



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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Minutes of July 14, 2016 Regular Delegates Meeting

Copperfield's Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

President Joe Lurenz called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Bob Jenks 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, past Federation members, Director Emeritus Bill Emslie, the Dallas Police Dept., and for our country.

There were 28 people present with 20 clubs represented.

Guests

One guest was recognized, Gerry Miller from Amenia Fish & Game Association.

Bill Conner speaking for Lt. Dave Clayton from DEC Law Enforcement, reported the following:

- Another prospective ECO left the current academy class.
- There are many upcoming retirements in the agency, which is of great concern.
- The dept. has received a lot of bear complaints in the region lately, including several break-ins.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting on June 8, 2016 were accepted.

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

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on June 27, 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

Communications

Several donations to the Conservation Awareness Foundation were received in memory of Bill Emslie.

Committee Reports

Hunters Helping the Hungry:

Penny Hickman reported that there has not been much recent activity with the program. About 4800 pounds of meat has been distributed so far this year.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt:

Anthony Pittore stated that after review of last year's records, 18 kids are still eligible and will be sent applications for this year's hunt. Anthony will have applications available at the August meeting. This year's event is scheduled for September 24th.

Dutchess County Fair Exhibit:

Ken Foster is working on getting the discounted tickets and passed around the sign-up sheet for volunteers. He has copies of the volunteer guidelines. Many time slots are filled, including some for which a club has signed up for the whole day. But there are still some slots to fill: Tuesday, Saturday, and especially Sunday.

Outdoor Journal:

Bill Conner handed out an advertisement layout guide for the upcoming fair edition and discussed prices. He asked for help to ensure all outstanding ads are accounted for and to make sure they are included in the Fair edition. If you have facilitated any ads that did not make it into the Spring edition, please let Bill know. This is an area where we could really use some help – managing and coordinating ads.

Conservation Education:

Scott Emslie reported that there have been no more kids that backed out of going to camp. He spoke with one kid that went to Pack Forest, who really enjoyed the camp. Pete Kraayenbrink, who volunteers at the Hunter Ed classes at Camp DeBruce, stated that there have been a lot of kids taking the classes.

Fundraising:

Anthony Pittore is this year's chairman for the Club 36 raffle and has the tickets available.

Legislation:

Legislative Vice President Paul Annetts reported:

- The state legislative session ended with very little accomplished.
- Briefly reviewed several bills related to the definition of easy-opening knives, ATVs and snowmobiles, invasive Mute Swans, and increased gun purchase background checks.
- Pennsylvania has reported a very high incidence of mange in their bear population.
- NY is getting \$17.7 M in Pittman Robertson funds. These funds come from an excise tax on the sale of hunting and outdoor sports related supplies.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners stated that there is a meeting in August and the Fall Convention in September.

Unfinished (Old) Business None reported.

New Business None reported.

Announcements

Roy Palinkas of Chestnut Ridge Rod & Gun Club asked for input from the other clubs on best practices to enforce work hours, since his club is having problems with many members just paying the fines instead working the hours.

Chris Villa of West Mountain Rod & Gun Club announced that his club has 3 open slots for new members. They are a small club with access to some hunting land in the Dover and Hopewell Junction areas.

Whortlekill Rod & Gun Club will hold Introductory Pistol classes on Sept 10th and Oct 8th.
Whortlekill will also have a Clam Bake on Aug 21st.

Paul Annetts has some tickets for several Sullivan County Federation fundraisers.

Brian Mihans stated that NAVHDA and the Ruffed Grouse Society will be sponsoring a sporting clays shoot in Marlboro on July 30th to benefit habitat.

Ken Foster stated that Pleasant Valley Trout & Game Club will hold their annual Pig Roast on Oct 1st.

Pete Kraayenbrink of Crum Elbow Sportsmens Assn. in Hyde Park stated that the club offers 5-Stand shoots on Friday mornings at \$5 per round.

Secretary's Note:

If anyone wants more information about any of the club events announced at the meetings, the best way is to refer to the specific club web site or reach out to the club contacts listed in the Federation Directory. As I get time, I will add events to the calendar on the Federation's web site, but it is not a complete list.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Bob LeBeouf.

Next meeting date: August 11th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple (Acting Secretary)