



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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Minutes of August 11, 2016 Regular Delegates Meeting

Copperfield's Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

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

Tom Holsopple 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.

Two new delegates were welcomed:

Adam Yasiejko - Washington Hollow Rod & Gun Club
Hal Brilliant - Hudson Valley Sportsmens Association

There were 34 people present with 21 clubs represented.

Guests

Lt. Dave Clayton, DEC Region 3 DEC Law Enforcement, spoke on the following:

- The current En Con officer academy is now down to 31 recruits. The class will graduate on Sept. 7.
 - Three recruits are from Dutchess Co.
- Region 3 ECO Myles Schillinger received the 2015 Officer of the Year Award for Outstanding Service from the Northeast Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs Assn.
- There are a few new deer and bear hunting regulation changes for the 2016 season, mainly:
 - Jr. Hunters can take bears in the youth deer hunting weekend.
 - Antlerless-only rules in several WMU's last year were rescinded.
- 2016 waterfowl seasons were announced. Southern zone duck season opens 10/1. See the DEC web site for details.
- There will be increased enforcement at the popular Blue Hole swimming area in Peekamoose, due to problems with overuse. Several other areas may get the same enforcement scrutiny.
- The 2016-2017 hunting syllabus is out at hunting license providers.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting on July 14, 2016 were accepted.

Motion – Scott Emslie, 2nd – Chris Villa, Vote - AIF (All in Favor)

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on July 25, 2016 were accepted.

Motion – Scott Emslie, 2nd – Chris Villa, Vote - AIF

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

Communications

None reported.

Committee Reports

Hunters Helping the Hungry:

Penny Hickman reported that 5,010 pounds of game meat has been distributed so far.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt:

Anthony Pittore stated that the hunt will be held on Sept. 24 and he has applications available. 18 youth from last year are still qualified this year and letters will be sent to them. The next committee planning meeting will be held on August 30 at 6:30 PM at the Pete Kraayenbrink barn conference room in Hyde Park.

Dutchess County Fair Exhibit:

Ken Foster reported that all discount tickets were distributed and payment accounted for. There is still one completely open volunteer time slot on Saturday night. Ken asked that due to low supply, volunteers hand out the plastic carry bags sparingly at the booth. Bill Conners stated that booth preparation is in progress and reconfiguration will result in more storage space for materials.

Outdoor Journal:

Bill Conners reported that the Fair edition was published and encouraged all to take some bundles to place in public places. The bulk of them will be handed out at our Fair booth. This edition has a variety of articles, which is intended to appeal to many different folks to get our message out there. This edition also has the most ads that we have ever had for one edition. Bill thanked all who helped and especially thanked the following people for selling many ads: Pete Kraayenbrink, Ken Foster, Dave Compton, and Scott Emslie.

Conservation Education:

Scott Emslie reported that there was nothing new to report. Rich Poluzzi reported that 19 kids took the trapping course that he taught today at Camp DeBruce. In general, there was a lot of participation in all of the hunter education classes at the camps this year.

Legislation:

Paul Annetts primary message to the attendees was that it is very important for sportsmen and gun owners to get out and vote in this year's elections.

Fundraising:

Anthony Pittore has Club 36 raffle tickets available for all to sell. He will send out some tickets to clubs whose delegates have not taken any tickets so far. He asked that everyone try to sell tickets since this is the only annual fundraiser that is done by the Federation.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners will be attending the Council's Fall Convention in Sept. He does not anticipate any resolutions which would require any specific direction from the clubs.

Unfinished (Old) Business

None reported.

New Business

Joe Lurenz reported that a delegate from one of our member clubs mentioned that the club recently had an applicant for membership, whose references did not check out and the person could not even be contacted. It was believed that this individual has applied to other clubs and also may have used different names. Please contact Joe for details. Joe suggested that clubs follow through on references and background checks or use a known sponsor, especially if there is some suspicion as to the applicant's credibility.

Announcements

Chris Villa thanked all who replied to his appeal for new members for West Mountain Rod & Gun Club. It resulted in several desperately needed new members in the club.

A 50/50 raffle was not held tonight.

Next meeting date: September 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple (Acting Secretary)