



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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Minutes of December 8, 2016 Regular Delegates Meeting

Copperfield's Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

President Joe Lurenz called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Penny Hickman 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, for past Federation members, and for former astronaut and U.S. Senator John Glenn.

Attendance: There were 29 people present with 19 clubs represented.

Guests

Joe Lurenz recognized James Guyette, the new delegate from Red Hook Rod & Gun Club.

Joe also recognized John Hearn, from the Mid-Hudson Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting on Nov. 10, 2016 were accepted.

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

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on Nov. 28, 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:

Penny Hickman reminded everyone that the dinner will be held on Jan 28 at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls. Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 PM and dinner starts at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$45 per person. Contact Judy Coons at 845-758-6772 to make reservations.

Scott Emslie stated that Jackie will be running the bucket raffle again this year and is seeking donations from the clubs, such as tickets to game dinners or a day of range time, etc. Contact Jackie at 914-475-4901.

Hunters Helping the Hungry:

Penny Hickman reported that about 5300 pounds of game meat has been distributed to the food kitchens so far this program year.

Conservation Education:

Scott Emslie stated that applications for DEC camp sponsorships are available and must be submitted to him by January 1st. Each club may submit applications for 1 boy and 1 girl for each camp.

Legislation:

Paul Annetts will have his December report sent out as usual. Paul highlighted several items:

- There is a bill in NY that clarifies the classification of knives in NYC so that possessors of “legal” knives are not subject to fines. The NYSCC supports this bill.
- There is again a proposal of changes to the 480a forestry program that many clubs participate in. Again, it is not expected to move forward at this time, but expect it to be re-introduced in the future.

Fish:

Ken Rose stated that our winter stocking of trout into Upton and Morgan Lakes will be done later this month.

Fundraising:

The 3rd and final round of Club 36 drawings, including the grand prizes, were held at the end of the meeting. The profit from the raffle totaled about \$3000 this year, which is an increase over the last several years. Anthony Pittore thanked all who sold and bought tickets.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners reported on the following Council, CFAB, and other related topics:

- The DEC’s TIPP number is no longer in place, as it had minimal usage anyway. People were using other numbers to report violations. As a result, the Council will receive some residual funds from that program.
- Last year, there were 23 reported Hunting Related Shooting Incidents (HRSIs), with no fatalities. The number of HRSIs this year so far are 14, but there have been 4 fatalities.
- Bill described some of the HRSIs, including the one in Columbia County that seriously injured an ECO.
- There is a Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge Proposal, part of which affects lands in the Harlem Valley. The intent is to buy about 2000 acres from willing landowners to provide habitat for the threatened New England cottontail species.
- A rabid coyote was shot in Ossining (Westchester Co.).
- A new DEC Fish & Wildlife director was appointed: Tony Wilkinson. It seems like he is a hunter and fisherman.
- A habitat management plan is being implemented for the Cranberry Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

Bill described the current status of the Adirondack Boreas Ponds property classification, which is in the public comment phase.

- It is a 20,000 acre (now public) property that already has many man-made structures on it (roads, bridges, dams).
- One side (the “green” groups) would like it classified as Wilderness, with very limited access.
- The other side (sportsmen and economic concerns) wants it classified as Wild Forest for more realistic, reasonable use by all.
- Bill spoke at the recent APA public meeting in Rockland County. The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) is taking the public comments and will propose a classification to the Governor in the Spring.
- The sporting community supports Alternative #1, which would split the property into Wilderness and Wild Forest.
- Bill will provide some draft letters that he encouraged clubs and sportsmen/women to send to the APA and the Governor.

Unfinished (Old) Business

None reported.

New Business

Budget Committee:

The 2017 Budget proposal was presented by Anthony Pittore and reviewed. It was accepted upon a motion by Ken Rose and a 2nd by Scott Emslie. AIF

Nominating Committee:

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

President:	Paul Annetts	Directors:	Chris Villa
1 st V.P.	Anthony Pittore		Harold Coons
2 nd V.P.	Bob Pascocello		Scott Emslie
Leg. V.P.	Bill Conners		Bob Jenks
Treasurer	Pete Kraayenbrink		Tom Holsopple
Secretary	Dave Compton		Joe Molinaro

The floor was opened for nominations. A motion was made to close the nominations and for the secretary to cast 1 ballot for the entire recommended slate. Motion – Scott Emslie, 2nd – Bernie Walker, AIF.

Announcements

Anthony Pittore spoke about a pasta dinner fundraiser by the Whortlekill club to help with medical expenses for the injured ECO James Davey, who is a friend of the Federation. It will be held at the club on Jan 21, at a cost of \$25 dollars per person. Anthony encouraged all to attend and for clubs to make additional donations. A flyer about the event will accompany these minutes.

Scott Emslie 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.

Joe Lurenz stated that there will be no Board of Directors meeting this month. There will be a Board meeting in January.

Joe also reminded all that there is no regular meeting in January, as it is replaced by the Annual Dinner.

Joe thanked everyone for their support during his tenure as President this year.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Bob Jenks.

Next regular meeting date: February 9th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple (Acting Secretary)