



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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

Meeting December 11, 2014
Copperfield's Restaurant

Attendance: 18 clubs represented, 22 delegates and guests

President Tom Holsopple – called meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Guest Speakers: none

November Delegates Meeting Minutes – motion to approve, seconded & approved.

November Federation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – motion to approve, seconded & approved

November Treasurers Financial Report – motion to approve, seconded & approved

Communications: none

Committees:

Annual Dinner: A signup sheet for the Annual Dinner was passed around for members present to indicate if they will attend and how many. Call Judy Coons at 845-758-6772 for reservations. The dinner is January 31st, 2015 at Villa Borghese, cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. The cost is \$45 per person. If you have questions, call Penny Hickman at 635-3641.

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Bill Conners reported that he and Penny Hickman picked up 641 lbs of breasted birds from Clove Valley. The year closed with 5212 lbs birds, 3370 lbs venison and 535 lbs of beef (donated by Thorndale), bringing the total for this year to 9117 lbs of game meat to feed the hungry. Tom Holsopple expressed his thanks to everyone who helps with donations, picking up, cutting up and delivering game meat to help feed the hungry. Bill Conners shared some information from a report from the National Shooting Sports Foundation, for the entire nation. Hunters donated 11 million meals from 2.8 million lbs of game meat for food programs through out the country. In New York State of the amount donated statewide our program in Dutchess County contributed 10% of the total; this is significant when you consider that this is an all volunteer program. Thanks were expressed again and Bill said he would be doing something in his column and the Grass Roots News to let people know what an accomplishment this is.

Conservation Camps: Tom Holsopple reported that Scott Emsile could not attend tonight but he asked Pete Kraayenbrink to pickup any applications that are turned in. Blank applications are on the table and all the information required is on them. Each club can submit applications for 1 boy and 1girl for each of the two camps, DeBruce and Pack Forrest. The completed applications need to be sent to Scott by the end of December.

Fish: Ken Rose reported that Morgan and Upton Lakes will be stocked for the winter on December 16th.

Outdoor Journal: Bill Conners reported there will be a spring journal coming out in March. He asked members to start selling ads, a business card ad is \$50. Contact Bill at 635-1606 or email him at conners@billconners.net.

Legislative Report: Paul reported that all clubs have received information on the Amicus Brief he asked if there were any questions. Clubs are starting to come on board, Paul listed those he has received the completed forms and donations from. Several delegates asked if there was an address where money can be sent. A packet of forms was sent by email to key people at all clubs, if anyone needs these forms contact Paul at 845-674-7299 or marineactual@gmail.com.

Club 36 Raffle: Tom Holsopple said the third round of drawings will begin at the end of the meeting.

Conservation Council: Bill Conners reported that he will be in Albany fighting to get the parking lot for the Essex Chain of Lakes put back in the interim management plan. This parking lot was part of the plan but it has disappeared. Bill described in detail how difficult it will be without this parking lot to gain access to the lakes for a day of fishing. Bill also reported that there is a budget battle going on in Washington DC. The Appropriations Bill for Fiscal 2015 has some things in it that offer protections for us sportsmen. Everyone should call Congress at **202-224-3121** and leave a message for your congressman – either **Chris Gibson** or **Sean Mahoney** to vote **YES** on **HR83**. This will prevent the EPA from banning traditional ammunitions used by sportsmen. Bill also discussed some hunting incidents that occurred this season. In Sullivan County during the youth hunting weekend, a father and son were calling deer when a moose came crashing through the woods, the kid shot the moose which fell at their feet. It was determined that the father and son had no way to escape, this was determined to be a legitimate shoot and no charges were filed. In East Fishkill in Dutchess County, a hunter saw a deer moving through the woods and shot. Unfortunately, he hit both the deer and injured the hunter who was taking his deer out of the woods on a cart in blaze orange. The hunter who shot was a hunter safety instructor. He has lost his instructor certificate and will probably lose his license for a minimum of 5 years, no other charges have been filed against him yet.

Old Business: none presented

New Business: Tom Holsopple asked everyone to review the proposed 2015 Budget that was handed out to everyone. He explained that there is a shortfall of \$4000, if anyone has concerns we would have to eliminate something. Fortunately we have a large reserve fund

due to donations received and it does not hurt to use some of that money to cover the shortfall. In the long run, we need to get a group together to discuss ideas and come up with ways to generate more revenue. The Federation tries not to compete with member clubs and their fund raising events. A motion was made to accept the Budget as presented, seconded and approved.

Nominating Committee: Cathy Culkin read the slate of officers and board members:

President	Tom Holsopple
1 st Vice President	Joe Lurenz
2 nd Vice President	Bob Pascoello
Legislative VP	Paul Annetts
Secretary	Cathy Culkin
Treasurer	Pete Kraayenbrink
Board of Directors	
Scott Emslie	
Anthony Pittore	
Harold Coons	
Bill Conners	

Cathy asked for nominations from the floor, 3 times. There being no nominations from the floor a motion was made for the Secretary to cast one vote for this slate presented, motion, seconded and approved. The Secretary cast one vote. The officers and Board of Directors for 2015 are as listed above.

Announcements: None

50/50 Winner: Skip North

Club 36 Raffle: Raffle was held.

Motion to Adjourn, seconded & approved
Meeting Adjourned 8:45 pm

Next Federation Board of Directors meeting – January 26, 2015

Next Federation Monthly Delegate meeting – February 12, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Culkin