

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

Minutes of January 13, 2021. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 18 delegates were present.

**Guests:** Retired DEC officers Carl Lindsley and Deming Lindsley.

**Deming** reported that the officers were very disappointed that they weren't allowed any overtime. Since this was not allowed, there were no officers on over the weekends to check on hunters.

**Carl** reported that there is currently no bear biologist in New Paltz. The existing staff is doubling up on the work and any open positions are not going to be filled. There is NO field work being done. Money for any projects isn't available without the Governor's approval.

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

**BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Secretary Linda Loughrey advised that the annual application of the NYS Conservation Council has been received. The annual registration is \$250.00. Motion was made to pay the \$250.00. Seconded and CARRIED.

Treasurer Linda Loughrey didn't have any current bills to present other than the monthly rent of \$50.00 payable to the S.C. Conservation Club for use of their building.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**PRES: JOHN VAN ETTEN** - Asked the membership for their approval to send \$50.00 in Memory of Harold Buley to either Harold Buley's hunting club or to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan. Motion was made to send the \$50.00 donation to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan. Seconded and CARRIED.

**V.P.: HANK SAMYN** – nothing to report.

**SECRETARY: LINDA LOUGHREY** – reminded members that dues for 2021 are due.

**TREAS.: LINDA LOUGHREY** – Linda reported that after paying the pre-approved bills, there is a balance of **\$22,692.44**. The 11/30/2020 balance forward was \$17,232.87; December expenses were \$1,088.43; income was \$6,548.00 (which included \$6,448.00 from the County for the pheasant stocking program). Motion was made to accept Treasurer's report, Seconded, CARRIED.

**REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**COUNCIL DEL.:** Gary Muthig – nothing is happening.

**FISH:** Gary Muthig – Gary has asked John Van Etten & Eric Akerley to work together on what to do for 2021. Enclosed are some new regulations being proposed.

**SMALL GAME:** Hank Samyn – the pheasant are still being seen in Woodridge. Members are also seeing quite a lot of rabbits.

**BIG GAME:** John VanEtten – President John Van Etten read a letter he received from Jeremy Hurst, Big Game Unit Leader regarding the letter that was submitted by the Federation. He stated that we should be aware that their draft deer plan does not call for removing the existing antler point restriction program. The current plan calls for an assessment of the antler restriction program at some point during the 10-year duration of the plan. Regarding the use of 480a, he forwarded our comment to our regional big game biologists and also to one of our Forestry program leads for further discussion.

**CONSERVATION EDUCATION:** Keith Krauss – reported that there is nothing on the website.

**FWMB:** Carl Lindsley- everything is shut down. There is no hosting of any meeting.

**HABITAT:** Fred Bosch – applications are available. Inspectors are needed. Contact Fred at 845-557-8030 to obtain a form and/or offer to help with inspections.

**SPORTSMAN EDUCATION:** Carl Lindsley reported that all courses are suspended indefinitely. Pres. Van Etten read a portion of a letter from Kelly Stang, Administrator of the Hunter Education Program. She stated that it wasn't easy, but were able to achieve the following for 2020: 90 in-person courses were completed before the March shut down; 64,276 people completed the online hunter education course; 28,423 people completed the online bowhunter education course; 107 instructors and 26 volunteers were able to safely offer 67 in-person

courses after Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and finally 262 students completed a home study course so far this fall.

**DEP:** Hank Samyn – nothing to report

**GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR:** - Hank Samyn – nothing to report.

**YOUTH DAY-** Will be Sept. 11, 2021 if the fairgrounds are open.

**NRA:** John VanEtten – Friends of the NRA are slowly distributing funds.

**SWEEPSTAKES-** Linda Loughrey – Hank Samyn and Seymour Streigold are “shopping” for the best price on a Side by Side for the raffle tickets. Should have some dollar figures next month. A proposal was made to increase the cost of the raffle tickets from \$1.00 each to \$5.00 each; 3 for \$10.00 instead of \$5.00 and \$20.00 per sheet instead of 6 for \$5.00. These increased numbers would also increase the amount repaid back to clubs. Input from ALL clubs would be appreciated before next months meeting.

**ANNUAL BANQUET:** –

**SCHOLARSHIP**—Carl Lindsley stated that Twila has the applications in the schools.

**ICE FISHING DERBY:** Carl Lindsley- The boy scouts are still on board. The ice isn't thick enough so the date has been moved to Jan. 30, 2021.

**BUDGET** – Pres. Van Etten discussed the proposed 2021 budget. The Income and Expenses aren't in balance because the committee didn't feel that there was a need to cut any programs even though we will not be receiving any grant monies from the County.

