

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

Minutes for December 13, 2023
Delegates present 16

The meeting began at 7:09 pm with a salute to the flag of the United States of America

Guest(s): Bruce Terwilliger, Wanaksink Sportsmen

Report of retired DEC Officer: Carl Lindsley Carl's items are in areas below.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley Deming states other agencies have a 20 year retirement, where the DEC has a 25 year retirement. The DEC attempted to get it reduced to 20 years, however the governor vetoed it.

The academy is hoping for 40 recruits as ECON officers in the upcoming session, even though the need far exceeds this number.
Deming has been invited back, mostly for his 'bad Dad' jokes.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the October 2023 meeting minutes, since all clubs receive a copy. Seconded and CARRIED.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Marlene Muthig, Secretary: Communications: Marlene received a refund from side-by-side Insurance \$221.00.

Marlene Muthig, Secretary/Treasurer; Katie Dauch, Assistant Treasurer: Bill Norris, snacks \$5.69 ; F & T Fur Harvesters \$319.80, Katie Dauch \$150.00 4th Qtr. 2023 Asst. Treasurer; Marlene Muthig \$150.00 4th Qtr. 2023, internet \$ 249.97 4th Qtr. 2023, mileage for banking and post office errands \$62.88; Ellen Ward help with the coyote mailing \$48.75; Liberty Press fliers & raffles for Coyote Contest \$788.00; Sullivan County Democrat ad for coyote contest \$115.29; debit card - Gary Muthig - Outdoor News coyote ads \$736.00 Mountain Eagle News coyote ads \$240.00 Walnut Mountain Reporter coyote ads \$239.40 Fur Fin & Feather a gun \$500.00 All Things Accuracy a crossbow \$559.00 Mobil gas for errands \$84.25

A motion was made to pay current bills, seconded and CARRIED.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: John VanEtten John returned several envelopes of returned mail from coyote mailing. Also, see sections below.
Vice President: Carl Lindsley in other sections.
Secretary: Marlene Muthig Nothing in this section.
Treasurer: Marlene Muthig / Asst., Katie Dauch

09/30/23 balance forward	\$26,630.81
Income	\$ 5,850.00
Expenses paid	-
10/31/23 book balance	<u>\$33,617.79</u>
void ch.	-\$ 825.07
void ch.	+150.00
void ch.	+160.00
void ch.	+770.00
void ch.	<u>+160.00</u>

RECEIVED

DEC 26 2023

SULLIVAN COUNTY
LEGISLATURE

Corrected balance 10/31/23 \$183.02

10/31/23 balance forward 900.00

Income 9000.00

Transfer from Savings - 8990.76

Expenses 281.00

Insurance refunds (overpayments) \$1,373.26

11/30/23 balance

REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Motion to accept as read, seconded, APPROVED.

Council Delegate: Gary Muthig Gary spoke regarding the Council. Casey only now doing 5 hours per week and she got a better paying, full time job and is also a new Mom. Carl resigned from the committee, this evening.

Trustees: Keith Krauss; Gary Muthig; Hank Samyn Nothing to report.

Fish: Seymour Streigold Seymour absent, but stocking done for 2023.

Pheasants: A couple delegates note there are some still flying around or being sited.

Big Game: John Van Eten John says he got his first buck, in about 4 years. Carl says bear, seem to be smaller and more of the dumpster dive variety or nuisance.

Bow Hunting: Ray Otto waiting to see end result of bow take. He says people are seeing less deer, but bigger bucks.

Legislative: John Van Eten 12/8/23, at any business you can carry a legal concealed pistol, unless they have it posted that you cannot.

Trapping: Carl Lindsay Carl doesn't know of anything new.

All Things Accuracy at Sullivan Avenue in Liberty, NY is doing indoor league, evenings. There is one for teenager's, as well.

Conservation Education: Keith Krauss nothing at present. John received word from the DEC, he's to be rehired at DeBruce. He says they plan to voucher us this time, rather than deducting from our account.

FWMB: Carl Lindsay/Gary Muthig Carl resigned from this committee, as of this meeting, due to health issues and other aggravations. Gary says there was a state meeting last Thursday by zoom. It had to do with state public accesses. They are getting 10% saying yes and 90% saying no. The FWMB will be helping the DEC to go back to approach people that said no, trying to get them to reconsider. Sullivan County would lose about 4,000 fish.

