



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

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### **May 9, 2019 Regular Delegates Meeting**

Jason Patricks on 44 Restaurant, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:38 PM by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Anthony Pittore.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anthony Pittore.

A moment of silence was observed for armed services personnel, past Federation members, and first responders.

Roll Call: 30 people were in attendance, representing 23 clubs.

#### **Guests**

Anthony Pittore recognized Pete Paradiso. Since Mr. Paradiso was not present at the Annual Dinner in January when the awards were presented, Anthony took this opportunity to present Pete with an award for his many years of service as a hunter education instructor. This garnered a round of applause.

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on April 11, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Director Scott Emslie (DCPA) and a second by Director Bernie Walker (So. Dutchess & Putnam Sportsmen). All-in-Favor (AIF)

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on April 22, 2019 were approved upon a motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ken Foster (Pleasant Valley Trout & Game) and a second by Director Ken Rose. AIF

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented upon a motion by Ken Rose and a second by Scott Emslie. AIF

#### **Communications**

None to report

#### **Committee Reports**

Director Penny Hickman (Deer Search) stated that the tentative date for the Annual Dinner will be January 25<sup>th</sup> 2020. Several delegates stated that they were displeased with the quality of the meal at the last dinner. Anthony Pittore asked them to email us their complaints so that the Board of Directors can discuss.

#### **Hunters Helping the Hungry**

Penny Hickman reported that the amount of game meat distributed remains at 6,950 pounds, but that there is some meat in the freezers awaiting distribution.

## Fish

Chairman Ken Rose passed out a report showing the totals of trout stocked in the county. There was a little more this year than last year. Upton Lake was not stocked this year (see old business). Stocking is complete for the spring season. In response to a question about the source of the funds for the fish, Director Bill Conners replied that the state funds the stocking program, but ultimately the monies come from license sales.

Anthony Pittore reported that despite the weather, about 200 people attended the Family Fishing Day event. Excess food from the event was delivered to the Children's Home in Poughkeepsie, from whom a letter of gratitude was received.

## Junior Hunter Pheasant Hunt (JHPH)

Anthony Pittore stated that he will soon have the applications available. As usual, they will be mailed out to youth who participated last year, who are still age eligible to attend this year.

## Publicity/Promotions

Ken Foster reported that about 75% of the available volunteer time slots have been filled for this year's fair exhibit. Ken has tutorial handouts available for the volunteers.

Bill Conners stated that copies of the refreshed Kids Activity book will be available to hand out at the booth.

## Legislation

Bill Conners discussed the lead ammunition ban bill. At the moment it is a 1-house bill, but could turn into a 2-house bill. It only covers public lands, but that could lead to a greater scope in the future. Bill handed out a flyer discussing some bills and also info on how to easily find the name of your local legislator on the web. Bill also discussed the Safe Storage Act bill and that it is likely to get passed.

Bill, speaking about CFAB, stated that FWMB member Anthony Cordziel should be appointed as the representative to CFAB, but that is being blocked by the Democrat majority in Albany.

## Other Conservation Related News

A question was raised about the recent NRA leadership issues. Scott Emslie addressed the question and stated that he does not yet have any hard facts or details, so could not provide any information or opinions at this time. However, Scott stated that it does not affect the Foundation side on the NRA.

## **New York State Conservation Council**

Bill Conners stated that the Council is in a little better financial shape. Bill encouraged all clubs to join the Buck-a-Member fundraising program to support the Council. There are already many Federation member clubs that support it, and it would be great if all would.

Bill also mentioned that he is seeking a professional forester to be a resource for a new Council committee.

## **Unfinished (Old) Business**

Bill Conners briefly discussed the land and access issue at Upton Lake, and property owner complaints about people abusing the access there. Bill stated that efforts continue to address the issues, including verifying the complaints. However, due to the possibility of legal action in the future, details will only be discussed at the Board of Directors level going forward until there is something official to report to the delegates.

**For now, the access at Upton Lake remains closed.**

Anthony Pittore mentioned Bill Conners' recent induction into the Outdoor Sports Hall of Fame. This garnered a round of applause from the floor.

Tom Gannon (Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun), chairman of the new Youth Trap Shooting committee, stated that the committee is in the early planning stages. The committee is seeking any clubs that are interested in hosting youth trap shoots, and handed out an introduction/questionnaire for delegates to take back to their clubs.

### **New Business**

Bob Haan (Neighbors Gun Club) stated that the club will be co-sponsoring a competition 3D archery shoot at the upcoming Northeast Outdoors Sports Show in Rhinebeck. Bob provided a handout with the details.

Anthony Pittore noted that George Downing received the region 3 Wayne W. Jones award for his service in sportsmen education.

### **Announcements**

No further announcements were made.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was John Darcy.

Next meeting date: June 13<sup>th</sup>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple,  
Secretary