



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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The Voice of the Sportsman since 1932

July 13, 2017 Regular Delegates Meeting

Copperfield's Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:40 PM by President Paul Annetts.

Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence

Roll Call : 23 Clubs, 31 Members, 1 Guest

Guests Speaker : National Wild Turkey Federation Biologist Kaylee Resna Topic: Young Forest Habitat Research. Ms. Resna visits private properties to provide technical assistance to landowners. If you have a wooded land area, you can join young forest habitat to manage controlled growth process. For more information, you can contact Kaylee Resna @ National Turkey Wild Turkey Federation, 1024 State Route 66, Ghent New York 12075. Phone # (518) 267-3309, Email kresha@nwtf.net

Minutes of the previous meeting: Accepted

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting: Accepted

Treasurer's report: Accepted

Communications: Paul Annetts received mail from an organization called Reclaim New York. Reclaim New York is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization that empowers New Yorkers through education and civic engagement, to reclaim ownership of their government. Basically, shows you how to make government accountable.

Paul Annetts received a letter from the DEC Region #3 Director. The letter was taken under advisement. Future discussions may be necessary.

Tom Holsopple reports a disgruntled neighbor next to our Sylvan Lake fishing property concerning parking. **BOTTOM LINE**, ignore neighbor warnings or complaints and fish to your hearts content. It's our property.

Committee Reports

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Report pending

Dutchess County Fair: Ken Foster reports volunteers have started taking out some of the old structures and Bill Connors has started installing the new panel boards. We're in acceptable position for volunteers manning the booth. There's two slots needed to be filled, Wednesday morning and Sunday afternoon. NRA delivered pamphlets and info.

Junior Pheasant Hunt: Will be held on Sept. 23, 2017 at the Lafayetteville location. Kids 12-15 yrs. of age are welcome. Participants must have a valid New York State Hunters Safety Course Certificate and NYS Hunting License. For applications or Info, call Anthony Pittore @ (845) 473-7150. Volunteers and hunting dogs are needed.

Conservation Camps: Report Pending

Legislation: No Bills concerning conservation was passed. Gov. Cuomo didn't fund any 480-B projects but he won't mess with 480-A. If you're in 480-A, you stay in 480-A. If 480-B make it through the regulatory process you will no longer be able to get in with additional properties in 480-A.

Bill Connors discussed a very interesting organization called Hunting Works. It's an organization that promotes hunters and local businesses across the country. The goal is to encourage hunters and shooting sportsmen to utilize the services of local businesses. It promotes the economic value of those activities and part of it is to help drive recruitment and retention of young and older hunters. It's a cross country initiative but it's going state by state and they're kick starting by the end of the year Hunting Works New York. Bill will be working with this organization and he hopes to provide this organization with businesses interested in joining. The beauty of this plan is, it doesn't cost the businesses anything to participate.

A Bill was introduced that would no longer make it a requirement to having a hunting, fishing or trapping license during the three years prior to being appointed to the Conservation Fund Advisory Board. CFAB bills introduced didn't go anywhere.

Bylaws Committee: Bylaws Committee Chairman Bob Petrocello read the new Bylaws to the Delegates in attendance. There will be two more readings in the following months before they're adopted as per the Federation Rules.

Annual Fundraising: Paul Annetts and Joe Lurenz will work on fundraising together on the 36 raffle. Tickets are in the process of being printed.

Fish Stocking: Completed

Outdoor Journal : Bill Connors reports there will more than likely be a 16 page edition instead of a 20 page. However, ads are still coming in. Ken Foster is actively soliciting ads for the journal.

New Business Members voted to have the Delegates meeting at Whortlekill Club on October 12, 2017 at 7pm. A roast beef dinner will be prepared at the usual cost of \$18.00 for those interested. Whortlekill will offer trap shooting prior to the meeting at \$3.00 a round.

