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

Minutes for June 08, 2022 19 Delegates present The meeting began at 7:00 pm with a salute to the flag of the United States of America, followed by a moment of silence for Linda Loughrey's brother-in-law and other members that passed recently.

**Guest(s):** Glen Parker, ECO officer. After a question was asked about boat cleaning and certification, he looked up that this currently affects the Adirondack Park area, where all boats, must be steam cleaned and certified, prior to water entry. ECO Parker didn't find anything noted for local areas.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Carl Lindsley Carl spoke to the representative from White Sulphur Springs Fire Department and they agreed to host the Coyote Contest and do the cooking for Feb. 2, 3, & 4th, 2023.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley Deming says the academy will start with 20 officers, he was invited for entertainment and education in July 2022, in Pulaski, NY.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the May 2022 meeting minutes, since all clubs receive copies. Seconded and CARRIED.

## **BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Marlene Muthig stated invoices of Hickling's Fish Farm \$3,985.00, Gary Muthig coffee reimbursement, Bill Norris for snacks, Linda Loughrey \$150.00 for treasurer, 3rd quarter, Marlene Muthig \$150.00 for secretary and \$164.97 for internet to Marlene, for the 3rd quarter. This report made in Linda Loughrey's absence. Motion to pay bills, second, CARRIED.

John Van Etten gave a shout out to Beaver Dam and Al Spence for \$3,010.00 check turned in at beginning of meeting for raffle tickets sold. A couple other clubs already turned in receipts, too. Great work.

John Van Etten received the contract from county for \$20,000.00, already reviewed by their attorney's, it is signed and approved. When we are ready, we can begin turning in receipts for reimbursement(s).

Take a child fishing on Father's Day June 19, 2022 is from 10 am-2pm, sponsored by Beaver Dam and Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club at Beaver Dam Club in Grahamsville, NY.

Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club is hosting the annual Sportsman's show, flea market and Tractor Show at the Grahamsville Fair Grounds on September 17th & September 18th, 2022. Contact Hank Samyn for more details, (845) 985-2548.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

President: John Van Etten DeBruce camp will be open 4 weeks only, this summer, hunter safety, bow hunter safety and trapping is being taught by John Van Etten.

Vice President: Hank Samyn No report.

Secretary: Marlene Muthig Nothing to report.

**Treasurer: Linda Loughrey** reported from our insurance agent, John Long that a separate rider would have to be taken out on the John Deere side-by-side.

Treasurer: Linda Loughrey -

4/30/22 balance forward

\$34,304.05

Income

\$ 110.00

Expenses paid

-\$ 2,782.68

05/31/22 ending balance

\$31,631.37

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

## **REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

Council Delegate: Gary Muthig Nothing new to report.

Trustees: Carl Lindsley; Keith Krauss; Gary Muthig Nothing to report.

**Fish: Gary Muthig** We stocked the fish this spring, Lake Waneta, Silver Lake, Morningside and Mountaindale. Gary will no longer stock for Morningside and Mountaindale parks because they will no longer allow overnight campers. The Town both changed to seasonal rentals(for campers), cabin rentals or tent rentals, only. Jack Halchak that sponsors fishing contests agrees with Gary's decision. If anyone would like to take over being the fish chair, they can decide where fish can be stocked.

The Fish biologist is gone from our area, too.

Small Game: Hank Samyn Nothing to report. Susan reported a sighting of a hen turkey with 13-15 pults. She wouldn't confirm where the sighting was.

Big Game: John Van Etten Nothing to report, however the deer report is on the DEC website.

Bow Hunting: Ray Otto absent. Harry Walker has nothing to report.

Trapping: Carl Lindsley Nothing.

**Legislative: John Van Etten** Gary Muthig said Governor Hochul signed 10 new bills. Comprehensive Ten-bill Package to close critical Gun Law Loopholes that were exposed in tragic shootings in Buffalo, NY and Ivalde, TX;

Legislation S.9458/A.10503 bars purchase of semi-automatic rifles by anyone under age 21, and requires a license for everyone else;

S.9407-B/A.10497 prohibits the purchase/sale of Body Armor with exception of those in eligible professions;

S.89-B/A.6716-A making threatening mass harm a crime;

The package also strengthens crime reporting;

Closes "other gun" loophole;

S.9113-A/A.10502 expands list of people who can file Extreme Risk Protection Orders to file ERPOs under specified set of circumstances; and strengthens our Red Flag Law to keep guns away from dangerous people;

S.4116-A/A.7926-A requires microstamping of new semiautomatic pistols/handguns;

S.9229-A/A.10428-A eliminates grandfathering of high-capacity feeding devices;

S.4511-A/A.7865-A requires social media companies to improve response to and reporting of hateful content.

Bill Gates spoke briefly about the implementation of Red Flag law. His information says the ECON officers can now turn in anyone that has multiple guns. John Van Etten says the US Supreme Court is set to rule against NY for shall issue carry permits.

Conservation Education: Keith Krauss has 7 names for Camp DeBruce. As of this evening, the refund of approximately \$700.00 has not yet been received by Linda Loughrey.

