



## Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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### **Delegates Meeting Copperfield's August 9, 2018**

**Meeting called to order** by Pres. Tom Holsopple at 7:36 PM

**Pledge lead** by Ken Rose

**Tom Holsopple:** introduced new delegates from the North American Versital Hunting Dog Association (NAVDA), Northern Dutchess Rod and Gun and Tom Fiumarello, dog trainer/JrPH volunteer.

**Attendance** – 19 members, 17 clubs represented

There was a question regarding radiation from one of the members because Officer Read said that boat patrols routinely check for radiation while patrolling. One member asked if there any anything "special" going on. Read said that there was not, but that the officers are compact detectors on them and they use them as a matter of course (while on patrol). The additional boat patrols will continue until the end of the month.

**Minutes of the last meeting** – motion to approve by Scott Emslie, second by Chris Villa. Unanimously adopted with the amendment. Change Skip March to Skip North.

**Minutes of last BOD meeting** – motion to approve by Scott Emslie, second by Bernie Walker. Unanimously adopted.

**Treasurer's Report** – motion to approve Scott Emslie, second by Bernie Walker. Unanimously adopted.

#### **Communications:**

Tom Holsopple announced the resignation of David Compton as Federation Secretary, citing personal./family issues. Tom asked for a volunteer to take the reins. Bill Conners will serve a Secretary Pro Tem for a brief period. It is imperative we have a candidate step forward as Conners have other commitments.

Tom Holsopple announced that Russ Western (sic) (former Federation Treasurer) is asking if we can provide him the name of his predecessor. Conners said he may have a book that could provide the information.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Penny Hickman reported that distribution is the same as last month. We are not receiving DMAP deer donations at this time. It is not clear as to why,,,,,,

**Conservation Education:** Scott Emslie, Camps are in progress. No issues. Pete Kraayenbrink reported that there is an issue regarding the format of the Hunter Education Program at DeBruce. The time/allocation has been reduced and the youngsters are not getting the benefit of shooting experience. Conners reported that the issue has been raised to the Director of Fish and Wildlife and the Chief of the Bureau of Wildlife. Obviously, it will not be resolved soon enough to recover this summer. We'll discuss at the next CFAB meeting in September.

**Junior Hunter Pheasant Hunt (JrPH):** Jr.PH – Anthony Pittore distributed applications for the hunt to everyone attending the meetings. There are 22 Jr. hunters eligible to participate this year who attended last year. We will have 35 – 36 openings, including those still eligible from last year. The hunt will be held September 29 at Lafayetteville.

As reported last month the fields were cut this spring at Lafayetteville. They are scheduled to be cut again just ahead of the youth hunt. Pittore will work with DEC to see that the lanes are cut properly to facilitate the hunt.

Volunteers are welcome to come and help out. A planning meeting will be held August 14.

**Fundraising:** Anthony Pittore announced that Club 36 tickets are available. Tickets are \$20. It is the most important fundraising effort of the year. Promote/sell/push your club to buy a couple/few.

**Fair Booth:** Reporting for Ken Foster, Pittore said the sign-up sheet is full – minus a slot or two. Again, the booth is an important outreach effort; a great opportunity to show the non-hunting public what the sporting community is all about. Clubs are welcome to provide information about the club at the booth. Contact Koster at 845-452-8968.

We produced a Children's Activity Book for the fair, replacing the Outdoor Journal. Coloring pages, puzzles and information about the natural world. Hopefully, it will be well-received. Kevin Haight's daughter, Delaney, colored the front cover. We thought it will be nice to have it done through a child's eyes.

There will also be a photo slide show presentation in the booth (4" screen) of 300 photos of JrPH, Family Fishing Days, photos of kids with their deer, turkeys, pheasants, waterfowl. Deer Search provided photos of recovered deer.

**Legislation:** "Red Flag" law is raising serious concerns. It is not clear of the impact it could have gun owners, although it will make all of us vulnerable to having our permits lifted and our guns confiscated, both handguns and long guns. Call the Governor and your legislators and tell them you are not happy.

The Governor has pushed thru insurance regulations that may cause clubs to find that they cannot get their liability insurance renewed. We need more information, but if you have a problem the state Conservation Council has an insurance problem. Call the office at 315-894-3302.

Respectfully,

Bill Conners  
Secretary Pro Tem

**Old Business: None reported**

**New Business: None reported**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM**

Bill Conners

Secretary Pro Tem