Gary asked for a volunteer for Sportsman's representative for FWMB, as he's already the landowner's representative for Sullivan County. Bruce Terwilliger, Wanaskink Sportsmen, asked a few questions. Fred Bosch Fred says while in woods, deer hunting, it's a good time to plan what to do for next year's habitat. He suggests planting keifer pears. They drop last of September, early October.

Sportsman Education: John Van Eten John had more next step programs recently held at the Sullivan County Conservation Club than any place else in the state. They had 2.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch Fred says while in woods, deer hunting, it's a good time to plan what to do for next year's habitat. He suggests planting keifer pears. They drop last of September, early October.

BOW: (Becoming an Outdoors Woman) Nothing new.

DEP: Gary Muthig He had to submit a different letter for property near Moore Hill Rd. by Tom Yager, for trapping and bow only. DEP says rifle hunting is staying, unless someone builds a house, then they'll consider revisiting it.

Grahamsville Fair next year.

Youth Day: Hank Samyn, Chair and Marlene Muthig, Asst. Chair Nothing until next year. Motion for September 14th, 2024. Second, carried in November 2023 meeting.

Youth Fishing Day: Nothing until next year. Tentatively Father's Day weekend 2024.

NRA: John VanEtten John states there is no word from them.

Sweepstakes: Hank Samyn; Marlene nothing until 2024. Gary Muthig stopped in Liberty about 2024 Polaris only about \$12,234.00 last month. This is about \$1,000.00 less than a John Deere side-by-side. Any member can shop and bring prices back. Fred's suggestion about next year's tickets increasing to \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. A brief discussion ensued. The consensus seems to be we stick with a side-by-side. It's a more versatile machine, more people seem to want one and it gets more sales, too.

Annual Banquet: Gary Muthig nothing until 1st Saturday, October 2024. Recommendation to purchase a microphone and speaker system. Marlene looked up 3 types of systems. The average is under \$350.00 for 2000 watt speakers, a microphone and all necessary wiring and connectors. Hank will give paperwork to Seymour for review. She was not able to pull up anything through Sourcewell, as it's not very user friendly.

Sportsperson of the Year: nothing until 2024.

Pheasants nothing until 2024. We won't be ordering as many in the future. Partly due to lack of clubs volunteering and partly to the cost increasing. This year, pheasants were \$15.50 each.

Youth pheasant hunt nothing until, tentatively, the last weekend in September 2024. Denman Mountain wants to donate their 2024 birds to this event, only.

Ice Fishing Derby: Carl Lindsley It's slated for Crystal Lake, permitted there is enough ice on the 4th Saturday of January 2024. Carl got a call from a John Ferrell in Manhattan. He wants to do a two day event, so families could help their Scouts earn Merit Badges and participate in other activities at Crystal Lake. Most of that would be up to the Scouts, as weather controls our event.

Scholarships Carl Lindsley: Carl needs to meet with Twila Herbert to review criteria. Applications are now available on the Federation website and Twila previously let Carl know applications are in high school guidance offices, at each of the Sullivan County schools. Nothing else until 2024.

Coyote Contest: Carl checked with Dan Clark. He will be taking viable carcasses, and hunters should load them on a trailer that will be sitting near the weigh in station at White Sulphur Springs Fire House during the event. Carl aired concerns after prizes. Committee had originally agreed on \$60.00, then a second and any subsequent dog being \$35.00. That ended up being changed to \$60.00 across the board, since this may be the last contest.

Over 700 envelopes were prepared, stuffed and mailed out.

T-shirts and hats have been ordered by Hank. It's unsure when they'll be in, but will only be available during the contest.

The coyote bear was ordered from F & T Fur Trader, along with a few other small prizes by Marlene Muthig, as is standing tradition.

As of 12/15/23 there are 71 registered hunters and 65 people going to the Sunday dinner and drawings.

A sign-up sheet is on front table. Gary Muthig suggests between 20 - 25 volunteers needed for Sunday. The weigh-in guys also need help, for all 3 days of the event.

Booze and bullet donations are needed, please bring to next meeting and give to Mark, from Buck Ridge. **Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto** Lisa Shick from Sullivan County Soil & Conservation has ordered Northern Spy Apples. She's looking into Dunson Chestnut trees, per Susan's request. Susan's trying to grow chestnut trees.

Budget Committee: Nothing until January 6, 2024 at Sorello's at 1 pm. This is for officers, trustees and all committee chair that has a line in the budget.

