



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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Monthly Delegates Meeting May 11, 2017

Copperfield's Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:35 PM by President Paul Annetts.

A moment of silence was observed for active, past and deceased Armed Forces Members, our friends in Law Enforcement, First Responders, as well as deceased members of the Federation,

Attendance 17 Clubs Represented, 19 Members, 4 Guest present

Guests Speakers Richard Henry, DEC Region 4 Wildlife Manager (Ret), now of the Quality Deer Management assoc. Dick spoke of his education and background in wildlife management. He was for many years, a big game biologist here in Region 3. Dick Henry advocates for yearling buck protection, citing the success of the program in nearby Ulster County. He stated that in those Wildlife Management Units (11 units to-date) that have the 3-point antler restriction in place, there has been an improvement in both antler size and deer body weight. He is going to continue his work on behalf of QDMA and will remain involved with the sporting organizations in the region. During the Big Game Season, he has and will continue to offer commentary and observations on the Hudson Valley Sportsmen.Com blog.

Lt. David Clayton was in attendance (for the last time as representative of the Division of Law Enforcement). The Lieutenant will retire by month's end, following nearly 40 years of service. His replacement is Lt. Mike Buckley, formerly of Region 2 (NYC)). Lt. Clayton reported that patrols along and on the Hudson River were yielding various violations associated with possession of striped bass and herring and for not being in the Marine Registry.

The delegates thanked the Lt. for his service and wished him well in his retirement.

Minutes From The Previous Meeting – approval held pending delivery to members without email access.

Minutes From The Board of Directors – approval held pending delivery to members without email access.

Treasurers Report was accepted as presented.

Communications – Anthony Pittore made comments regarding the induction ceremony of Ken Rose into the New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame. Attendees were: Anthony Pittore and his Plus One, Bill and Brenda Conners, Richard Decker, and Henry and Nancy Eichenhoffer of Chestnut Ridge Rod and Gun, and of course, Ken and Cheryl Rose.

Annual Dinner – Penny Hickman was not in attendance. It is still early for activity on next year's dinner. May.

Bylaws Committee – the By Laws committee work is on-going and will be reported out to the full body upon acceptance by the board.

Family Fishing Day – Anthony Pittore reported that the Family Fishing Day held at Overlook Park in Lagrange was attended by at least 275 children and adults. It was by all measures, a successful event. Along with fishing activities, the crowd consumed 448 hotdogs, along with many cases of sodas and snacks. A Lagrange official in attendance said the town would be willing to work with the Federation to expand the even. Thanks to DEC, especially Ryan Coulter of Fisheries for their (DEC and his support). And thanks to Kevin Haight for chairing the event and to Mr. Pittore for driving the bus.

Jr. Pheasant Hunt – Penny Hickman will be holding the organizational meeting for the hunt in the next several weeks.

Fish Stocking Ken Rose was not in attendance; Dickie Decker and Anthony reported that stocking is now complete. All county streams and lakes have received their allocations as determined by DEC Bureau of Fisheries.

Dutchess County Fair Booth Ken Foster was not in attendance. The Fair will be held on August 22 thru 27. Handouts and schedules were provided and volunteers should sign up as soon as possible to help determine resource availability. at next meeting. The sign-up schedule does have fewer slots to be filled this year. DCPA has already signed up to cover a full day (9 people over the three time slots). Advance tickets for volunteers working the booth will probably be priced slightly higher than previous years. Work on the booth will be started soon.

Hunters Helping the Hungry Bill Conners reporting for Penny Hickman said that there has been just over 7,000 pounds of game distributed since October 1.

Sportswomen Committee – no report

Audit Finance Report Will be updated in mid spring

Directory Will be updated in mid spring

Unfinished Business none to report

New Business none to report

Legislation Report Bill Conners reported that the Senate Crossbow Bill S1386 has been reported out of committee to the floor of the Senate for a vote. There has been no action on the Assembly version A00479.

Assembly Bill A6805 – The Civil Rights Restoration Act – has had no action to date and the Senate has not advanced a companion bill. The consensus seems to be that the Senate is unlikely to advance a bill if the Assembly does not make it out of committee.

Paloma Capanna - policy analyst with the Shooters Committee on Political Education- will be handling an appeal of a federal class-action lawsuit that accuses the Justice Department of treating “every potential gun owner like a terrorist” by requiring the cross-checking of names of firearm purchasers with those on secret watch lists.

Announcements – member clubs with openings may report that information at the monthly meeting for inclusion in the published minutes. There will also be an effort made to include the information on the Federation website.

Guest List - June NY Bow Hunters-Regional Representative Bob Ledrich, July National Wild Turkey Federation Regional Representative Biologist Kaylee Resha: (615)713-8320. Email kresha@nwtf.net

Next Federation Board of Directors Meeting May 22, 2017

Next Regular Delegates Meeting June 8, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Conners for David Compton
Federation Secretary.