



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

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### **August 11, 2022 Regular Delegates Meeting**

Short Hills Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

The meeting was opened at 07:33 PM by President Anthony Pittore

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anthony Pittore.

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

Roll Call: 32 people were in attendance, representing 21 clubs.

#### **Guests**

Brandon Gaylord, candidate for NYS Assembly District 106, addressed the members and spoke about his qualifications, his positions on various topics, and the reasons they should consider voting for him.

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on July 14, 2022 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Skip North. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on July 25, 2022 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Brian Mihans. AIF

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Annual Dinner**

Anthony Pittore reported that he has not yet found a suitable venue for the 2023 dinner. If anyone would like to help with the search, please contact Anthony.

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

Anthony Pittore stated that we have not received any deer recently for the program.

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

Anthony Pittore reiterated that the hunt will be held on Sept 24. He has received 16 applications so far, for the 35 available. Tom Fiumarello stated that this is a really great opportunity for kids to hunt with really good bird dogs, some of the best in the state, and encouraged all to find kids to fill the slots.

### Conservation Education

Scott Emslie reported that the Pack Forest camp was shut down for the season due to Covid. Pack Camp DeBruce was also shut down for about one and a half weeks. Only 1 kid that we sponsored was affected as far as we know. A big issue was that we had received no information from the DEC at the time of the shutdown. As far as Scott is concerned, they should have notified the sponsors, and we should get our money back for the weeks that any of our sponsored kids could not attend the whole week. Scott read a nice thank-you note from a kid that was able to attend this year.

### Publicity

Bill Conners reported that we will not be staffing our Fair booth this year. 3000 Kids Outdoors Activity booklets will be printed this year and provided to Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club to hand out at their outdoors exhibit.

### Fundraising

Ken Foster made available the annual 50/50 raffle tickets and flyers, and encouraged all to take some back to their clubs to sell. He thanked all who took tickets, and tickets will be mailed to the remaining clubs. The drawing will be held in January.

### Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon had 2 more kids to sign up. He thanked 110 Rod & Gun Club and Southern Dutchess & Putnam Sportsmens Association for hosting recent events. The committee needs more clubs to volunteer to be hosts for the shoots.

### Fish

Mike Butts stated that Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited sponsored 2 kids to a week-long fishing camp in the Catskills this summer.

### Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Conners spoke about:

- A U.S. House bill to end the Pittman-Robertson excise taxes which goes back to the states to fund conservation activities in the states. The bill is HR8167.
- Lawsuits were filed by NYS Rifle & Pistol Association (NYSRP) and Guns of America (GOA). Bill encouraged everyone to join and support at least one of the organizations fighting against these laws. He was especially impressed with GOA. If not joining any, then you should at least be letting your state representative know how you feel about these laws.
- Bill and Dave Compton handed out signs for business to post that allows concealed carry on their premises. Per recent law, they must post the sign to allow it, effective Sept.1. But injunctions from the lawsuits may possibly change that.
- It is early yet, but Bill believes that EHD may again have an impact on the deer herd.
- Some deer management units had reduced number of doe permits available this season.

### New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners stated that the Council is planning their Fall Convention. It can be attended via zoom.

### Communications

None reported.

**Unfinished (Old) Business**

Tom Fiumarello stated that \$62,000 was raised for canine cancer research, from the recent Sporting Clays shoot fundraiser in New Paltz. It was a very well received event.

**New Business**

None reported.

**Announcements**

Dutchess County Sportsmens Association is holding a raffle.

Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club (NDRGC) is holding several raffles.

NDRGC is holding a 22 LR Silhouette Woods Walk Shoot Sept 11. Visit club web site (ndrgc.com) for info.

NDRGC is holding a Steel Plate shoot on Sept 18. Call Tom at 845-389-2881 or visit club web site for info.

Neighbors Rod & Gun Club is holding a Turkey Shoot on Sept 18. Call Scott at 845-750-1489.

Pleasant Valley Trout & Game Club is holding a Pig Roast on Sept 24. Call Frank at 845-471-8972.

Next regular meeting date: September 8, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple,  
Secretary