



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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The Voice of the Sportsman since 1932

July 13, 2023 Regular Delegates Meeting

Short Hills Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:28 M 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.

Of special mention was Ken Rose, longtime Director, County Fish Chairman, and active participant in many programs, who passed away last week. Anthony recited the plaque that honored Ken as Director Emeritus.

Special Organizational Business:

Anthony Pittore nominated Tom Gannon to fill Ken Rose's vacant position on the Board of Directors. Upon a motion by Hank Eichenhofer and a 2nd by Don Carr, the delegates voted all-in-favor (AIF).

Roll Call: 25 people were in attendance, representing 18 clubs.

Guests

None

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on June 8, 2023 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Jim Guyette. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on June 26, 2023 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Chris Villa. AIF

Committee Reports

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore reported that did some cleaning of the facility, with more to be done.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore has received 4 applications so far for the September 23rd event. More applications were made available. Help will be needed and is always appreciated.

Conservation Education

Scott Emslie reported that 2 kids claimed our sponsorship codes to attend the Pack Forest camp.

Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon stated that the program has averaged about 3 shooters per week. Unfortunately, the trap machine at Northern Dutchess is down. So Tom asked for help from any club that would like to participate in this program. The shoots are held on Thursday nights. The next one will be at Southern Dutchess. Contact Tom at 845-233-8824 for information.

Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Conners reported:

The hunting contest bill is awaiting the Governor's signature. It seems to be targeting coyote contests, since deer, bear, and turkey contests are exempt. So not as bad as originally presented, but still not good.

The lead ammo ban did not get passed; it failed in the Senate. But expect it to be reintroduced next session.

The DEC is offering some money for sportsmen and women to buy non-lead ammo to use in specific "sensitive" WMUs. It will be offered to those who get DMP permits.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners. A fall meeting is coming up.

Communications

None reported.

Unfinished (Old) Business

The upcoming Sporting Clays Shoot: Tom Fiumarello reported that almost 90 shooters have signed up; about 23 squads worth. Breakfast will start around 8:15 AM. There will be auctions and raffles. If successful as a fundraiser that can be held annually, this will replace the annual ticket raffle.

Help is greatly needed and it would be even better if we can get a lot of help from club members.

Tom also reported on the Canine Cancer benefit shoot held last month, which the CAF co-sponsored. Over \$100,000 was raised for Cornell. Anthony Pittore recognized the amazing job that Tom did.

Delegate John O'Donnell reported that the gun rights benefit sporting clays shoot at 110 Rod & Gun Club last month was a good event.

New Business

Anthony Pittore stated that Deo Reed is seeking a place to host a state 4H shoot around the end of Sept. It would involve about 50 kids to do .22 and air rifle shooting and archery. Their planned facility cancelled at the last moment, so they are in urgent need of a location. Contact Anthony if you think your club could help.

Bill Conners mentioned that we added a new email address specifically to send out notices and information. So, members on our email distribution list should be aware that they may start to see emails coming from "Federation News" (news@dutchessfishandgame.org).

Bill created a nice tri-fold Federation informational flyer highlighting our programs. A version will be handed out at the sporting clays shoot. A question was asked about how best to distribute it to the public. Bill responded that a good place to start is at Town Clerk offices.

Announcements

Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club will be having a Steel Plate shoot on August 6th.

There will be a Trapping course held at Millerton Rod & Gun Club on July 29th.

50/50 raffle winner – Tom Fiumarello.

Next regular meeting date: August 10, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary