

## FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC.---

Minutes of October 10, 2018. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 15 delegates were present.

Guests: DEC Conservation Officer Mary B. Grose and retired DEC Officers Carl Lindsley & Deming Lindsley.

Carl Lindsley reported that the bear take numbers are still very low.

Deming Lindsley reported that Officer Woods, along with his dog, assisted in the search for 2 lost children in the Port Jervis Area and that they were successful in finding the children. He also reported that DNA testing is being used in finding the guilty parties in taking illegal deer. It has already been proved successful & the person guilty has already forwarded payment of \$1800.00 for said test and is also subject to a fine that hasn't yet been set.

Officer Grose reported that the bow season reports are still very low. The Green & Grey Patrols will once again start up opening weekend. She also stated that the DEC was part of the search team for the fugitive wanted from Ulster County.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the September minutes since all clubs receive copies. Seconded and CARRIED.

### BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Linda Loughrey presented the monthly bills. Motion was made to pay the bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak mentioned that he had received a donation from Ken Heins of Monticello to be used wherever needed by the Federation. Linda reported that she has received a check from Three Oaks Club for 2018 dues payment. She has requested a completed application from them, as there hasn't been one file for at least the last 5 years even though they have been paying dues.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS:

**PRES: JACK DANCHAK** – Pres. Danchak reported that the pheasant pick-up on 9/30 went smoothly. He also stated that there was a full house for the banquet held on 10/6 where Harold Barber was named Sportsman of the Year for 2018. Pres. Danchak has gun raffle tickets ready for sale – reminder – that for every \$50 sold, you get 1 free ticket.

**V.P.: JOHN VAN ETTEN** – John was not available for the meeting.

**ACTING SECRETARY – LINDA LOUGHREY** – Thanked those who helped out on Youth Day. It was a tremendous success.

**TREAS.: LINDA LOUGHREY** – Linda reported that after paying the pre-approved bills, there is a balance of **\$26,276.97**. The 8/31/18 balance forward was \$27,589.61. September expenses were \$10,808.64, (which included \$6,355.00 paid out for the pheasants); income was \$9,496.00. Motion was made to accept Treasurer's report- Seconded, CARRIED.

### REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

**COUNCIL DEL.:** Rich Post – Reported that a new bureau has been formed to deal with invasive species & ecosystem health. 75% of forest land in NYS is privately owned. Forestry in NYS is unregulated. Fish & Wildlife has received waivers from the hiring freeze to fill 21 positions. There will probably not be a year-round coyote season in the foreseeable future as up to 70% of the population would need to be harvested each year to begin to manage them. The DEC is now processing candidates for an academy for ECOs and Forest Rangers. There are 44 vacancies. It is very much a long shot that the 12-year-old universal hunting age will be passed. There is still a lot of resistance to the legalizing of crossbows for the entire archery season. 2 resolutions were voted on: Mandatory Hunter Orange (defeated 3 yes, 27 no); Hound Training Season (passed 18 yes, 2 no). It was reported that the NYS Conservation Council is in serious financial trouble. Pres. Danchak is in touch with them to see if a representative can come to one of our monthly meetings to enlighten us on this serious situation.

**FISH:** Harold Buley – no report.

**SMALL GAME:** Hank Samyn – Pheasants were distributed.

**BIG GAME:** John VanEtten – John was unavailable but sent to Pres. Danchak information on doe permits on the NYC Res. Property. If interested you need to contact them ASAP at 845-340-7811 or [JSTABY@DEP.NYC.GOV](mailto:JSTABY@DEP.NYC.GOV). The initial cut off date was 10/2/18.

**CONSERVATION EDUCATION:** Keith Krauss – no report.

**FWMB:** Rich Post & Carl Lindsley: They reported on the Federations events that FWMB thought were great: Sending 2 women to the Outdoor Event, sending kids to Camp DeBruce, Ice Fishing to include Boy Scouts for their merit badges. The O.C. youth event at Stewart has been postponed to October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**HABITAT:** Fred Bosch – The same amount of clubs (19) have applied for habitat as in 2017. The 2018 budget was \$7,000 and of that \$6,975 has been allocated back to the clubs. Checks are in the mail with these minutes or separately for those with e-mail.

**SPORTSMAN EDUCATION:** Carl Lindsley – No classes in Sullivan County.

**DEP:** Harold Buley- nothing new to report.

**GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR:** -----

**YOUTH DAY:** Linda thanked everyone who helped that day before & the day of the event. It was a great success and all had a great time (although we missed Kay)

**NRA:** J.P. Pasquale reports that the most dangerous group facing hunters is the Humane Society of the US (HSUS). The HSUS leader said "If we could shut down all sport hunting in a moment, we would" and that "Our goal is to get sport hunting in the same category as cock fighting and dog fighting." The HSUS has won several high-profile victories against hunters.

**SWEEPSTAKES:** Pres. Danchak read the name of the Sweepstake Winners, with the ATV going to M. DiRosa of Yonkers, NY. Linda reported on the bottom line, which was incorrect. A further study by Linda revealed that the guide lines used for the prior years figures( which I also used) were incorrect. By using incorrect figures, one cannot come up with a correct figure. As is said – garbage in, garbage out. The correct Federation **Profit** for 2018 on Sweepstake is **\$6,893.68**. The Club Bonus Checks are in the mail with these minutes for those who didn't pick up at the meeting or mailed separately to those with e-mail.

**ANNUAL BANQUET:** Pres. Danchak read the names of the dignitaries that were present. It was quite an impressive list.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** -----

**ICE FISHING DERBY:** -Donations of Tip-ups or anything else related to ice fishing is needed. Anything that you can donate, please bring to the next meeting

**SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR:** Harold Barber was selected – Congratulations.

**COYOTE CONTEST:** Dates set for Feb. 8,9,10, 2019 – the application is on our web site. A few applications have already been received. It is requested that the clubs start making their booze donations now. Please start bringing liquor, wine, etc. to the next meetings.

**DEER FEEDING:** --

**CHESTNUT TREES:** -----

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Pres. Danchak has named the Nominating Committee for the 2019 Slate of Officers to be presented at the November meeting: Bruce Miller will be Chairman. His committee will consist of Harold Barber, Fred Bosch, J.P. Pasquale and Gary Muthig.

Motion to adjourn at 8:51PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: **November 14, 2018** at 7:30 PM, **WHITE LAKE FIRE DEPT. HALL**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Loughrey,

Acting Secretary & Treasurer