

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

Minutes of August 14, 2019. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 27 delegates were present at the start of the meeting, 4 more delegates arrived later. A moment of silence was observed in Memory of Gary McGee, son of Federation Member Gary Muthig.

Guests: Retired DEC Officers Carl Lindsley and Deming Lindsley.

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunter, with her aide Matt McPhillips; Senator Jen Metzger, with her aide Max Cordella; Judge Frank LaBuda with wife Kathy; District Attorney Jim Farrell; Sheriff Mike Schiff, Undersheriff Eric Chaboty; Kaylee Resha of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Pres. Danchak opened the meeting with the history of deer feeding in Sullivan County. It has been 7 years since Judge LaBuda ruled in the County's favor for deer feeding. Currently Sullivan County is the only county out of 62 in NYS that can legally feed deer. The DEC proposal is that throughout the State there can be "No Intentional Feeding" of deer. They believe that this proposal will stop the spread of CWD in the State even though there has never been one single case reported (except for 1 case at a game farm). Judge LaBuda stated that a Judge cannot give advisory opinions.

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther will be presenting Bill 3106 – An Act to establish a moratorium on the prohibition of feeding white-tailed deer in Sullivan County. She advised that she will be talking with Steve Englebright who is Chairman of the Environmental Conservation Committee in the Assembly.

Senator Jen Metzger, who is on the Environmental Conservation Committee in the Senate, said she will support Assemblywoman Gunther on the bill that she is proposing. Those in attendance asked Assemblywoman Gunther to amend the bill to read that deer feeding be allowed from the end of the fall deer hunting season through March of the following year. Deming Lindsley stated that there is no evidence of CWD being spread by the congregating of deer herds.

Kaylee Resha, a wildlife biologist with the National Wild Turkey Federation, talked about working with clubs and landowners to help make the habitat for turkeys more inviting. The wet spring caused many failed nests. Only the adult turkeys can re-nest. The National Regional Conservation Services will meet with any club – must have a minimum of 5 acres – to see if they can offer grant money to help clubs with forestry & vegetation issues. Kaylee can be reached at 518-267-3309 or e-mail (kresha@nwtf.net). Needless to say, there was lot of discussion with our special guests regarding deer feeding issues and the plight of turkeys.

Carl Lindsley reported that he is still very active at the Boy Scout Camps, Camp Sternberg & the neighboring girls camps with numerous bear complaints. Carl also advised that there will be an early bear season – Sept. 7-22 using the new bear license tag.

Deming Lindsley reported that he has completed 3 weeks of training at the academy. There are 16 more weeks to go and already 14 individuals have dropped out. The area is still in need of 25 to 30 more officers.

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 thank you note from Alec Milucky who was our 2019 Scholarship winner.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES: JACK DANCHAK – Pres. Danchak reported that he has the caps & t-shirts for the 2020 coyote hunt. They range in size from small to 3X. The annual banquet tickets are available at the same cost as last year - \$35.00 each. Gun raffle tickets for the coyote hunt are available.

V.P.: JOHN VAN ETEN – John reported that Sept. 7th is the date for the Friends of the NRA dinner. He has tickets – cost of \$60.00 each. The Sullivan County Conservation Club will be holding their annual Daniel Boone Shoot on Aug. 25th.

SECRETARY: LINDA LOUGHREY – Nothing to report.

TREAS.: LINDA LOUGHREY – Linda reported that after paying the pre-approved bills, there is a balance of **\$34,976.76**. The 06/30/19 balance forward was \$35,304.00; July expenses were \$2,192.24; income was \$1,865.00. Motion was made to accept Treasurer's report- Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Richie Post – The council is still looking for more donations. The only legislation coming up is again the issue of wearing "ORANGE". Greene County is pushing this issue. It has been the determination of the Federation that each club speak for themselves. The Federation will not voice an opinion for or against the mandatory wearing of orange.

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FISH: Harold Buley – reported that he has heard from Shultz Hatchery and they will be able to supply as many walleyes for stocking as we want.

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn –600 pheasants have been reserved. No pickup date has been set. Should have that info for the next meeting.

BIG GAME: John VanEtten – reported that a bear-hunting proposal is being addressed for unit 4W to have an early season in Delaware & Sullivan Counties. Also, comments on the DEC regulatory proposals should be submitted by e-mail to (wildlifereqs@dec.ny.gov) or via mail to Game Management Section, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754. Comments accepted through 9/1/2019.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Krauss – this is the last week for Camp DeBruce.

FWMB: Carl Lindsley – Next meeting in New Paltz on 9/18. Carl, Gary, Bill and Richie will attend.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch –stated that 21 clubs have picked up applications and only 5 have been returned & are ready for inspection. They must be in by the Sept. meeting, however, Fred would like to have them as soon as the clubs have them ready so that he can set up inspection dates. Don't wait until the last minute. Your fall planting work must be done before the Sept. meeting in order to be credited.

SPORTSMAN EDUCATION: Carl Lindsley reported on the following courses available in Sullivan County – must pre-register for all courses: Bowhunting: 8/27-8/28- Travis Archery-call 914-522-7504; Hunting: 8/24- Brookwood Gunners & Anglers-call 718-347-0834. Ulster County has courses – check the web-site.

DEP: Harold Buley- Currently land is only being purchased upstate. Quiet in our area.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: --August 16, 17 & 18, 2019.

YOUTH DAY—Scheduled for September 14, 2019. Help, Help, Help!!!! Hank will be running this event and really will need some help in all capacities.

NRA: John VanEtten – suggested that you check out the web-site statistics for 2017. Statistics show that 467 people were killed with blunt instruments, while 403 were shot. Your chances of being shot are less than being struck by a blunt instrument.

SWEEPSTAKES- bring your results to the meetings or mail to Linda. You need to sell 40 raffle sheets to qualify for habitat reimbursement, pheasants and any other Federation funded projects. The sale of 50+ raffle sheets will earn your club bonus monies. The ATV is available – contact Jack.

ANNUAL BANQUET: --Scheduled for October 5th.

SCHOLARSHIP—Twila Herbert -

ICE FISHING DERBY: Carl Lindsley-

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: - has been selected & will be announced at the annual banquet.

COYOTE CONTEST: Pres. Danchak has raffle tickets. Check out our web page.

DEER FEEDING: --

TREES: – Susan Otto –

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: The issue of insurance for Officers & Trustees was again discussed. It was suggested that the opinion of a lawyer was needed to see if this insurance for an incorporated non-profit business was necessary.

NEW BUSINESS: Flyers on the following issues were available:

Wounded Warrior Project – Operation Wellness Day and Forestburg Scout Camp on Aug. 24 – 845-794-4228 for more information.

2019 JAKE Event – Sept. 21st at Roscoe Fireman's Park – email (scjongbeards@hotmail.com).

The AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall – Rock Hill Fireman's Park – 9/10-14.

Woods Pond sponsors trap-shooting every Sunday – 9AM-11AM, cost \$6.00.

Tri-States will have a Buddy Shoot on Aug. 25th.

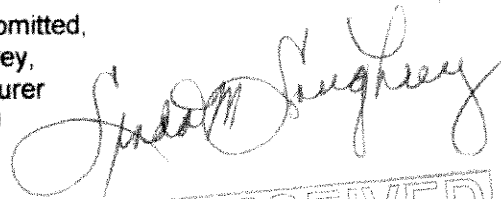
Motion to adjourn at 9:03 Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY, SEPT.11, 2019 AT THE WHITE LAKE FIRE HOUSE ON RTE. 17B

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M. Loughrey,
Secretary/Treasurer
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