Motion was made to accept the budget. Seconded, CARRIED.

**SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR:** -Applications are available from Linda. Hank Samyn will take the plaque in to Everyday Apparel to be updated.

**COYOTE CONTEST:** Somehow we will have a contest in February 2022. A meeting of those involved will be held sometime in March.

**DEER FEEDING:** -

**TREES:** – Susan Otto

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:** Pres. Van Etten has asked Ray Otto to head up the new Bow Program and Carl Lindsley and Bill Gates will co-chair the Trapping Program.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

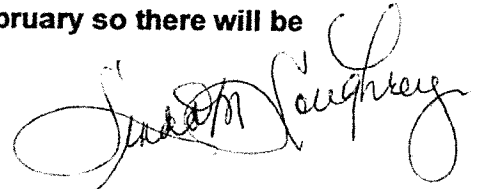
Pres. Van Etten and Gary Muthig will work together to get the By-Laws updated. A draft will be presented at the next 2 meetings for disussion and voted upon at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:27PM. Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY, **February 10, 2021** at the **Sullivan County Conservation Club**, Located at 140 Kortwright Rd., Monticello, NY 12701.

**NOTE: The water will be off at the Conservation Club in February so there will be no bathroom facilities.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
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January 14, 2021



	(o)	Connetquot and Caleb Smith State Parks	Trout	Park regulations apply, permit required: call 631-581-1005 Connetquot, 631-265-1054 Caleb Smith			
	(p)	Deep Pond	Chain pickerel	All year	Any size	Catch and release only	
(53)	Sullivan						
	(a)	Crystal Lake, Hodge Pond	Trout	April 1 through September 30	10"	3	Use or possession of fish for bait prohibited
	(b)	Lake Huntington, Loch Sheldrake	Trout	All year	Any size	5	Ice fishing permitted
	(c)	Neversink Reservoir	Trout	April 1 through October 15	12"	3	
			Landlocked salmon	April 1 through October 15	15"	3	
			Smelt				Fishing prohibited
	(d)	Rondout Reservoir	Trout	April 1 through November 30	12"	3	
			Lake trout	April 1 through November 30	18"	3	
	(e)	Swinging Bridge Reservoir	Walleye	First Saturday in May through March 15	18"	3	Ice fishing permitted
	(f)	White Lake	Lake trout	All year	15"	3	Ice fishing permitted
			Trout	All year	Any size	5	Ice fishing permitted
	(g)	Bashakill Marsh	Pickereel	All year	15"	5	
			Black bass	All year	12"	5	
	(h)	Mongaup Pond	Trout	All year	Any size	5	Ice fishing permitted
	(i)	Rio Reservoir	Walleye	First Saturday in May through March 15	18"	3	

	(i)	<u>All other rivers and streams except Delaware River</u>	<u>Black bass</u>	<u>Third Saturday in June through November 30</u>	<u>10"</u>	<u>5</u>	
				<u>December 1 through the Friday preceding the third Saturday in June</u>		<u>Catch and release only</u>	<u>Artificial lures only</u>
(54)	<u>Tioga</u>						
	(a)	<u>All waters except those listed below or inland trout streams (see 10.3(e))</u>	<u>Trout</u>	<u>April 1 through October 15</u>	<u>Any size</u>	<u>5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"</u>	
	(b)	<u>Susquehanna River</u>	<u>Muskellunge and Tiger muskellunge</u>	<u>First Saturday in May through March 15</u>	<u>40"</u>	<u>1 combined</u>	
			<u>American shad</u>	<u>All year</u>	<u>Catch and release fishing only. All American shad shall be returned to the water immediately.</u>		
	(c)	<u>Catatonk Creek</u>	<u>Black bass</u>	<u>All year</u>	<u>Any size</u>	<u>5</u>	
(55)	<u>Tompkins</u>						
	(a)	<u>All waters except those listed below or inland trout streams (see 10.3(e))</u>	<u>Trout</u>	<u>April 1 through October 15</u>	<u>Any size</u>	<u>5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"</u>	
	(b)	<u>Tri-County Pond</u>	<u>Trout</u>	<u>All year</u>	<u>Any size</u>	<u>5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"</u>	<u>Ice fishing permitted</u>
	(c)	<u>Fall Creek from Ithaca Falls upstream</u>	<u>Black bass</u>	<u>All year</u>	<u>Any size</u>	<u>5</u>	
(56)	<u>Ulster</u>						
	(a)	<u>All waters except Hudson River</u>	<u>Walleye</u>	<u>First Saturday in May through March 15</u>	<u>18"</u>	<u>3</u>	