new delegate for Viola Rod & Gun Club – Welcome

Guest Speaker: Lt. Dave Clayton reported that a new director may be appointed very soon. Early this week John Fitzpatrick an investigative lieutenant in region 2, passed away suddenly, he was only 46 and leaves a wife and children behind. He was instrumental in a big ivory bust his passing is a big loss to the department. Dave further reported that the herring are making a good run in the Hudson and the stripers are following. The department is running night details and has been very effective with the new night vision equipment. This will also be a big help during the regular hunting season this year. The department just finished in-service training and a couple of the highlights are ; if a fish is confiscated a red evidence tag is given to you – you won't get the fish back but you get a tag to identify it, the new fishing license system is not good. You do not need a license, only a 9 digit number is needed and that can be written on anything. Most of the time phone and/or internet access are not available in marine patrol areas so any number given to an officer must be accepted as valid – not a good system. Cross bow bill has been signed and preliminary regulations have just come out – copy attached with the minutes. Cross bow cannot be used in the spring turkey season that is in progress right now. Dave received a press release for salt water fishing regulations, the limit and size for fluke have been changed to 5 per day and 18 inches. This release has phone numbers listed that are not working properly, it is best to go online and get the marine license but be sure to scroll to the bottom and print it. The limit and size for fluke have been changed to 5 per day and 18 inches.

April Federation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – motion, seconded & approved.

April Federation Delegate Meeting Minutes – 1 correction - spelling of stripers motion to approve , seconded & approved.

April Treasurers Financial Report – motion, seconded & approved

Communications: Tom received a notice from NYSDEC for a public meeting on the Region 4 – lands east of the Hudson Unit Management Plan (UMP) to be held on May 13, 2014 from 7pm to 9pm at the Farm and Home Center, 2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY.

Committees:

Conservation Camps: Scott Emslie reported he had received a couple of phone calls but the camps are full.

By Laws: Scott Emslie reported that the bylaws have gone out to the committee members and has gotten one or two things back; he will be getting in touch with the committee members.

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Penny Hickman is out of town but Tom Holsopple reported that to-date 4300 lbs of meat have been distributed. Anthony Pittore reported that the walk-in coolers are empty. Penny had emptied the freezers before she went out of town.

Fish Stocking: Ken Rose reported that they have finished stocking. 54790 total fish; 47,630 1 year old browns, 4,590, 2 year old browns, and 2,570 rainbows. Red Wing Park has been stocked for their fishing day to be held on May 31, 2014. A question was raised about access points for fishing, there are two. Silver Lake and Upton Lake. They are in good shape and members should use them.

Outdoor Journal: Bill Conners is out. Tom Holsopple said Bill is working on the journal any questions should be emailed to him

New Business:

Legislative Report: Paul Annetts reported he has brought printed copies of Voter Registration Forms, it is very import to get membership voting this year. He further reported that the NYS Rifle and Pistol Association and NYS Conservation Council web sites are excellent sites to get good information about bills in Albany. The best way to get information is to contact your senator or assemblyman directly. Several key bills currently in Albany; A6534 – Key Impact Bill which would allow clubs and preserves to sell ammunition with out the restrictions of the SAFE ACT; currently this bill has gone to committee for discussion, A6466 – Eliminate the need for bag tags, A3244 – Micro Stamping, and A8293 – Mandatory Storage, Michael Bloomberg's Mayors Against Legal Guns and Moms Demanding Action have merged their efforts on this bill . Doug Little from the NYS Wild Turkey Federation is available to evaluate your club and recommend changes to help improve turkey habitat; he can be reached at 1-518-239-4427. Paul also reported that Gin Owners of America reports that Attorney General Eric Holder, in his department's proposed budget, "all but admitted that Obama intends to implement a

Universal gun registry by Executive fiat”.

Old Business:

The deer harvest report for this year is on the DEC website. The Federation Board meeting is currently scheduled for Memorial Day.

Announcements:

Skip March strongly urged all clubs to have all club members become members of the NRA. The NRA fights for our gun rights – they need our support.

Northern Dutchess Gun Club has a 22 woods walk Sunday May 18, 2014. Registration starts at 8:30 am , Shooting begins at 9:00 am. \$15 / individual, \$20 /family and you must be 16 or older to participate. Judy Coons has a few flyers if anyone would like them.

Pawling Fish and Game will be hosting their annual Youth Fishing Derby, Saturday May 10 2014 at 8:00 am. Free to children, parents need to be there to chaperone.

Scott Emslie reported that the Unsafe Act event held this past Saturday May 10, 2014 raised \$5000. There were 35 to 40 people in attendance. They also go to many shows and raffle of a gun and ½ of the proceeds from these raffles go to support the lawsuits to try to get the safe act repealed.

50/50 Winner: donated the winning back to the Federation

Attendance: 20 clubs, 9 guests 29 members present

Motion to Adjourn, seconded & approved

Meeting Adjourned 8:18 pm

Next Federation Board of Directors meeting – May 26, 2014 – since this is Memorial Day this may be rescheduled to June 2, 2014; Tom Holsopple will email board members for general consensus.

Next Federation Monthly Delegate meeting – June 12, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Culkin