



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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Minutes of November 10, 2016 Regular Delegates Meeting

Copperfield's Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

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

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

A moment of silence was observed for those in the armed services who have sacrificed their lives in service to this country, and for recently deceased Federation members.

Joe Lurenz, in honor of Veterans Day, also thanked all the veterans in the room for their service.

Joe also stated that he is very proud of our country for the election results of this past week.

Attendance: There were 31 people present with 24 clubs represented.

Guests

Molly Jenks (Bob Jenk's wife) from Northern Dutchess Long Rifles 4-H club was acknowledged.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting on Oct 13, 2016 were accepted.

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

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on Oct 24, 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

None reported.

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner:

Bill Conners, reporting for Penny Hickman, stated that the dinner will be held at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls on January 28th, with cocktail hour starting at 5:30 PM and the dinner starting at 6:30. The cost of the dinner is \$45 per person, same as last year.

To make reservations, please call Judy and Harold Coons at 845-758-6772.

To donate items for the bucket raffle, please call Jackie Emslie at 914-475-4901.

Hunters Helping the Hungry:

Bill, again speaking for Penny, reported that 2,165 pounds of game meat has been distributed so far this 2016-2017 program year. This is higher than this time last year, which is partially attributed to receiving game bird donations from the preserves earlier this year.

Conservation Education:

Scott Emslie provided applications for DEC Camps for next year. Each club may submit 1 boy and 1 girl for each camp (DeBruce and Pack Forest) for the drawing for Federation sponsorships. They need to be returned to Scott no later than January 1st. Scott noted that the most significant change at the camps this year is that the camp week will now run Sunday through Friday instead of Sun-Sat.

Legislation:

Paul Annetts noted several items from his report, which will be emailed along with these minutes

- City of Poughkeepsie tried to enact gun storage regulations. It failed upon a great lobbying effort by sportsmen and women.
- The same type of legislation is now being pushed in the City of Beacon and in the Putnam Valley Town of Phillipstown by the same anti-gun groups. A discussion ensued about how best to combat these legislative initiatives.
 - Paul noted that Jackie Emslie has a very good presentation and materials on fighting these proposed laws.
- An anti-gun group recently held an event at the Walkway over the Hudson.
- Studies have found that the recent decline in the northeast grouse population is in part, attributed to West Nile virus.

Fundraising:

The 2nd round of 12 \$25 Club 36 drawings were held at the end of the meeting. The final round of drawings, including the grand prizes, will be held at the December meeting.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Connors reported the following on the Boreas Ponds land tract classification.

- It is a matter of Wild Forest versus Wilderness classification.
- Wilderness would make it very difficult, if not impossible, for sportsmen and women to use the land.
- There are already miles of roads and manmade structures on the property which could be used for access if classified as Wild Forest.
- A consortium group called Access the Adirondacks is leading the effort to lobby for Wild Forest classification. We support this organization.
- There are a series of public meetings scheduled, including one on Dec. 6 at the Bear Mountain Inn in Rockland County. We will have some representation there.
- This issue, while not a direct Dutchess County issue, is reflective of the general shift of state policies to restrict ease of sporting access to public lands, which is why this Federation is concerned about it.

Bill responded to a question about the habitat access stamp. It does not generate much income for its intended purpose of habitat restoration. This is mainly due to the varying lack of promotion by the state and license issuing agents, such as town clerks.

Unfinished (Old) Business

None reported

New Business

Nominating Committee:

Chairman Bill Conners presented the committee's slate of nominations for 2017:

President: Paul Annetts
1st V.P.: Anthony Pittore
2nd V.P.: Bob Pascoello
Leg. V.P.: Joe Lurenz
Treasurer: Pete Kraayenbrink
Secretary: Bill Conners (will step down from board)
Directors: Chris Villa
Harold Coons
Scott Emslie
Bob Jenks

Announcements

Scott reminded everyone of the Mid-Hudson friends of NRA Winter Blast event. It will be held on Dec. 18 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Contact Jackie Emslie at 914-475-4901 for reservations.

John Darcy of East Hook Sportsmens club still has some raffle tickets left for the Henry rifle raffle.

Bill Conners noted that Dutchess County DEC ECO Beverly Whalen has retired. The Federation thanks her for her years of service.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Hal Brilliant.

Next meeting date: December 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Late note from the Acting Secretary: The web site is currently being upgraded by the site provider GoDaddy, so the posting of items like minutes, legislative report, and calendar events may be delayed for a month or so.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple (Acting Secretary)