



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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March 8, 2018 Regular Delegates Meeting

Copperfield's Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:35 PM by President Tom Holsopple

Pledge of Allegiance Observed

A moment of silence for members of the Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, and past Federation Members.

Roll Call: 21 Clubs, 23 Members, 0 Guest

Guests Speaker: None

Minutes From Previous Delegates Meeting: Accepted

Minutes From Previous Board of Directors Meeting: Accepted

Treasurers Report: Accepted

Communications: Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Hunters Helping the Hungry: 5100 Lbs. of game has been processed and distributed so far this year.

Dutchess County Fair: Outdoor Journal needs committee of three or four to solicit ads for the paper. Bill Conners is more than willing to publish the journal, but he needs a few members to donate a couple of hours to call the clubs and get some ads. It's great if we can make a profit from the ads but we have to break even, so if anyone can help out please give Conners a call @ (845) 635-1606.

We also discussed looking at other printed materials to draw the interest of the kids visiting the federation booth like coloring books, games and brain teasers. Any comments or suggestions would be appreciated. You can contact Ken Foster at (845) 452-8968.

Junior Pheasant Hunt: Plans are progressing.

Conservation Camps: Nothing new to report

Legislation: Bill Conners reports that the outlook for success during the 2018 Legislative Session is no better than the last session. The Fish and Management Board and the Conservation Fund Advisory Board are going to go after three critical issues. This is an election year and it is not likely, very unlikely that the Governor will sign legislation that he deems controversial. Pushing any particular piece of gun legislation will likely amount to having no more than a distraction.

Assembly Bill A00477 and Senate Bill S3156 We should all be focusing on the 12-year-Old Hunting Age bill. We need that for many reasons. If we do not start recruiting younger hunters, license sales will continue to fall and along with it, revenue. This will make it difficult to maintain the programs we have. If we can't increase revenues, we will need more support from the General Fund. That is a heavy bill.

Empire Forrest for the Future: The 480-A Program will not be expanded. Moving forward, the plan is to open up 480-B. New applications will not be accepted into 480-A. Hopefully, the Governors budget bill will take care of this. Stand by for more information in a week or two.

Assembly Bill A5468 and Senate Bill S04575- Investment Plan for Lifetime Trust Account. Just a couple of years ago the more than \$50 million in the Lifetime License Account was earning less than \$100,000 a year. It is now earning about \$800,000 and it should be earning much more. The Conservation Fund Advisory Board is working with the Comptrollers Office to get approval to expand the investment latitude. We could earn as much as \$2 million dollars a year. The interest earned on the account is used in the Habitat Conservation and Access Account. One program the account funds is the Young Forrest Initiative, a program that will create an early successional forest in Wildlife Management Areas across the state. The Division of Fish and Wildlife has hired eighteen foresters to manage the program. Matching funds from the Pittman- Robertson Fund have contributed to the program.

Fish Stocking: Stocking is planned for later this month. Stocking schedule will be printed later this month. Approx. 54000 fish will be distributed between all lakes and rivers.

Conservation Camp Nothing to report.

Free Kids Fishing Day: Free fishing day for kids on April 29, 2018 at Overlook Park. Free Hot Dogs and Soda will be served. Volunteers needed. Event starts at 9:00 am and ends at 1:00pm. No license required on this day and all rods and bait will be provided. It's a fun day for all.

New Business As of this month the Federation will no longer send out electronic minutes of the Regular Delegates Meeting and the Regular Board of Directors Meetings. Paper copies of the minutes will be provided at the Delegates Meeting.

Announcements CFAB meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018. Our prayers and well wishes goes out to Roger Humeston that's in the hospital for a speedy recovery. As of this month the Federation will no longer send out electronic minutes of the regular delegates and regular board of director's minutes. Paper copies of the minutes will be provided at the Delegates Meeting. On March 21st at 7:30pm Northeast Dutchess Rod and Gun Club will host an evening with guest speaker Dean Michaels running against DiDi Barrett. Scott Emslie announces that the Mid-Hudson Friends of the NRA will have their event on Friday, April 13,2018 at the Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls. Tickets info contact Jackie Emslie @ (914) 475-4901.

50/50 Winner: Bill Conners

Next Federation Board of Directors Meeting March 26,2018

Next Federation Monthly Delegate Meeting April 12,2018

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully submitted,
David Compton, Secretary