



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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

Meeting September 10, 2015
Copperfield's Restaurant

Attendance: 20 clubs represented, 26 delegates and guests

Vice-President Joe Lurenz 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. Joe asked that cell phones either be turned off or ringers silenced during the meeting.

Guest: Scott Emslie reported the Diane March has stepped down as Chairman of the Mid-Hudson chapter of Friends of NRA and introduce Matt Cousins who has stepped up to fill this position. Matt spoke about the 2 banquets they hold every year at the Ramada Inn in Fishkill. The next banquet will be in December, their Friends Committee raises the most money of any committee in New York State. This enables them to be able to fund grants for organizations in this area, not just clubs but also police departments, Elks and boy scouts. Matt will be visiting clubs in the area and if anyone has questions, reach out to him at Friends of NRA.

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

August Federation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – not available

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

Communications: The Sports Museum of Dutchess County will be closed for the remainder of this year and will re-open in April of 2016, with complete renovations. Scott Emslie reported that the damage was due to a water line break over the winter. The Museum is in the Town of Wappingers off Miller Hill Rd.

Committees:

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Penny Hickman reported that just under 10,000 lbs have been distributed this year. She picked up 500 lbs of birds from Clove Valley and there is still another 1000 to 1500 lbs still there to be picked up. The actual total for this year is 9922 lbs, this is the biggest year ever. The big cull from Long Island contributed to this and there will probably be another one there this year.

Jr Pheasant Hunt: Penny Hickman reported that the 2nd planning meeting went very well, everything seems to be working like a well oiled machine. Everyone has their

assignments and we have about 30 children signed up. The application has the safety issues in red so they will be more aware of this. Anthony has arranged to have water and small pools there for the dogs to cool off in. Cathy has found colored wrist bands that will correspond to the colors of the fields printed on a poster sized map. Everything is more tightened up this year. The event will be Saturday the 26th. About 2 weeks after the event we will meet again to discuss what worked and what improvements we can make for next year. Brian spoke with one of the dog handlers from last year and he indicated that some of the children were using 410 shotguns and this is not a proper gauge for pheasants, we need to recommend that they use 28 ga or better. It may be too late for this year but we should add that to the application for next year. He is trying to work with the dog handlers to get them to come through out the event to have full coverage, he has around 14 dogs accounted for. He has a couple of names but no phone numbers, Tim Welling and Don Higgins, if anyone has their phone numbers or has a dog and would like to help can contact Brian. Anyone who shows up that day with a dog we will get their name and phone number for next year. Penny ordered tee shirts in safety orange, these will be free to the participants. They have flying pheasants on the front and on the back the wording will read Dave Wohlbach Memorial Hunt – two flying pheasants and The Legacy Continues. Adults can purchase the shirts for \$10. There are more applications on the front table if anyone wants to take one back to their club. One of the delegates asked about the flyer for this event, his club does not have regular meetings in the summer and their regular meetings are the last Wednesday of the month. Penny reported that a lot of the applications were handed out at the fair, there was an article in the Outdoor Journal. Tom Holsopple put this information up on the Federation Website, he did not look there because the website is a little sparse. Tom Holsopple has said in the past that if clubs get information to him, he will get it up on the web site. Joe Lurenz said he would talk to Tom about this. Penny invited everyone to come up on the 26th and see how this event runs. Penny announced that David's family will be holding a yard sale at his house the weekend of September 18th and 19th. There will be a lot of hunting items. He lived on Hickory Hill Rd in the town of Clinton.

Outdoor Journal: Joe Lurenz reported that at the last Board Meeting Bill Conners was congratulated for an excellent job on the Journal this year. A question was raised from the floor – are there any left for the clubs and Town Hall offices ? Joe said he would check on this, Bill had said he was going to save some for this purpose. 8000 were printed and most of the copies taken to the booth were handed out. Ken Foster reported that he though 7500 copies were put in the booth and the remaining 500 were held back, but he cannot confirm that. Joe Lurenz also reported that he looked in trash bins as he walked around the fair and only found two journals thrown out, hopefully this means most of them were taken home and are being read. Bill Conners sent a copy via email that was forwarded to all delegates, it is a very large file.

Legislative Report : Paul Annetts said there is no report this month, they are not in session.

Fair Booth: Ken Foster reported the fair was very successful this year, he thanked all the clubs and individual volunteers, he actually had to get more tickets for additional

volunteers. He thanked Northern Dutchess Club for all their help and support with the booth and also Bill Connors for his help redesigning and setting up the booth. Bill installed two fans inside that made it much more comfortable being inside the booth. Joe Lurenz then thanked Ken Foster for all his efforts too.

Club 36 Raffle: Joe Lurenz has the tickets available tonight. Please pick them up tonight because if you do not he will be mailing the out tomorrow to any club that has not picked them up yet. Pete Kraayenbrink asked that if anyone makes out a check for their tickets, please have them make it out to the Federation so he can deposit it. If they make the check out to you then please sign the back of so he can deposit it in the Federation's account.

Conservation Council: Bill Connors is away at meetings.

Old Business: There was a question about thanking David's sister Sally for paying for the food for this year's Pheasant Hunt. Penny said this would wait until after the event. David's other brothers and sisters may be there that day to see this event, they had no idea of what he did and are grateful to see this being carried on.

Announcements:

Washington Hollow Club holding a trapping course October 3rd – contact Rich Poluzzi at 845-677-6539 to register. This is also a home course. You must call him to register , this registration is not taken on-line. Rich reported that they gave a trapping class this year at Camp DeBruce for the first time ever. There were 16 kids and they asked a lot of good questions, it was one of the better classes.

Millbrook Rod and Gun club will hold their annual Trophy Shoot on Sunday September 27th, 1 round of skeet and 1 round of trap, lunch will be served and trophies awarded. Scoring by Lewis Class.

Northern Dutchess will have a 22 shoot this Sunday the 13th, registration at 8 shoot to begin at 9.

Pleasant Valley is holding their third annual Hann Farm raffle, Ken handed out flyers to take back to the clubs and has a few tickets left tonight. He will bring more to the next meeting. The drawing will be November 19th.

Neighbors Gun Club will hold a Turkey Shoot September 20th at 10 am, rain or shine.

50/50 Winner: Tom Lasko

Motion to Adjourn, seconded & approved

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm

Next Federation Board of Directors meeting – September 28, 2015

Next Federation Monthly Delegate meeting – October 8, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Culkin