



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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

Meeting March 12, 2015
Copperfield's Restaurant

Attendance: 21 clubs represented, 31 delegates and guests

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

Guest: Bob Jenks from Dutchess County 4H Shooting Sports, presenting an application for membership in the Federation.

Request from the floor for a moment of silence each month after the Pledge of Allegiance to honor the military. This will start next month.

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

February Federation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – no minutes left home
Cathy will email to delegates.

February 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 a thank you letter from Tom Raffaldi for his sportsman of the year award.

Committees:

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Penny Hickman reported that the venison received from the cull is out of the cooler/freezer. Even though there were a few issues with this, it worked out well. A gentleman from Brookside said they had a freezer available and even though it turned out to be a cooler it was a great help. Penny and Anthony will be distributing more from the freezer in Wappingers. There is a young man in Poughkeepsie who is distributing not only the venison but also onions and other food items to food pantries and churches where they are needed. Penny reported that when they distribute the smaller packages tomorrow Hunters Helping the Hungry will be over the number of pounds distributed last year which is over 9000 lbs. Penny said it is wonderful to watch the families and see how grateful they are to receive this. If anyone knows of a church

group or food pantry that could use this food, please have them contact Hunters Helping the Hungry, the food is available and they want to get it out to those who can use it.

Conservation Camps: Scott Emslie reported that 12 of the 14 kids have claimed the codes. The 2 kids who won at the fair have not signed up and there has been not contact. He said there are still two openings but they must be 11 to 13 and a girl for Camp DeBruce. This will be first come first served. Email to the delegates – anyone who has someone that qualifies get back to Scott Emslie with email addresses. Scott's email is lonewolf37@earthlink.net He said he will be checking his email frequently. Penny announced that Deer Search is sponsoring a camper in memory of David Wohlbach.

Fish: Ken Rose reported that he has just received the dates for fish stocking, March 20th for Fishkill and Sprout, March 24th for Wappingers, March 26th for Roeliff, Crum Elbow and Sawkill, and on the 27th Ten Mile, Webetauk and Swamp River. If anyone is interested in helping, get in touch with Ken.

Outdoor Journal: Bill Conners reported the spring journal will be mostly about fishing. If anyone has a business card ad, get it to him immediately. He has a picture of a 6 lb brookie that was taken in the Silver Lake Wilderness Area for the front page. He will be doing an article about turkeys and the diseases that are decimating the flocks. There will be something on strippers, they are changing the regulations. Aquatic invasive species will also be covered in this issue. If anyone has ideas or ads for the fall issue, please start getting those to Bill as soon as possible.

Conservation Council: Bill Conners reported that they are working on remarketing the council, many people do not know the Council exists or what it does. They have a marketing person to help with this. Bill encouraged everyone to join the council, individual memberships are \$35, the Council needs support. Bill is going to write an article about the venison distributed from the Long Island cull to New York City, west to Rockland, Orange and Onondaga Counties and north to Warren County and the Lake George area. Bill wants to let people know that the meat from the culls is being used to feed the hungry. Bill explained that the Council needs to develop a cash flow to pay regular monthly expenses, it would be possible to apply for grants but this is encumbered money.

Legislative Report: Paul reported everyone should check their email for his report. There have been a lot of bills introduced; the negative bills are coming out of New York City area and the positive ones from upstate areas. There are quite a few out there that are stripping the SAFE Act. The state is still struggling to develop a system to do background checks on ammunition purchases. On the federal level, a provision has been introduced to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating traditional ammunition and fishing tackle. The NRA and ILA are working on state levels to try to prevent further bans on traditional ammunition and fishing tackle. There were over 100,000 letters and phone calls to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms telling them to pull the new classification of the .223 round as an armor piercing bullet.

Old Business: none presented

New Business: Tom Holsopple asked if anyone knows of an accounting person who could do an audit of the Federation's books. The By-Laws say that an auditor, appointed by the board should review the books on an annual basis. This person does not have to be a CPA, see Tom if you have anyone to recommend or are interested in helping with this. The Board has been discussing doing something different instead of the Club 36 Raffle this year. Perhaps a daily number raffle - looking for ideas. If you have any ideas or suggestions, see Tom Holsopple or Joe Lurenz.

Announcements: Bill Conners reported that Kevin Haight wants to do a Fishing Day in the Town of Lagrange at Overlook Park, the Town is working with him on this.

Mid Hudson Friends of NRA is coming up on its 22nd year, the annual banquet will be in April, support needed, please go back to your clubs and ask if anyone wants to join the committee. March 18th there will be a meeting at Dutchess Pistol at 7pm.

Scott Emsile put out two flyers for upcoming firearms courses at Washington Hollow and Hudson Valley Sportsman Association. Tom Holsopple reported that he has put these courses on the calendar on the web site.

Northern Dutchess will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday March 28, 2015. It was scheduled for this coming weekend but had to be rescheduled because they are still trying to collect sap.

Crum Elbow is holding a Hunter Education Course, Wednesday March 25th, Friday March 27, and Saturday March 28th. Anyone who wants to register must go to the DEC Website and sign up for the course.

Pleasant Valley will hold the annual Senior Fishing day, Ken will have the flyers at the next meeting, it will be in May, and it is free to those that qualify agewise, breakfast and lunch will be provided. The first hunter safety course will be held April 11th and 12th – go on line to register.

50/50 Winner: Ken Foster

Motion to Adjourn, seconded & approved

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 pm

Next Federation Board of Directors meeting – March 23, 2015

Next Federation Monthly Delegate meeting – April 9, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Culkin