



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

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### **December 9, 2021 Regular Delegates Meeting**

Elks Lodge, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:53 PM by President Chris Villa

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jackie Emslie.

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

Roll Call: 28 people were in attendance, representing 17 clubs.

#### **Guests**

Deo Reed, DEC ECO, spoke about the following:

- There is a new Acting Director for DEC Law Enforcement.
- There seems to be evidence that some of the deer herd may be building an immunity to EHD.
- Both ECO and Forest Ranger training academies are in progress.
- There have been several hunting related incidents this season. Overall it has been fairly quiet in our area.
- For the new blaze orange/pink requirements, the ECOs were only giving out verbal warnings this year.

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on November 11, 2021 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

Since there was not a quorum at the last Board of Directors meeting on November 22, 2021, no official minutes were published or presented.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Annual Dinner**

Jackie Emslie handed out information flyers about the dinner which will be held on January 22, 2022 at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls. Prepaid reservations are highly encouraged and can be mailed to Jackie at 17 Corlies Ave, Poughkeepsie NY, 12601. Donations for the bucket raffle are still being accepted.

### Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore reported that 160 pounds of venison is in the freezer awaiting distribution and there are 2 deer awaiting processing. Due to attrition, more help is needed for butchering. Call Anthony at 914-755-9667 or Bill Conners at 845-635-1606. For those who are inexperienced, this is a good opportunity to learn how to process a deer. Please consider donating deer to this worthy cause, but they must be fully field dressed.

### Fish

Ken Rose reported that the winter trout stocking of Morgan Lake will occur in late December or early January. No help is needed at this time.

### Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore stated that delegates can help with planning of next year's hunt by gathering names of youth who would be eligible and interested.

### Conservation Education

Scott Emslie reported that he sent out emails to the 11 kids who did not get to attend last year's cancelled camps and will have first preference for our sponsorships. 1 was no longer age-eligible; 4 responded yes; 6 still have not yet responded. Scott encouraged the clubs to submit applications and have them to him by January 15<sup>th</sup>. At that time, he will determine how many to draw for sponsorships. Camp registration starts March 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications can be emailed to Scott at [rsemslie51@gmail.com](mailto:rsemslie51@gmail.com) or mailed to 17 Corlies Ave, Poughkeepsie 12601. The DEC officially announced that the camps will be held in 2022, but may limit capacity due to Covid.

### Fundraising

Chris Villa thanked everyone who have sold and bought annual 50/50 raffle tickets. There are still about 10 clubs which have not yet sent back money or unused tickets. Tickets will be sold at the Annual Dinner, at which time the drawing will be held. So far, \$6200 worth of tickets have been sold.

### Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Conners handed out a report which highlighted DEC proposed fishing regulation changes, about which comments can be submitted to the DEC through February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The report also contained information about the new rules for Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). WMAs are different than MUAs (Multiple Use Areas) and State Forests. WMAs are funded by federal Pitman-Robertson funds that come from the sales of sporting goods, primarily guns and ammo. WMAs are managed specifically for the benefit of wildlife.

### New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners reported that the Council still faces many challenges, especially in the leadership and financial areas. But Bill recommended that we still maintain our membership in the organization by paying the annual dues. Upon a motion by Chris Villa and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Emslie, the delegates approval paying the membership dues for next year.

### Communications

None reported.

### Unfinished (Old) Business

#### Nominating Committee

Chairman Tom Lasko presented the committee's following nominations for officers and directors for 2022. (The other committee members are Ralph Hafner and Bill Conners.)

President Anthony Pittore  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ken Foster  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ralph Hafner  
Legislative V.P. Bill Conners  
Secretary Tom Holsopple  
Treasurer Pete Kraayenbrink  
Directors (2-yr terms):  
Tom Fiumarello  
Kevin Haight  
Ken Rose  
Bruce Hotaling

For each office, 3 calls were made for nominations from the floor. After each, a motion and a second were made for the nominations to be closed and the Secretary to cast 1 ballot. AIF.

It was noted that there is still 1 open Director seat, due to the passing of George Downing, with a term ending 12/31/2022. That seat can be filled by appointment by the Board if desired.

Chris Villa thanked everyone who helped him during his presidency.

A question was raised about the status of Upton Lake access. Bill Conners reiterated that folks can use the access but will need a Federation membership card (aka permit), which can be obtained by calling him at 845-635-1606. The card does NOT need to be presented to anyone at the lake, except for law enforcement.

### **New Business**

Pat Crisci of Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited (TU), spoke about their organization sponsoring kids to a week-long youth fishing camp in Hale Eddy NY next year during the last week of June. TU will be paying half of the \$700 tuition for sponsored kids. Information about the camp can be found on the TU website:

***midhudsonTU.org***

Anthony Pittore stated that the Federation Board will consider sponsoring a kid as well.

Pat also invited everyone to attend TU meetings, which are held at the American Legion in Poughkeepsie on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. One does not need to be a member to attend.

### **Announcements**

TU will be holding a Fly-Tying session at the American Legion on Overlook Road in Poughkeepsie in the evening of January 27<sup>th</sup>.

50/50 raffle winner – Ken Foster.

Next regular meeting date: February 10, 2022.

(No Board meeting in December and no regular meeting in January.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple,  
Secretary