

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

Minutes of September 12, 2018. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 31 delegates were present.

Guests: Annie Rabbitt, Candidate for NYS Senate, retired DEC Officers Carl Lindsley & Deming Lindsley.

Annie Rabbitt is running for the seat being vacated by retiring Sen. John Bonacic. She will attend as many sportsmen's events as she possibly can. She spoke favorably regarding sportsmen's rights followed by a question & answer period.

Carl Lindsley reported that the number of bear being taken is very low. Trail cameras in Sundown show that the bear sighted are very small. A fox with rabies was taken in the Village of Monticello and there are reports of animals with mange.

Deming Lindsley reported that there are currently no DEC Officers in the County. They have been temporarily assigned elsewhere. The Officers are active following up on open burnings & tossed garbage. The Academy is scheduled to start classes early next year.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the August 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 had no correspondence.

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. Banquet tickets are \$35.00 each and can be purchased from Jack or you can let him know how many & he will reserve them for you. Tonight was the last night to sign up for pheasants and sign up for habitat.

V.P.: JOHN VAN ETEN – John reported that the S.C. Friends of the NRA dinner didn't do as well as in previous years. The S.C. Conservation Club held their annual Boone Shoot on 9/9 together with a BBQ. The turnout was light – only about 80 were in attendance.

ACTING SECRETARY – LINDA LOUGHREY – A thank you to those who mailed in their sweepstake material in advance of this meeting.

TREAS.: LINDA LOUGHREY – Linda reported that after paying the pre-approved bills, there is a balance of **\$27,589.61**. The 7/31/18 balance forward was \$23,401.09. August expenses were \$1,161.48; income was \$5,350.00. Motion was made to accept Treasurer's report- Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Rich Post – Stated that there are 2 resolutions still being addressed, which he thought had already been resolved last April. The bills being voted on again: (1) Hunter Orange- for big game, 200 inches. (2) Hound Training Season – 1 month earlier.

FISH: Harold Buley reported that he has 3 applications from the State. Surveys in Lake Huntington produced no trout & it was suggested not to stock any there again. Walleye seems to be the most abundant. It was also suggested that walleye are best to stock in White Lake. We should get together with the Conservation Club and do joint stocking. The waters need to cool down, so stocking won't happen until possibly the end of November.

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn – Hank reported that the cost of the pheasants will be \$10.25 each. Pick-up will be on Sunday, Sept. 30th from 9-1PM. If you need to arrange a different time, contact the breeder direct – Jim or Dawn Harder at 570-253-3750. 32 clubs have qualified for pheasants. Bring 3 cages to put your birds in. Directions to Pheasant Hill Farm: take Rte 371 into Penna., 2nd road on left past Rileyville corners. Look for Camp Summit & Camp Seneca signs on left. GPS address: Pheasant Hill Birds, Niles Pond Rd., Honesdale, PA. 18431.

BIG GAME: John VanEtten – John stated there are no updates on deer feeding. Any deer taken in NYS, must be processed in NY before going into Penna.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Krauss – 20 children attended Camp DeBruce.

FWMB: Rich Post & Carl Lindsley: The next meeting will be on Sept. 19th in New Paltz. At this time, Carl, Richie & Gary will be attending.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch – 19 clubs have turned in their applications, with an additional 5 yet to be seen. Fred would like some younger people to volunteer as inspectors.

SPORTSMAN EDUCATION: Carl Lindsley: Carl will have a trapping course at the Excelsior Club on 9/29 from 8-4. Contact Carl for particulars. Pre-registration is mandatory for all courses. Hunting: S.C. Conservation Club-9/15-(8-4PM) call 845-313-3153; Woods Pond R&G-9/15-(8-5PM) call 845-514-4227; Lake Huntington Fire House-9/29 (8:30-4:30PM) & 9/30-(8:30-1PM) call 631-968-8210. Bowhunting: WSS Fire House- 9/20 & 9/21 (5:30PM-10PM) call 845-292-5923. There are Hunting & Bowhunting courses in both Orange & Ulster Counties. If you want info on those courses, call me (845-482-4985).

DEP: Harold Buley- nothing new to report. City isn't purchasing any land.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: The weather was really lousy both Friday & Saturday. Friday sales were \$270.00, Saturday was \$854.00 & Sunday was \$646.00 for a total of \$1,770.00. The weather was brutal for everyone.

YOUTH DAY: Everything is ready for a great event which will be on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. This year it is being called the KAY DANCHAK MEMORIAL. Please bring your children, grandchildren, etc. to help support this event for the children, which Kay really enjoyed. Linda has requested an advance of \$400.00 for the purchase of hot dogs, chips, rolls, condiments, water, etc. Motion was made to give Linda the advance, Seconded, CARRIED.

NRA: J.P. Pasquale reports that PETA has sent a letter to the NRA offering to donate \$100,000.00 if it agrees to deny membership to trophy hunters & stop promoting assault weapons. One of our clubs has been denied insurance. The decision was made based upon being notified that Lockton Affinity would no longer insure the Club through the NRA Endorsed Insurance Program because our NYS Governor disapproved of the insurance. The ACLU stated that was a blatant violation of the First Amendment. Although public officials are free to express their opinions & may condemn viewpoints or groups they view as inimical to public welfare, they cannot abuse the regulatory authority to retaliate against disfavored advocacy organizations & to impose burdens on the organization's ability to conduct lawful business. Concealed Carry Bill Update: The US House of Representative has passed a legislative package which would advance a measure that would allow law-abiding Americans who are eligible to carry a concealed handgun under the law of a state to do so in all other US States and territories that recognized the right of their own residents to carry concealed.

SWEEPSTAKES: You can continue to sell sweepstake tickets. The more you sell, the greater the bonus for your club.

ANNUAL BANQUET: Date has been set for October 6, 2018. Dinner tickets are available at \$35.00 each. 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. 6th. 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" – The Federation sponsored Patty Lindsley & Patricia Zieres. Patty said that she had a fabulous time and feels from what she learned, she would be able to survive a couple of days in the wilderness. There were 40 instructors, all volunteers. She highly recommends this experience to all women. Next year, the event will take place in Lake George. Based on Patty's experiences, yours truly would love to attend next year!

NEW BUSINESS:

Carl Lindsley spoke about the NYC Boy Scouts wanting to attend our January Youth Ice Fishing Derby. They, approximately 40 children, need a Fish Merit Badge and this would be a good way for them to earn it. The Ted Boniface Memorial donates to this event and is willing to donate additional funds to cover the Boy Scouts. The membership was wholly in agreement with this idea and told Carl to pursue it because a head number would be needed before the actual event.

Susan brought up the idea of purchasing Northern Spy Apple Trees, since we aren't pursuing more chestnut trees. Food for thought.

Motion to adjourn at 9:20PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: **October 10, 2018** at 7:30 PM, **WHITE LAKE FIRE DEPT. HALL**

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