**FWMB: Carl Lindsley:** Gary Muthig says an alternate is still needed. Seymour Streigold volunteered. Carl added the representatives and alternate can car pool and rotate vehicles to keep costs down. Gary added that the representatives and alternate do not have to attend every meeting.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch says he has Habitat applications. Anyone can contact Fred (845) 649-1198 and he'll mail it out. Although spring is nearly done, fall planning for planting can be done. He plans to plant Buckwheat, which is a beneficial planting. Then kill off to plant Rye, which is beneficial in other ways. Fred added there is still time to order and plant trees for fall.

Sportsman Education: John Van Etten Nothing new, except he needs some help at Camp DeBruce. Carl Lindsey will try to help.

DEP: Hank Samyn Hank hasn't heard anything.

**Grahamsville Fair:** Hank Samyn A base has been installed and compacted, for the building. Large concrete outskirts area there, too, but nothing else.

Youth Day: Hank Samyn Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Grahamsville Fair Grounds. Carl Lindsley and Gary Muthig picked up donated rough cut lumber for bird house kits, last month. These have already been cut to size by Butch Kortright and the necessary precut parts and hardware preassembled, for future events. More details to follow, as the event approaches.

NRA: John Van Etten Nothing from Friends of NRA of Sullivan County. Bill Gates says he went to Pike Co., PA. Attendance was down.

Sweepstakes: Linda Loughrey & Hank Samyn The raffle tickets have been printed and distribution is on-going.

Annual Banquet: Gary Muthig Nothing until later on, first Saturday of October 1st, 2022. This year it will be limited to approximately 100 people in attendance. Tickets will be available on first come, first serve basis.

Pheasants: October 2, 2022. Reminder, you have to be in good standings, meaning dues must be paid and you must pick up the pheasants on October 2, 2022, only. There will be no exceptions, this year. Ice Fishing Derby: Carl Lindsley Nothing, presently.

Scholarship: Carl Lindsley Twil a hasn't contacted anyone from the committee, as far as Carl knows, so there is no award(s) due to no submissions for 2022.

**Sportsperson of the Year:** Chairman, Carl Lindsley, says committee met at 6:30 p.m., this evening, for review of 2022 nominees and recipient was selected. Once again, the committee has been sworn to secrecy until the banquet!

**Coyote Contest:** John Van Etten - Noting else until later on. Scheduled for February 3, 4, 5 of 2023. White Sulphur Springs Fire Department, Dennis Day, was contacted to see if they can cook and host, again, by Carl Lindsley. They are on board.

Nat. Geo. article is on-line, Susan was able to bring up on her smart phone and shared web address with those, interested, that were in attendance.

Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto stated Cochecton Mills have some wonderful Dunson Chestnut trees. These are much larger than usual, a little more expensive, as a result.

Budget Committee: Nothing until 2023.

Opposing the Ban for Ammunition with Lead: Eric Akerley says Todd Brown been working on it, but hasn't updated him, yet. Bill Gates says United Kingdom has a lot of shooting events there. Many different types of guns there are also being affected. He suggests we really have to get together on this. UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: Prior to this meeting, 18 clubs had unpaid dues. 6 were received and paid, up to start of this meeting. Thank you to those that paid, and Hank Samyn will be calling clubs that have not paid, even though each club was sent another reminder via U.S. mail.

Seymour Streigold brought up question of insurance liability for the John Deere. If someone were to steal it, who would be responsible? Linda Loughrey had contacted the insurance company, prior to this meeting. A separate rider has to be written. Officers will meet to make this decision, at a later time, according to John Van Etten.

Hank Samyn says the old trailer for 4 wheeler is worth about \$300.00, as is. Club motion made to sell it, second, and CARRIED.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Seymour Steigold recommends we hire someone to get a website updated and keep in running with current information and activities, and/or a co-person to help maintain it. John Van Etten will speak to Aaron F. about it. Marlene Muthig added to try to see if it could be interactive with the current Facebook page, too.

Wanton Waste Law - John Van Etten started and Carl Lindsley suggests Ricky Wood, ECO come in explore and talk to Federation about how to minimize waste of big game. We need some advise so we can take to Aileen Gunther to get support on what needs to be done in making an enforceable law. John's goal is to be sure no one average hunter to become a felon, but that he/she learns how to hunt appropriately. Bill Gates asks if Carl Lindsley can come to Orange County meeting, too. Carl says yes, after we address Sullivan County.

Gary Muthig says he and Butch Kortright with Long Beards have been talking about having a Youth Pheasant Hunt on City property, in Neversink, NY area. This will be either Sept. 24th or 25th, 2022. It will be limited to 24 kids, about 6 hours of hunting. There could be handlers with dogs, as well. More details to follow. Motion to support was made, seconded, CARRIED.

Orange County Federation will have their youth weekend on September 24th, per Bill Gates.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:35 pm; second and CARRIED.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 2022; 7:00 pm at the White Lake Fire Department Located at 1596 NY-17B White Lake, NY

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