



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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

Meeting May 14, 2015
Copperfield's Restaurant

Attendance: 22 clubs represented, 25 delegates and guests

President Tom Holsopple – called meeting to order at 7:40 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for those killed in active duty and also for Warren McKeon, past Region 3 Director who passed away this week.

There are a few copies of the current by-laws on the head table if anyone needs a copy.

Guest: None

April Delegates Meeting Minutes – motion to approve with correction to the size limits for striped bass; 18 to 28 inches and over 40 inches, seconded & approved.

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

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

Communications: None

Committees:

Fish: Ken Rose is away. Tom reported that he has a copy of the final fish stocking report and will put that on the web site. Richard Decker reported that they released 585 12 to 15 inch trout split between Morgan and Upton lakes on April 24th, this completed the stocking for this year. The total number for this year was about 54,000 trout.

Fishing Day: Anthony Pittore reported that they had 175 to 200 people on May 2nd. The kids caught a lot of fish, some nice bass and sunnies. They gave them hotdogs, chips, soda and water and ran out of everything, it was a big success. The DEC would like to help out with this more next year.

Outdoor Journal: Bill Connors asked that everyone get him at least one ad for the fair journal. Business card ads are \$35, if anyone wants a bigger ad send them to Bill Connors to work out with them directly.

Conservation Council: Bill Connors reported that they are still looking at their financial situation. He also reported that he went to the Earth Day program in Dover with the new trade show booth. The lady running the program made sure he had help to put up and take down the booth. He spoke with a lot of people there that day. There was a lot of discussion about the 480A program. Bill reported that the DEC cannot change the 480A program because it is statutory, which means the Legislature would have to give the DEC regulatory authority to change this program. Bill had a discussion with a legislative liaison from the DEC in Albany earlier this week, there is a bill out called **S5096**, and any club with an interest in the **480A** program should ask their local representatives to support S5096. This bill states that if you are a part of the current 480A program, the DEC cannot force you to extract yourself from it. They are trying to change it so the tax reduction would drop to about ½ of what it has been and change the acreage limits. If anyone has questions about this contact Bill Connors, he will get copies of the proposed changes that we can attach to the minutes. There are changes coming to the turkey seasons, since the population is in decline in the northeast in general, the season will be shorter and bag limits lowered for the fall season.

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Penny Hickman reported that everything has been distributed. There are 3 deer cut up and in the freezer, she will wait a little bit to see if more come before that is distributed. She reported that there was a planning meeting for the Jr Pheasant Hunt, there were several suggestions on how to improve the event this year. The dog handlers need to be scheduled so they are spread out during the day, it was also suggested that we have a couple of plastic swimming pools for the dogs to cool off in. Penny said that the first Jr Hunt was September 23, 1995 and when she thinks of how much work is involved and Dave Wohlbach organized this by himself and did this all those years, amazing. If anyone knows people who would like to help let Penny know. Pete asked about the applications, Bill Connors said will get the certificate of insurance and submit the applications this month. Penny asked if anyone knew Tom Fumarello, he was interested in running the hunt but he was not heard from last year and no-one was able to get in touch with him. Scott Emslie knows him and will try to contact him.

Fair Booth: Ken Foster reported that next month he will begin getting ideas for this year's Dutchess County Fair Booth. He encouraged the delegates to bring ideas to the next meeting.

Old Business: Tom reported that in the by-laws there is no official method to adopt changes to the by-laws, present the changes and then vote on them at the next meeting. When the by-laws are ready they will be emailed to the delegates and a few copies will be printed. Tom asked if there were any questions or if anyone needs more information. A motion was made to accept the changes to the by-laws, there being no more discussion vote was called, all were in favor, motion approved.

New Business: Bill Connors asked about the proposed changes to the Fisher Season, Rich Poluzzi reported that the New York State Trappers Association is against these changes, if they start putting limits on fur bearers, it may just be a matter of time before they start limiting others also, the proposed changes to the season dates are too early the

fur is not prime yet.

Announcements:

Southern Dutchess is trying to get together a trip to Argentina in August for duck hunting, if anyone is interested, Contact Bernie.

Scott Emslie put out a document on the head table with a list of various firearms courses and their locations from now into the fall.

Bill Connors announced that there will be an ECO Academy this year. He also announced that Tim Duffy, Director of Law Enforcement for the DEC has resigned, others do not want the job, it is unclear who may end up in that position.

The Board Meeting would fall on Memorial Day 5/25/15, it is rescheduled to Monday 6/1/15

50/50 Winner: Rich Pelozzi

Motion to Adjourn, seconded & approved
Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm

Next Federation Board of Directors meeting – June 1, 2015

Next Federation Monthly Delegate meeting – June 11, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Culkin