



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

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### **July 8, 2021 Regular Delegates Meeting**

Tina's Restaurant, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:42 PM by President Chris Villa

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adam Yaszewski.

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

Roll Call: 26 people were in attendance, representing 21 clubs.

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on June 10, 2021 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yaszewski. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on June 28, 2021 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yaszewski. AIF

#### **Guests**

None

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Annual Dinner**

Scott Emslie confirmed the reservation for the dinner on 1/22/22 at Villa Borghese. Due to an increase in cost, the price of the dinner will be \$50 per person. Cocktail hour will start at 5:30 PM with dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Jackie Emslie will again be running the bucket raffle, so contact her if you have an item to donate. Chris Villa added that we would like to have all of our member clubs represented with at least 2 attendees from each club.

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

Anthony Pittore reported that there has been no recent activity.

##### **Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt**

Anthony Pittore reported that 10 kids have signed up so far for the hunt to be held on 9/25/21. So there are 25 more slots available for which Anthony has applications. A planning meeting will be held on Monday 7/12 at 7:00 PM at the Kraayenbrink barn in Hyde Park.

### Publicity/Promotions

Ken Foster discussed the plan for our booth at the Dutchess County Fair in August. The booth will have static displays on the visible inside and on the open doors, but no foot traffic will be allowed through the booth. We are seeking volunteers to staff the booth; 2 people per shift; three 4-hour shifts per day. A sign-up sheet was circulated, with name and phone number mandatory. Tickets this year are \$16.50, but the cost to the volunteers will be \$5, with the Federation picking up the rest. Plans may change, and if so, Ken will call all those who have signed up.

Bill Connors stated that a slight refresh of the Kid's Activity Booklet will be done and copies provided to the exhibit sponsor Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club, to hand out at the fair.

### Fundraising

Chris Villa stated that a 50-50 type of raffle is being planned, instead of the Club 36 raffle this year. Details are still being formulated, but the drawing would be at the Annual Dinner in January.

### Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon reported that the committee will be meeting next week to re-engage this effort.

### Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Connors stated that the Dutchess County Legislature committee meeting is being held tonight to move forward the resolution to opt-in to the pilot program allowing 12-13 olds to hunt big game using firearms and crossbows. The resolution would then go to the full legislature vote next week. Bill provided talking point examples and a list of county legislators, and asked that all delegate and club members call or email their legislators to support the resolution.

### New York State Conservation Council

Bill Connors stated that the Council did a good job revising the format of their Grass Roots News newsletter.

### Communications

None reported.

### Unfinished (Old) Business

Chris Villa reported that former director and delegate Bernie Walker had another operation, but seems to be doing good for his age. He thinks Bernie would welcome phone calls. Bernie's number is 845-891-6627.

### New Business

Since we have resumed our regular meeting schedule, and plan to continue to hold meetings at the current venue which asks for a dinner headcount ahead of time, Chris Villa asked the assembly if there was interest in establishing a standing reservation list. If a person is on the list, then they would only need to call if they will not attend a meeting.

Secretary Tom Holsopple will ask for standing reservations when he emails the next meeting notice.

### Announcements

Tom Fiumarello announced a sporting clays shoot in August to benefit canine cancer research.

Hank Eichenhofer provided copies of a handout on Lyme Disease and implored the assembly to be diligent in protecting themselves against this potentially devastating disease.

Tom Gannon stated that Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club will be having a steel plate shoot.

Anthony Pittore stated that Whortlekill Rod & Gun Club will be having a car show on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Scott Emslie stated that Mid Hudson Friends of NRA have an ongoing 3-pistol raffle to help fund the upcoming banquet on 9/17. Underwriting opportunities are also still available to sponsor banquet prizes. Contact Scott.

50/50 raffle winner – Bob Haan.

Next regular meeting date: August 12, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple,  
Secretary