



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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Minutes of June 9, 2016 Regular Delegates Meeting

Copperfield's Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

President Joe Lurenz called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

Paul Annetts led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed for our Armed Forces members killed in action, and past Federation members.

There were 27 people present with 17 clubs represented.

Guests

New DEC Region 3 ECO Captain Marty Townley introduced himself. He has spent most of recent career in Orange County. He has been visiting Federations throughout the region. The ECO Academy is still in progress with 32 recruits currently. Even when these recruits enter the field, the DEC is still far from being fully staffed with ECOs across the state.

DEC ECO Lt. Dave Clayton reported the following:

- There were no HRSIs (Hunting Related Shooting Incidents) in region 3 during the Spring turkey season, and there no fatalities in the state.
- The Hudson River Striped Bass season went well, but officers found many people who still do not have the requisite marine registration. It is free, but is required when fishing for migratory species in the river.
- ECOs have been out on the river a lot at night, mostly ticketing people for over-fishing herring.
- He reminded all not to pick up or disturb wildlife in the woods, like deer fawns. Leave them alone.
- He also reminded anyone taking a Hunter Ed course that pre-class homework is required and is expected to be completed when attending the first session of a class. Those not completing it will be turned away.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting on May 12, 2016 were accepted.

Motion - Scott Emslie, 2nd – Bernie Walker, Vote - AIF (All in Favor)

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on May 23, 2016 were accepted.

Motion - Scott Emslie, 2nd – Bernie Walker, Vote - AIF

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Motion - Scott Emslie, 2nd – Bernie Walker, Vote - AIF

It was noted that there was a credit for the web site ownership transfer in an expense category.

Communications

None

Committee Reports

Fish: Ken Rose reported that this year's trout stocking has been completed, with the stocking of Morgan and Upton lakes done by the Federation. The full detailed stocking report is available.

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Penny Hickman reported that 4,350 pounds of meat have been distributed so far this program year.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt: Penny reported that the 1st planning meeting was held for this year's hunt. Anthony Pittore and Bob Jenks will be chairing the event. Applications will be available at the next meeting.

Dutchess County Fair Exhibit: Ken Foster handed out the announcement flyer and passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to staff the booth. Ken noted that some clubs have signed up to staff an entire day, which really helps us to have a full complement of folks in the booth during the fair.

Outdoor Journal: Bill Conners reported:

- The Spring edition is finally available and apologized for the delay.
- Some ads did not make it into this issue and will be placed in the larger fair edition for free.
- Ad space is available for the Fair edition and Bill handed out a flyer with pricing and showing relative ad size.
- Bill requested direction on producing a fair edition if we do not get many ads. A motion was made and passed to produce a Fair edition this year regardless of how many ads are sold. Motion – Penn Hickman, 2nd – Ken Rose, Vote – AIF.
- Bill is looking for someone to take over the ad management part of the work, because he can only focus on producing the paper going forward. The plans are to only produce the one Fair edition in 2017.

Conservation Education: Scott Emslie stated that we received a credit for the 1 sponsored kid that did not go.

Legislation: Paul Annetts reported:

- The DEC in Region 3 is installing fishing line disposal containers at public fishing spots.
- There are changes being proposed by the DEC for deer and bear hunting and for fisher trapping. Refer to the DEC web site for details.
- The very large state budget bills were voted on in a very short time, so Paul questioned how well they were actually reviewed by the legislators.
- The Obama administration is pushing a lot of gun control initiatives in his last days in office.
- It was found that there are many errors in NICS background checks for firearms purchases. A bill was submitted for authorities to act on NICS rejection appeals in more reasonable timeframe.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners reported that there is a federal proposal to turn about 50% of the Lake Ontario shoreline into a marine sanctuary. While many folks think this is a good idea (including the president of the council), there are many questions about how restrictive it could become for sportsmen. This has occurred with past initiatives like this.

Bill, speaking as a member of CFAB (Conservation Fund Advisory Board), stated that the board has a desire for changes to the current licensing system. But due to how costly it is to make changes to the system, the state budget office would not likely provide the funding for those changes.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Anthony Pittore reported that special ammunition deal that was obtained for the Northern Dutchess Long Rifles 4-H club finally came through. 26,500 rounds were purchased for the club. The Federation, along with some member clubs, had sponsored some of the ammo purchased.

New Business

None reported.

Announcements

A trapping course will be held at the Millerton Rod & Gun Club on July 23rd. As with the hunting course, participants must register online and complete the homework before attending the class.

Pleasant Valley Trout & Game Club will hold a 3 gun event this upcoming weekend.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Tom Holsopple.

Next meeting date: July 14th

The meeting was adjourned at 08:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple (Acting Secretary)