

Last Call: President Tom Holsopple called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM (five minutes late). This is the last delegates' meeting that Tom will preside over, thus ending his four year presidency.

Tom announced that because our Secretary Cathy Culkin is in the hospital at this time, the minutes from the last meeting(s) – November delegates and November BOD – are not available. Tom asked that we all keep Cathy in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom reminded the delegates that we held a non-binding vote last month to strongly encourage each member club to support the Spring 2016 Issue of the Outdoor Journal with the purchase of a business card ad. The ads are \$35 and will be enlarged to 4.75.x 3.0 in the publication. If your club can't do it, contact a business.

Treasurer's Report: motion by S. Emslie and seconded, to accept the report as presented.

Communications: Tom announced that he had received a request for support from the Girl Scouts. The request came in via our website; they would like the Federation to conduct a fishing event in late April 2016. Bill Conners informed the delegates that he has spoken to Chris Petty of Wappinger Falls (the local GSA leader) and committed to help pull a one day event together. Conners will re-contact her January after the GSA Council has held its annual planning session for their 2016 calendar.

Annual Dinner: Penny Hickman reported that dinner tickets will be \$45 again this year. Social hour starts at 5:50 PM and a buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Jackie and Scott Emslie will be conducting the bucket raffle. They ask that you give them prizes and raffles prizes donated by your club. Call them to let them know what you have. Their phone number is 845-485-2051. Their address is: 17 Corlies Av., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Dinner Reservations: Harold and Judy Coons will be accepting the dinner reservations again this year. Their phone number is: 845-758-6772. They prefer the reservations be called in to them and NOT emailed. Please let them know if you anticipate needing a full table (10 tickets). Penny said that you need to make your reservation by January 27th. Try to get them in as early as possible.

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Penny reported that we have distributed 2325 pounds to-date and that she will be picking up more than 500 pounds on Friday, Dec.. 11, 2015. There are presently 8 deer in the cooler. Process will now be mostly ground meat. The programs we supply with meat have told us that they actually prefer ground instead of stew. Our volunteers also say that ground is easier to handle. Stew meat requires additional cutting and trimming.

Legislation: Paul Annetts reported no pending legislation because the Legislature is not in session. However the Governor vetoed two bills; he vetoed the Mute Swan bill that would have tabled a mute swan management plan developed by DEC. Animals rights groups are opposed to managing the swans as an invasive

species in spite of their aggressive and destructive characteristics. The Governor also vetoed a bill that would have used dog license fees to trap, neuter, vaccinate and return to the wild, feral cats.

Paul announced that the Sullivan County Federation's annual coyote will be held February 5-7, 2016. We will send details of the hunt by email.

Website: Tom has put a small photo gallery of the youth pheasant hunt on the website.

The Northern Dutchess News will be doing a cover story about Hunter Helping the Hungry in next week's edition. Their story will run inside in the Southern Dutchess edition.

NYSCC: the NYSCC BOD will be meeting in Ilion in January. We will be discussing fiscal issues because revenues have not improved.

Budget: The Federation's proposed 2016 FY budget was presented by Tom. Following a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Anthony Pittore, the budget was adopted.

Nominating Committee: Committee Chair Dave Compton placed the following candidates in nomination on behalf of the committee: President, Joe Lurenz, 1st VP, Anthony Pittore, 2nd VP, Bob Pascoello, Secretary, Cathy Culkin, Treasurer, Pete Kraayenbrink and Legislative VP, Paul Annetts. With the consent of the delegates he also (at the same time) placed the following members in nomination for 2-year terms as Directors: Ken Foster, Kevin Haight, Penny Hickman, Ken Rose and Dave Compton. Joseph Molinaro was nominated for a 1-year term as Director. After the requisite calls for nominations from the floor, Scott Emslie called for the nominations to be closed and that the Secretary cast a single ballot for the slate as presented. The motion was seconded by Ken Rose and Penny Hickman at which time the ballot was cast and our officers and directors were elected for 2016 as presented.

Mid Hudson FNRA – Scott Emslie reported that 150 people attended the FNRA Winter Blast in Fishkill. The 2016 FNRA Banquet will be held on April 16th. Details will be announced soon.

The Mid Hudson committee donated a vest to the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office K-9 officer (yes, that would be for the dog).

Tom Holsopple closed the business meeting for the last time. He thanked the delegates for the way they conduct business and the manner in which they treat each other. He noted that he enjoyed his tenure as President.

A list of the **2015 Club 36** winners will be distributed in a separate email.

Respectfully,

Bill Conners (for Cathy Culkin)