



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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Minutes of October 13, 2016 Regular Delegates Meeting

Copperfield's Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

President Joe Lurenz called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Emma Jenks led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There were 38 people present with 24 clubs represented.

Guests

Legislative VP Paul Annetts introduced **Sue Serino**, NYS 41st District Senator, running for re-election. Ms. Serino spoke about her experience in Albany, her various legislative focuses such as aging issues, veterans, 2nd amendment rights, and Lyme Disease research. She was against the SAFE Act and is in favor of term limits. She took several questions from the floor.

Director Bill Connors introduced **Mark Coviello** who was representing **John Faso**, U.S. Congressional candidate who couldn't attend due to being at a debate with his opponent. Mark advocated voting for Mr. Faso to maintain a Republican majority in Congress, which would be more beneficial for sportsmen. He stated that Mr. Faso supports 2nd amendment rights, and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

President Joe Lurenz introduced Elizabeth Hoffman from the Columbia & Dutchess Ringneck shooters club. Ms. Hoffman stated that the club is looking to boost membership and that she owns Hoffman's Guns and Ammo gun shop in Pine Plains.

Joe also introduced Emma Jenks, President of the Northern Dutchess Long Rifles 4-H youth club. Miss Jenks thanked the Federation and clubs for their donation to purchase ammo for use by the club.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting on Sept 8, 2016 were accepted.
Motion – Scott Emslie, 2nd – Bernie Walker, Vote - AIF (All in Favor)

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on Sept 26, 2016 were accepted.
Motion – Scott Emslie, 2nd – Ken Rose, Vote - AIF

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

Communications

A letter was received from the aforementioned Emma Jenks, expressing her club's gratitude about the opportunity to participate in the Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt and for the Federation's continued support.

An email was received from a gentleman from Wappingers Falls looking for a club to join and help getting started with hunting. Joe Lurenz will follow up with him.

An email was received from a gentleman from the Primrose Hill Road area of Rhinebeck expressing concern about cats going missing, probably by coyotes, and looking for help with the problem. Joe will refer him to the DEC, although there is probably not much that can be done given the suburban nature of that area.

Committee Reports

Hunters Helping the Hungry:

Penny Hickman reported that about 6800 pounds of game meat has been distributed so far this year.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt:

- Joe Lurenz thanked all who helped, with special thanks to Anthony Pittore, Bob Jenks, and Penny Hickman.
- Anthony Pittore stated that 35 kids participated with only 1 late cancellation.
- There was a small shortage of dogs this year, probably due to many dogs being used in all the other various youth hunts being done that weekend.
- Anthony thanked the youth from ND Long Rifles 4-H club who helped at the event.
- This was the 22nd year of the event, proving that Dave Wohlbach's legacy continues on.

Conservation Education:

Scott Emslie stated that he will have applications for the camps available next month. They will need to be turned in by the end of the year for the drawing. It was suggested that we limit the Camp DeBruce applicants to only 12-13 year olds, since 11 year olds can only shoot air rifles (and then only with poor condition ones from the DEC) at the hunter safety course at the camp. Some discussion ensued, including maybe a compromise of giving priority to 12-13 year olds, and/or donating some better air rifles to use. No firm conclusion was reached.

Legislation:

Paul Annetts distributed his October report.

Fundraising:

The 1st round of 12 \$25 Club 36 drawings were held at the end of the meeting.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Connors stated that Emma Jenks of the ND Long Rifles club published an article in the latest Council Grass Roots Newsletter about the club and involving youth in the shooting sports. It was very well written.

Bill, speaking of CFAB concerns, reported the following:

- NYS Sporting license sales numbers and revenue increased from 2015 to 2016.
- 300 personnel are paid out of the Conservation Fund.
- At current rate of income and expenses, the Conservation Fund will be in the red by 2017/2018.
- One DEC ECO class just graduated. Another is being planned. But there will still be a shortage of officers in the long term.
- Some funds have been released for hatchery and game farm improvements.
- The BATF pulled its proposed increased +storage regulation of the high explosive component in ammo. This would have caused ammo manufacturers and gun shops to have much higher costs, which would have translated to even higher ammo process.

Unfinished (Old) Business

None reported.

New Business

At the Board of Director's meeting, a new secretary was considered. But he withdrew himself from consideration. The core duties of the office were explained, to encourage a volunteer to take the position.

Announcements

Scott Emslie stated that the Mid-Hudson Friends of NRA Winter Blast event will be held on Sunday December 18th at the Poughkeepsie Grand hotel. Contact Jackie Emslie for information.

Judy Coons stated that Northern Dutchess R&G club will hold a candidates night on Oct 20th at the club. Contact Judy to RSVP.

East Hook Sportsmen is holding a raffle for a .22 rifle. 200 tickets only will be sold.

Joe Lurenz strongly encouraged all sportsmen to get out and vote in this very important election.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was George.

Next meeting date: November 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple (Acting Secretary)