Opposing the Ban for Ammunition with Lead: Eric Akerley absent. Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: Gift Certificate for Dinner for 2 to Rockland House donated back for a veteran by the winner of the raffle. A motion was made to take list of delegates present during November meeting, that are veterans and a winner will be selected at the December meeting. Second, Carried. The winner drawn from a box top is Keith Krauss. Congratulations and thank you to all our veterans for their service and sacrifices.

Carl Lindsley brought up the large expenses, especially with the agreement between Sullivan County and Federation still being in limbo for 2023. John added he believes the appropriate paperwork is now in the hands of the County. Carl further asked who is doing the purchasing and/or making decisions regarding the Coyote Hunt. Gary Muthig stated that he is, as one of committee chair. Marlene Muthig asked that since the last of the purchases, seems to be the advertising, that spending should be carefully reviewed for necessity, cost, etc. and be limited, due to funds coming in very slowly.

NEW BUSINESS: Suggestion by Gary future fund raiser if this is last Coyote Hunt. A flyer was up front for anyone that wanted to look at it.

Nomination and voting in of Officers: *Deming* President: John S. Van Ethen Vice President: Carl Lindsley Secretary/Treasurer: Marlene Muthig - asks that the Federation look for replacement, but she'll maintain the positions until a replacement is found. Assistant Treasurer: Katie Dauch - respectfully declined for 2024. Trustees: Keith Krauss up for 2024 renewal. Gary Muthig, Hank Samyn Secretary cast one vote for President, Vice-President and Trustee. President case one vote for Secretary/Treasurer. Closed special meeting for nominations.

Misc. Info. John Van Ethen thanked everyone for bringing holiday refreshments and snacks.

Woods Pond Rod & Gun Club and Woodridge Fire Department putting on Jared Project Memorial Ice Fishing Contest with raffle. Registration 8am - 1pm; awards 1pm. This will be at Silver Lake Kreiger Park, Woodridge, NY Drawing Sat, January 20, 2024. 1st prize 2-pc Milwaukee M18 Fuel Hammer Drill & Impact Driver with K-Drill 7.5" Ice Auger; 2nd Prize Clam X5000 Ice Fishing Thermal Tent; 3rd Prize Buddy Big 18,000 BTU Pro Series Propane Heater. \$10.00 donation. Proceeds to Jared's daughter, Joycelyn Project's future fund. Contact Eric Akerley (845) 707-1483 for more info and/or to purchase ticket(s).

Woods Pond Rod & Gun Club and Woodridge Fire Department chill luncheon Sat, January 20, 2024 from 2-5pm at the Woodridge Fire Department social hall. Proceeds to Jared's daughter, Joycelyn Project's

future fund. Donations of Goodwill. Raffles & 50/50's. Contact Eric Akerley for more info. (845) 707-1483

Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club Raffle Wicked Ridge - Raider 400 DE-Cock Crossbow. Raffles \$10.00 each. Winner will be contacted when ticket sales have run out. Contact Ryan Bolln, President (845) 399-6703 or Eric Akerley (845) 707-1483

Motion to Adjourn: 9:12 pm, Second and CARRIED.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, January 10, 2024; 7:00 pm** at the **White Lake Fire Department**
Located at 1596 NY-17B White Lake, NY

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FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY

REGISTRATION Dec. 2023 MONTHLY MEETING

NAME OF CLUB

Delegate/Alternate

1 STONY BROOK

Bill Norris

2 FEBOSCH SPORTSMAN

Fred Bosch

3 STUY BROOK

Pat Norris

4 THE STARS P&G

Pat Norris

5 ~~STUY BROOK~~ ADON

Greg McWhys

6 ~~STUY BROOK~~ HILTYE P&G

Greg McWhys

7 MUDKING

Melanie Muthing

8 IROQUOIS

Jan Otto

9 WOLF LIKE COS. CLUB

Hilary Walker

10 SMUGGLERS CAB

BANDY STEWARD

11 Bear Hunt Club

Carl Spore

12 WANAUKSINK LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Tom Spore

13 Red Fox Game Preserve

Paul G. Smith

14 Sullivan County Conservation Club

John S. Van Etten

15 Sullivan County Long Beards

Jason Finore

16 Sullivan County Long Beards

Walter Wilson

17 Checker

Tom Marmorek

18 Sloof

Paul Marmorek

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