



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

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### **December 12, 2019 Regular Delegates Meeting**

Pino's Pizzeria Restaurant, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:45 PM by President Chris Villa.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bernie Walker.

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

Roll Call: 29 people were in attendance, representing 22 clubs.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Tom Lasko. All-in-favor (AIF).

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on November 14, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Tom Lasko. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on November 25, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Ken Rose. AIF

#### **Guests**

None

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Annual Dinner**

Penny Hickman re-iterated the details of the dinner: Jan. 25, 2019 at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls NY. Social hour starts at 5:30 PM, with a buffet dinner at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$45 per person. Bill Conners passed around a sign-up sheet. Call Brenda at 845-635-1606 to phone in a reservation. Jackie Emslie will once again run the bucket raffle, so donations may be sent to her or contact her for more details.

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

Penny Hickman reported that 3835 pounds of game meat has been distributed this program year so far. She stated that there are 2 volunteers that deliver most of the meat to the food kitchens.

Anthony Pittore asked that all volunteers using the butchering facility, to please clean up after each butchering session.

##### **Conservation Education**

Scott Emslie reported that he has received 9 applications for camp so far. He reminded the delegates that he needs to have applications in to him by January 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be in the drawing for the free Federation sponsorships. The DEC will open up the application process on Jan 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Fish

Ken Rose stated that we will be stocking Morgan Lake later this month.

## Club 36 Annual Raffle

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final round of the 2019 Club 36 raffle drawings, including the grand prizes, was held at the end of the meeting.

## Legislation

Bill Conners reported on several items:

- He received a letter from someone in Long Island about a mountain lion sighting. He determined it was fake news.
- He discussed the invasive Asian carp issue. These can have a large impact to the game fishery. There are plans under consideration to create a blockage on the Erie Canal to prevent the spread of the carp.
- He discussed the Bail Reform bill, which will go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>. Our concern, amongst many, include the effect it will have on game law violations. Bill stated that it is getting a lot of attention in the upper levels of law enforcement. It could also have the adverse effect of law enforcement not even bothering to make arrests.

## New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners stated that the last Grass Roots Newsletter for 2019 was distributed.

## Communications

None reported.

## Unfinished (Old) Business

### Nominating committee

The committee's slate of nominations was presented to the delegates:

President	Chris Villa
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	Anthony Pittore
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.	Ken Foster
Legislative VP	Bill Conners
Treasurer	Pete Kraayenbrink
Secretary	Tom Holsopple

Directors (2 yr term): Kevin Haight  
Penny Hickman  
Ken Rose  
Ralph Hafner

A call for nominations from the floor was made 3 times.

A motion was made by Scott Emslie and seconded by Bill Conners that the secretary cast one ballot for the slate as presented. The motion was passed all-in-favor.

## Upton Lake

Bill Conners provided a sample of a laminated access pass for folks to be able use our Upton Lake parking area property and lake rights. A parking sticker would also be provided. Persons must be in possession of the pass (and a valid NYS fishing license) and must park in the parking area, not on the roads. The pass must be presented to law enforcement upon request, and not landowners. The pass is free and good until revoked,

but at this point you must call Bill Conners at 845-635-1606 to obtain a pass. Signage will be posted at the site to this effect.

We have not yet received the list of complaints from the complainant or their lawyer. Without this documentation, we will not be able to determine if our remedy actions are the proper ones or if any more are needed. Regarding the right-of-way access to the lake shore, we have been using it since 1968. So there should be no issue to continue to use it to carry a boat down to the lake.

## **New Business**

### **2020 Budget**

Since no copies were available, Anthony read aloud the proposed budget for 2020. There is a projected deficit of \$1610. This is less than last year's budget, mainly due to not stocking fish in Upton Lake.

Upon a motion by Rich Poluzzi and a second by Tom Lasko, the proposed budget was passed. AIF.

## **Announcements**

There is a Trapping Education course scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> at Washington Hollow Rod & Gun Club.

Amenia Fish & Game Club is looking to hold a Women-on-Target clinic, which may be combined with Millerton Rod & Gun Club.

Millbrook Rod & Gun Club has membership openings available.

Ken Foster announced that the winners of the Pleasant Valley annual gun raffle were Pete Kraayenbrink for 1<sup>st</sup> prize, and Anthony Pittore for the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Bernie Walker.

Next regular meeting date: February 13, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple,  
Secretary