Announcements US Dept. of Interior Sec. Zinke announced distribution of an annual funding of 1.1 Billion to state wildlife agencies from revenue generated by the Pittman-Robinson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. The funds, which are distributed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service supports critical state conservation and outdoor recreation projects. They are derived from excise taxes paid by the hunting, shooting, boating and angling industries and firearms, bows and ammunition and sports fishing tackle, and some boat engines, and small engine fuel. Congress authorizes the allocations of these funds. This year New York State received \$7,789,942 through the Sports Fish Restoration Funds.

Again Joe Lurenz and Paul Annetts will handle the 36 raffle this year. Pete took tickets #241-290 for his club. We still have 350 tickets left and we need to get behind this fund raiser and sell **EVERY** ticket this year to make a profit to help the Federation, it's sad to hear each time a number pulled was not purchased during the drawing which occurred last year. So, let's unite as a "TEAM" and achieve this simple annual goal for the Federation.

Riverkeeper's Jeremy Cherson contacted Paul Annetts regarding his, Paul's and other Riverkeeper members efforts regarding their efforts in flooding Albany with phone calls supporting legislation to give the state additional say over Hudson River anchorage locations. Some legislators were reported getting a call a minute on this issue. Overwhelmed by our determination, the State Senate leadership moved the bill onto the floor in the final moments of the legislative session and join the Assembly in decisively approving the bill. Riverkeeper's members succeeded in protecting the river and valley for all sportsmen/women and other concerned parties.

Riverkeeper also reported that they continue to work with DEC, General Electric and the EPA in addressing the PCB's which still remain in the Hudson River after sediment was disturbed in the initial dredging of the PCB's which created a further health concern. DEC continues to place on consumption of fish from the river.

If anyone is interested in considering joining Riverkeeper, you can join Riverkeeper or donate, by contacting Kristie Nilsson @ (914) 478-4501/ ext. 243 or knilsson@riverkeeper.org or write – Riverkeeper Inc Membership Manager, 20 Secor Road, Ossining, NY 10562. **NOTE: Riverkeeper also organizes conservation groups, members and volunteers, to clean debris from the Fishkill and Wappingers Falls Creeks in the Spring; we need to be supportive of this great venture as it affects trout fishing, etc.**

Greene County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs submitted a resolution to the NYSCC, which will be voted on at the NYSCC's September annual meeting, that the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation issue and enforce mandatory hunter orange for all big game hunters any time the hunter is moving in the fields during an open big game hunters season.

Paul Annetts will not be available for the Federation gathering during September, as his wife, Patches and Paul will be at Cayuga Lake for a week and in Maine for the rest of the time. First Vice-President Anthony Pittore will be able to cover for him while he's gone.

Pleasant Valley Trout and Game Inc presents a Mossberg's Patriot Night Train Gun Raffle. They will raffle a 308 caliber Mossberg Rifle on Sept 5, 2017. Only 400 tickets will be sold. The value of the rifle is MSRP \$621.00. Ticket donations \$5.00 each. Additional Items : Drop Box Magazine, Oversized Tactical Bolt Handle, Adjustable Bipod, Scope Lens Caps, LBA (Lightning Bolt Action (LBA) User Adjustable Trigger 2-7 lbs. Call Al Davies Jr. @ (845) 416-3549, Denise Marshall @ (845) 392-6642 Or Ken Foster @ (845) 452-8968 for tickets. www.pvtroutandgame.com

Chestnut Ridge will sponsor 5 Stand Trap, Tuesday evenings 5pm till. All shooters welcome. \$5.00 a round.

Mid-Hudson Friends of the NRA are offering grants through the nra.org. Deadline to apply is August 1, 2017 for more info. Contact Matt Cousens at the Kasperkill Club

50/50 Winner: Larry Cambalik from the Neighbors Club

Next Federation Board of Directors Meeting July 24,2017

Next Federation Monthly Delegate Meeting August 10, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
David Compton, Secretary