



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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August 10, 2023 Regular Delegates Meeting

Short Hills Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:37 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: 27 people were in attendance, representing 18 clubs.

Guests

Anthony Pittore recognized Sal Maiello, President of Viola Rod & Gun Club.

DEC ECO Kevin Wamsley spoke on several items:

The number of ECOs is still down statewide, but seems to be stable in Dutchess County.

He has been involved in a lot of fishing patrols around Long Island and on the Hudson River.

After being intentionally postponed until later in the meeting, the Treasurer's Report was accepted upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Adam Yasiejko.

All-in-favor (AIF).

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on July 13, 2023 were approved upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on July 24, 2023 were approved upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

Committee Reports

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore reported that 1 deer was received. Some of the meat will be used for providing the chili lunch to the Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt participants in September.

Brush was cleared from around the facility. Anthony will be planning a work detail to paint the floor, which includes moving items out of the room, then back in.

Fish

Due to the recent death of Ken Rose, Anthony reported that Mike Butts was appointed co-fish chairman at the latest Board of Directors meeting, to serve alongside Anthony to chair that committee.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony reported that he has 12 kids signed up for the hunt so far, so we still need more. He sent out about 90 applications but has not received any more responses.

If any kids need their Hunter Education Course certificate, Whortlekill Rod & Gun Club will be hosting a course in September.

Conservation Education

Nothing new was reported, other than we know of only 1 sponsored kid that attended camp.

Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon reported that the shoots are averaging about 2-3 kids per week. Recent interested youth have not yet attended.

Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Connors noted that he has been emailing information via the *Federation News* email address. He asked that the receiving delegates and/or presidents please forward to their club members and others.

He also reported on:

- A bill that was approved by the state legislature: S5802. If signed by the Gov., it would allow hunters over 60 to use a crossbow through the entire early bow hunting season. But it would not take effect until June 2024.
- We are still awaiting further progress on allowing straight wall cartridges to be used for hunting big game in Dutchess County. It was noted that another upstate county is now allowed to use rifles.

New York State Conservation Council

No report

Communications

An email was received from a person asking about stocking the fishing pond at Crum Elbow Sportsmen for an upcoming Women on Target event there. Anthony Pittore will follow up, but we probably will not honor the request due to it not being publicly accessible.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Tom Fiumarello reported on the results of the Federation's 1st Annual Sporting Clay Shoot in July. 12 clubs were represented, including several from Ulster County. Over 90 shooters participated, including several first-time shooters. Over 40 businesses made donations. The feedback received was very positive. The event far exceeded the initial expectations and the uncertainty that we could make it happen.

Over \$16,400 profit was made, which will help fund our programs.

Tom thanked everyone who helped and participated.

Anthony Pittore thanked Tom, which garnered a round of applause.

Anthony stated that since we did not have an Annual Dinner where awards are usually given, several awards were presented at the shoot. These were:

President's Award to Tom Fiumarlleo

Club of the Year Award to Mid-Hundson Chapter of Trout Unlimited

New Business

Anthony Pittore stated that he is working on applying for an NRA grant for the CAF to fund ammunition and targets for the Youth Trap Shooting program.

Tom Gannon forwarded a question from Dutchess County Sportsmens Assn, asking about the possibility of erecting a plaque at Morgan Lake to honor Ken Rose for the many years he chaired the kids Get Hooked on Fishing event there. Bill Connors and Anthony Pittore will follow up. Not sure, since it is a City of Poughkeepsie owned lake.

Announcements

Neighbors Gun Club will be hosting several Utah Concealed Firearms courses. Information was previously emailed out to the clubs.

Green Haven Fish & Game Assn will be holding their annual pig roast in September.

Pleasant Valley Trout & Game Club will be hosting a DEC Hunter Education “Next Steps” course on September 30th from 8:00 till 1:00. This course is designed for current certificate holders who want hands-on firearm safety training and shooting. It is free and all firearms and ammo will be provided by the club. Class size is limited to about 25. So pre-registration is required and can be done via the DEC web site like the regular Hunter Education courses.

50/50 raffle winner – Dave Morrison.

Next regular meeting date: September 14, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary