



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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

Meeting July 9, 2015
Copperfield's Restaurant

Attendance: 21 clubs represented, 29 delegates and guests

Senator Sue Serino spoke before the meeting, she pointed out several things the Senate was able to accomplish; repeal the Safe Act requirement for a database of ammunition sales, reaffirm the right to inherit semi-auto rifle that is owned by a family member, protect the privacy of legal firearm owners by protecting the information that is contained on firearms licenses, and require notification to an individual if they have been placed on any list alleging mental health concerns. She has learned that on some of the questionnaires people are asked to fill out for doctors or hospitals include questions about mental state, a person could be referred to authorities without their knowledge based on answers to these questions even though they may be seeking help for something like insomnia. She also stated that the Senate was able to pass a bill to shift control of pistol permit application and recertification back to county clerks, away from the State Police and back to non law enforcement agency. Bill Connors asked how she voted on the Feral Cat Bill, she made the connection between the Federation and calls and letters she received about this, she said she believed she voted no on this bill.

President Tom Holsopple called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for those killed in active duty. Tom asked that cell phones either be turned off or ringers silenced during the meeting.

Guest: Paul Galette from River Keeper reported on their efforts to monitor the health of the Hudson River, testing done to monitor bacteria levels the length of the waterway, checking on the safety of bridges over the waterway. They also work to protect the drinking water from the Catskill and Delaware water systems. Anyone who swims, boats or fishes on the Hudson cares about the bacteria levels in the water, he further reported that the rail cars oil is shipped in are not necessarily built for this purpose. He stated that he feels honest dialog is the best way to work on the issues to make the water safe and clean for the communities along the Hudson and in the water shed area. He discussed concerns about oil shipments by rail and barge along the river. A question was raised about PCBs in the river, he pointed out heavy rains just before Storms Irene and Lee caused these to be washed up from the bottom of the river, it was agreed to clean up the hot spots to reduce the amount brought back into the water. He further reported that PCBs

are one of the most potent toxins around and they can be concentrated in the fatty areas of the fish, he would not eat a lot of fish from the Hudson. He reported that the Hudson is 50% cleaner than it was 40 years ago, but if efforts are not continued to monitor and maintain water treatment plants this may not continue. He encouraged anyone who knows of an area with water contamination concerns, email River Keeper to make them aware of these concerns.

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

June Federation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – there were none.

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

Communications: Email from the Fountains looking for someone who would sponsor a fishing event for Seniors there. Paul Annetts has taken a copy to his club but if anyone thinks their club might be interested, let Tom know he will get a copy of the email to them.

Committees:

Fair Booth: Ken Foster reported that he is very disappointed in the participation to volunteer to help in the booth this year. The tutorial flyers are available for volunteers and he brought the tickets to hand out tonight. Many of the time slots have no-one signed up at all, he was hoping this would be taken care of before the last minute. It was pointed out that we are a volunteer organization and member clubs cannot be forced to participate.

Jr Pheasant Hunt: Penny Hickman reported that this is coming along, there will be a second planning session next Thursday. The hunt will be September 26th this year. Flyers will be available at the Fair and at the next Delegates Meeting.

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Penny Hickman reported that Corey Finley, who was very helpful with venison distribution last year has taken another job, but she has spoken with the people from the Lunch Box and they will be working with Penny again this year. She has heard from Clove Valley and will be getting birds from them soon. There are currently no deer to be butchered, there was some discussion about turning off the cooler when it is not needed. It was suggested they test how long it takes to bring the cooler back to temperature when it has been off.

Fish: Ken Rose nothing to report until this fall.

Conservation Camps: Scott Emsile reported that the kids are going to the camps, there was one cancellation and that person contacted the DEC. The Federation got credit for that spot, but this might not always be the case if there is someone available on their waiting list for that spot the DEC will give it to them.

Legislative Report : Paul Annetts reported that Bill's article in the Poughkeepsie Journal was spot on today, excellent article. There is not a lot going on right now on the state level, but on the Federal level, the Handgun Trigger Safety Act would mandate within 10 years anyone selling a handgun would be required to be retro fit with personalized trigger

technology before completing the sale, within 5 years of this law being enacted gun manufacturers would be required to sell handguns with smart technology installed, this would be very expensive. The NRA reported the reciprocity act is gaining steam but New York State is part of the problem. A question was raised about the money Quomo is spending on redesigning the logos, some discussion about this, the total allocation was \$217 million and this money is being used to change more than logos. Bill Connors reported this money is being used to change software, programs, logos and the signs we see along the road ways.

Club 36 Raffle: Tom Holsopple reported we will run this raffle again this year and there will be tickets available at the next meeting.

Outdoor Journal: Bill Connors reported that he is still getting ads but needs more, please try to get more business card ads and get them to him as soon as possible. He is trying to get to 24 pages but at this point only has enough for 20 pages. The dead line for ads is next week, he can take them in jpeg format, if the ad is ¼ page it must be vertical.

Conservation Council: Bill Connors reported that there will be a meeting in September at the ON Center this year. There are two important issues, the State Wildlife Action Plan and the Essex Chain Lake Access. There will be a new commissioner for the DEC this year. Bill reported that it is costing \$300 million to repair the damage at Danamorra. There were a lot of DEC personnel pulled from their areas to help in the manhunt, Bill will be watching to see that Conservation funds are not used to pay for this.

Old Business: Anthony Pittore reported that the boat is still chained to the dock. He put a note on it with tape and this has been removed but the boat is still there. There are no registration numbers on the boat.

Announcements: Crum Elbow will host a hunter safety course starting Monday August 10th, registration must be done on line through the DEC web site.

Millbrook Rod & Gun Club will host a Pig Roast on Sunday August 2nd, \$30 per person, starts at noon.

Millerton Gun Club will host a Trapping Course the 25th of July, register on the DEC website.

50/50 Winner: Joe Molinaro

Motion to Adjourn, seconded & approved

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 pm

Next Federation Board of Directors meeting – July 27, 2015

Next Federation Monthly Delegate meeting – August 13, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Culkin