

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

Minutes from July 14, 2021

The meeting began at 7:02 pm with a salute to the flag.

21 Delegates present

**Guests: Sheriff, Mike Schiff** Sheriff Schiff expressed his appreciation for what Federation stands for. Bail reform is causing more issues for victims, due to current legislations of letting criminals out, and outrageous requests that law enforcement has to fulfill. Too many loop holes for accused to get out easily. Police having to jump through many hoops to take criminals off the streets. Senator Mike Martucci is fighting for law enforcement, so people can make judicious decisions. Hope not Handcuffs, is giving a person that has a drug problem or is a substance user, a helping hand, not a jail term. Proposed guest next meeting, Mike Martucci, Senator.

**Report of retired DEC Officer Carl Lindsley.** A deer biologist has been hired from Cornell. New Paltz is struggling with staff shortages. There are many bears in the county. Carl is helping at Boy Scout Camp. Public Health claims 300,000 summer residents this summer, many do not have vaccinations. The Federation previously approved sponsoring 6 attendees for Women of the Outdoors. Names given are Christina Snedakar; Lynn Krom; Ellen Ward; Joann Walsch; Tara Gardner and room for one more person.

**Report of retired DEC Officer Deming Lindsley.** He went to Academy to provide in-service instruction. They'll be having Academy next year. Rangers have 45 coming on, DEC only has 20 coming on. Bail reform is causing problems with DEC since it affects bails and messes up system, ex. arrest for trespass; if someone is arrested 2 times, an officer can't tell anyone else, such as a coworker, Judge, etc. It's sealed in regard to violations. Even if they (arrestee) have the limit, the offense can be excused. DEC only has 15 days to get DNA, evidence, etc. DEC is being told to only give ticket and hope the offender comes in.

New law says 12 & 13 years can go deer hunting with gun, muzzle loader and crossbow.

K-9 Deming has been retired. Rick has a new dog, named after deceased DEC officer, Cory.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the June 2021 minutes, since all clubs receive copies. Seconded and CARRIED.

**BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Treasurer, Linda Loughrey presented the monthly bills. A motion was made to pay the bills, seconded and CARRIED.

A thank you note was received from Jacob Yager, the Federation's \$1,000.00 scholarship recipient and was read by John Van Etten. John also has a letter from Brian D. Miller, Assemblyman that represents the Town of Neversink, along with other areas, thanking us for sending him June 2021, Federation Minutes.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**President: John Van Etten** John will be responding to Jack Danchak's comments regarding "DEC reveals 10-year Plan!", under Sportsman Outdoors, recently in the SC Democrat.

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John also has information from Susan about 3 point deer requirement Yearling Buck legislation passed. It's now going on to Governor's desk. Carl says if this passes, it will become law and DEC will have to enforce it the way the law reads. It's being left on the table for tonight.

The county \$20,000 grant to the Federation is now signed off on and funds have been received.

**Vice President: Hank Samyn** - Nothing to report

**Secretary: Marlene Dauch** - Nothing to report

<b>Treasurer: Linda Loughrey</b> -	05/31/21	\$19,044.78
	Income	\$3,820.00
	Expenses paid	<u>\$12,519.15</u>
	06/30/21 balance	\$10,521.63

Motion was made to accept Treasurer's Report, seconded, CARRIED.

**REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Council Delegate: Gary Muthig** Nothing to report.

**Fish: Gary Muthig** Nothing to report.

**Small Game: Hank Samyn** - Hank says 3 turkeys wake him each morning. One is a hen, with a 6" beard. He's also seeing rabbits.

**Big Game: John Van Etten** Nothing to report.

**Bow Hunting: Ray Otto** Nothing to report.

**Trapping: Carl Lindsley** A hunter no longer needs a permit for fisher and pine martin. No longer needed from a DEC officer for sealing a pelt.

**Legislative: John Van Etten** John says Cuomo signed law against gun manufacturers. Lead ammo ban officially on hold.

**Conservation Education: Keith Krauss** Nothing to report.

**FWMB: Carl Lindsley:** Nothing to report

**HABITAT: Fred Bosch** Ideal time to plant clover and brassicas. Next month, plant oats & rye. Deadline for receipt of applications is the September meeting. If done with your work, turn them in August, so there will not be so much to do in September.

**Sportsman Education: Carl Lindsley** John Van Etten is teaching a trapping class, July 24th. If you know anyone, have them get on website, as there are a few openings. Two of Warren Krum's grandchildren are signed up. He states there continue to be only a handful of trapping classes statewide. It is not available online. John plans to teach another course in August.

**DEP: Hank Samyn** Hank says they have a plan to replace Harold Buley. Gary Muthig says DEP will be donating whatever they can come up with, for Youth Day to be given to children, during registration.

**Grahamsville Fair: Hank Samyn** Hank says we have to put the sign back up. Dates are August 13, 14, 15

**Youth Day: Hank Samyn** Hank says it's on for 09/11/21. Linda asked if anyone has any ideas for anything new or different. Susan Otto says maybe Butch Peters' horse and pony rides. She'll reach out to him. Hank to call Brian, the raptor guy, to come.

**NRA: John Van Etten** Nothing to report.

**Sweepstakes: Linda Loughrey & Hank Samyn** Linda says doing pretty good with Beaverdam. Hank says early bird sales due at September meeting. A club needs to be in good standings, sell at least 40 sheets, and sign up, to get free pheasants.

**Annual Banquet:** Gary Muthig & Linda Loughery say it's being worked on. Tickets need to be printed. Cost is \$35.00 per person.

**Scholarship: Carl Lindsley:** Nothing to report.

**Ice Fishing Derby: Carl Lindsley** Nothing to report.

**Sportsman of the Year:** Recipient to be announced at banquet in October 2021.

**Coyote Contest:** Feb. 4, 5, 6, 2022 are the dates. WSS Fire Department is the host. T-Shirts are in, Hank Samyn showed samples. Caps will cost \$12.00; t-shirts Large & X-L \$15.00; XXL-\$16.00; XXXL \$17.00. Approximately 350 flyers have been prepared by Linda Loughery, to be mailed in August. Raffle tickets to be printed up. Hank turned in over \$300.00 in shirt sales, from this evening.

**Deer Feeding** None

**Trees : Susan Otto** Susan says apple trees are dropping off early.

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:** John Van Etten with the proposed revision recommendations to Bylaws, which were attached to last month's minutes. Motion, second, CARRIED.

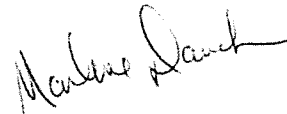
Carl Lindsley says there's possibly a new club to join.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

Motion to Adjourn: 8:47 pm Second and CARRIED.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, August 11, 2021; 7:00 pm** at the **Sullivan County Conservation Club**  
Located at 140 Kortwright Rd., Monticello, NY

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