

**FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC. —**

Minutes of August 8, 2018. The meeting began at 7.30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 23 delegates were present.

Guests: T.P. Koeph, DEC Conservation Officer, retired DEC Officers Carl Lindsley & Deming Lindsley. Carl reported that there are still a lot of problems with bears. He is spending 4 days a week at the Boy Scout Camps because of the bear situations. He reminds everyone that the bears love bird feeders & garbage. Carl said that he has seen a lot of fawns & others reported that there are a lot of rabbits around. Carl also reported that there is a big problem with black bears getting mange. Deming reported that the "TIP" program is being reinstated – if you see something wrong, report it. He also stated that there will be no academy until May 2019 & Deming has been invited to be an instructor. Officer Keoph reported that he also is getting an extreme number of calls on bear. The new hunting regulations are now out. If you have any complaints that you want addressed, contact the DEC now so that things can be resolved before the hunting season begins.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the July 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 read a letter from scholarship winner Nicole Kocher where she thanked the Federation for selecting her. She wrote a beautiful letter expressing how grateful she was. Pres. Danchak also read a flyer from the O.C. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs regarding their annual dinner celebration honoring veterans to be held on 9/15/18. For info call Bill Gates at 845-386-1275 or Jim Torcivia at 845-467-5539.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

PRES: JACK DANCHAK – Pres. Danchak reported that the caps & t-shirts for the 2019 Coyote Hunt are available. The gun raffle tickets are also available as well as the banquet tickets. The Youth Day flyers are available & will be handed out at the Grahamsville Fair. Please get in touch with Hank as he still needs bodies to help at the fair.

V.P.: JOHN VAN ETEN – John apologized for missing last month's meeting. He has tickets for the S.C. Friends of the NRA dinner being held on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. The S.C. Conservation Club is holding the annual Boone Shoot on 9/9 together with a BBQ.

ACTING SECRETARY – LINDA LOUGHREY – Get your sweepstake tickets & money in before the Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. You can mail the material to me at **61 Egler Road Spur, Jeffersonville, NY 12748 (845-798-7992)**. In order to qualify for pheasants & habitat, you have to sell a minimum of 40 sheets. The early bird drawing will be held that night.

TREAS.: LINDA LOUGHREY – Linda reported that after paying the pre-approved bills, there is a balance of **\$23,401.09**. The 6/30/18 balance forward was \$19,806.20. July expenses were \$4,965.45; income was \$8,560.34. Motion was made to accept Treasurer's report. Seconded, CARRIED.

**REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

COUNCIL DEL.: Rich Post – Stated that there was nothing new to report. There is a meeting scheduled for next month, however, he may not be able to attend.

FISH: Harold Buley reported that he did file the applications for the fall stocking, but nothing is appearing on the web site for Sullivan County. He will stay on top of the situation to see what else needs to be done to qualify for fall stocking. Harold also checked with the weighing stations for Kays Kids, and so far there are no entries.

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn – Hank stated that he will advise next month on the pheasants – cost & availability.

BIG GAME: John VanEtten – John reported there might still be new regulations on deer feeding, but nothing has been posted yet. You can check for changes on the DEC web site. The DEC now has a mobile app for reporting the Big Game Harvests.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Krauss – no report. Carl reported that he instructed a trapping course at Camp DeBruce and it was well attended. He hasn't been able to go to the camp much as he is so busy with bear calls.

FWMB: Rich Post & Carl Lindsey: Carl reported that Bill Gaudette will be resigning his position with the FWMB due to health reasons. We all send good wishes to Bill & his wife. The next meeting will be this fall.

**HABITAT:** Fred Bosch – reported that all clubs that wish to qualify for habitat, must have their application in before the Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting & their property inspected. He also reminds us that it isn't too late to build food plots.

**SPORTSMAN EDUCATION:** Carl Lindsley – There are still NO courses in Sullivan County. Instructors are desperately needed. The only courses are in Orange & Ulster Counties. You must pre-register for all courses. **Orange County** - Hunting – 9/14-15 in Mountainville (845-649-1842); 10/21 in Chester (845-641-8046); Bowhunting – 9/29-Mountainville (845-649-1842); 9/16- West Point (845-566-4121); 9/16-Chester (845-641-8046); 8/28 & 8/30-Middletown (914-443-5197). **Ulster County** – Hunting – 10/20 in Claryville (845-247-7094); 9/29 in Saugerties (845-339-8544); Bowhunting – 10/21 in Claryville (845-247-7094); 8/25 in Ulster Park (845-339-8544); 9/1 in Saugerties (845-339-8544). Carl feels that home schooling may be why there are few hands on courses. Carl advised that he will be doing a few trapping courses. The S.C. Conservation Club advised that they will have a Bow Course on 8/25; a Gun Course on 9/15; a Trapping Course on 9/22. These programs have yet to be posted.

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

**GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR:** Hank Samyn is still looking for help (845-985-2548) for the 3 fair days. We will meet at the Federation building next Thursday to set everything up. Treas. Linda Loughrey requested an advance of \$150.00 to purchase food, drinks, etc. to feed our workers. Motion was made to advance the \$150.00, Seconded and CARRIED.

**YOUTH DAY:** The flyers are ready for distribution. Everything seems to be ready.

**NRA:** J.P. Pasquale reports that the NRA vs. Cuomo & Dept. of Financial Services – Cuomo is targeting the NRA with a political lawsuit to block sale of insurance to those who use guns in self-defense. The 3-D guns issue is still a hot topic. It seems that if you don't agree with Gov. Cuomo's positions, you wind up on his hit list. Gov. Cuomo signed an executive order which granted voting rights to some 35,000 paroled felons.

**SWEEPSTAKES:** Clubs must sell a minimum of 40 sheets to qualify for Pheasants and/or Habitat monies. Please get you sweepstakes info in ASAP.

**ANNUAL BANQUET:** Date has been set for October 6, 2018. Dinner tickets are available. Contact Pres. Danchak to purchase or reserve tickets for the Prime Rib dinner at the Rockland House. Alternate food choices are available.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** -----

**ICE FISHING DERBY:** -----

**SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR:** The 2018 selection has been made & will be announced at the banquet on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available.

**COYOTE CONTEST:** Dates set for Feb. 8,9,10, 2019 – the application is on our web site. A few applications have already been received.

**DEER FEEDING:** Waiting to see if the DEC comes out with new regulations.

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

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

"Becoming An Outdoor Woman" – Carl reported that 2 women have been accepted. It seems that the instructors for this event may all be women.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There will be a Gun Show in Middletown on Sept. 8-9, 2018. Dog Hunting trials will be held at Stewart Airport at a later date. Gary TerBush will be coming to next months meeting with some knives for sale.

Motion to adjourn at 8:41PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: **September 12, 2018** at 7:30 PM, **WHITE LAKE FIRE DEPT. HALL**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda M. Loughrey,  
Acting Secretary & Treasurer

