



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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

Meeting February 12, 2015
Copperfield's Restaurant

Attendance: 20 clubs represented, 26 delegates and guests

President Tom Holsopple – called meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

Guest Speakers: none

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

January Federation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – no minutes meeting cancelled due to weather

January Treasurers Financial Report – motion to approve, seconded & approved
Pete Kraayenbrink reported the following clubs have not paid their dues: Chestnut Ridge, East Hook and Pawling. Pete asked that everyone send in the forms mailed with the bills. Indicate on them where the bill should be mailed. He sends these in October and needs the address of the person who is responsible for the bills.

Communications: Tom Holsopple read an email from Jackie Emslie thanking all who donated raffle prizes and helped with the event.

Committees:

Annual Dinner: Penny Hickman reported that the dinner went very well, Villa Borghese charged for 99 dinners. The Federation received a letter from Kevin Cahill and a proclamation from Sue Serino about the Hunters Helping the Hungry program that she read at the dinner. The financial report shows the annual dinner figures and how important the raffle is to keep the cost in the black. The dinner draws about 100 people every year. The memorial for Dave Wohlbach was very well received, his family appreciated it very much.

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Penny Hickman reported that after getting 7380 lbs from the Long Island cull, which is stored in a freezer on Brookside Meadows where Penny lives. The total to date is only 14 lbs less than the total distributed for the entire 2014 year. Last year's total was 9117 lbs, to date the total is 9103 lbs. This puts the program on track for 14,000 lbs or more this year. Penny mentioned that one young man that works at Brookside is interested in helping with the distribution of the venison and while

discussing this with him she mentioned the need of a freezer and they had one on the property and offered the use of the freezer for the Hunters Helping the Hungry program. Penny called the Lunch Box to discuss with them how much they can use – she will be delivering 300 to 400 lbs weekly. The lady she was talking to did not know about the program and asked if she could be part of it, as a result of this conversation Penny got her name and contacts for programs in Beacon, Penny is trying to get 800 to 1000 lbs per week out to them. Penny asked that anyone that can help, please give her a call. Bill Connors reported that this has been successful due to the efforts of Kevin Haight, he worked with the team doing the cull on Long Island and this enabled the Hunters Helping the Hungry to take delivery of 7380 lbs of venison. Anthony Pittore went down with Bill to pick up the venison. Bill reported there may be another cull in Tuxedo Park and we should be getting venison from that. He also reported that the USDA may be donating geese to the program, these geese are harvested then no-one wants them. Bill reported that some of the venison has been donated to programs in Putnam County and Rockland County. Penny reported that Vasser wants to give a gift to the people who process the game, she said someone will be talking to them to find out what they could use.

Conservation Camps: Pete Kraaenbrink reported that all except the 2 kids who won at the fair have signed up. He said that Scott Emsile has spoken to the parents of these kids, but they have not signed up yet, and if they do not sign up by a certain date their applications will be pulled and someone else will get a chance. There are still openings.

Fish: Ken Rose reported that in December, Morgan and Upton Lakes were each stocked with 325 14 to 15 inch rainbows. He is hearing that the fishing is going well.

Outdoor Journal: Bill Connors reported there will be a spring journal coming out in March. He needs business card ads by March 15th. Each ad is \$50. Contact Bill at 635-1606 or email him at connors@billconnors.net. The circulation for this issue will be about 5000 copies.

Legislative Report: Paul reported that 17 clubs have signed on to the Amicus coalition. Money is coming in to support this, but the case will take time. He reported there are quite a few bills of some concern this year, take a look at the legislative report emailed to members. Bill #1809, would allow clubs and preserves to sell ammo at events but opposition coming out of New York City is targeting lead and kids on ranges. Sue Serino has indicated she will support sportsmen on this. Groups are going after ranges on the lead issue, several ranges had to be shut down to prove they were doing something to recover the lead. Paul encouraged everyone to take a look at the legislative report he put together.

Conservation Council: Bill Connors reported that they are going to remarket the council. There is a plan afoot to outlaw atvs on state properties, if this is successful an atv will not be allowed inside the blueline anyplace in the state. There are groups that have come together to try to control invasive species through mandatory programs that will require everyone to wash boats before launching in any body of water. Recreational boaters won't mind if boat wash stations are not open until late in the morning, fishermen will not

be able to access lakes early in the mornings. Bill encouraged individuals and clubs to join the council to make the organization stronger. They also have a “buck a member” program where each club writes a check to the Conservation Council for a buck for each member. We need to get involved to defend our rights to access state lands. Bill will have more info on the Conservation Council programs and what we all can do to support them.

Old Business: none presented

New Business: none presented

Announcements: Northern Dutchess will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday March 14, 2015. There will also be a maple syrup demo by Russel Farms.

50/50 Winner: Paul Annetts

Motion to Adjourn, seconded & approved

Meeting Adjourned 8:50 pm

Next Federation Board of Directors meeting – February 23, 2015

Next Federation Monthly Delegate meeting – March 12, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Culkin