

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

Minutes for October 11, 2023 The meeting began at 7:05 pm with a salute to the flag

Delegates present 14 of the United States of America

\* Correction 13 delegates + 2 guests from Wanaksink (not current members/delegates)

**Guest(s):** ECO Dorosky spoke about permit for crossbow use for disabled people, with doctor's approval, and the DEC approval, can bow hunt. The crossbow does have to meet DEC standards. Width is 14", drawn weight 100-200 lbs., bolt length 14" and it's all in the game guide. In late February to early March 2024, the DEC is trying to start up an academy. He believes there are about 85 people for 40 or so candidate spots. You need a Bachelor's degree or some military/police experience can cut that requirement down, some (according to retired DEC Deming Lindsley.)

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

**Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley** Deming reported Sportsman of the Year tickled pink, with recognition. Current photo and article in Sullivan County Democrat dated 10/13/23.

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

**BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Marlene Muthig, Secretary: Communications: Thank you notes from Sullivan County Long Beards for help at Jakes Event, co-sponsored youth Pheasant Hunt and another for donation on behalf of Kyle Muthig.

John Van Etten: John submitted an add-on to County of Sullivan for Grant of \$20,000.00 for youth events, fish and pheasant. The deadline was October 06, 2023 and it was on time.

Marlene Muthig, Secretary/Treasurer; Katie Dauch, Assistant Treasurer (absent): Bill Norris, snacks \$18.70; balance due Pheasant Hill Birds \$8,300.00; Rockland House \$4,356.00; habitat reimbursements to 20 clubs that submitted paperwork for reimbursement \$7,499.94, bonuses to 37 clubs \$11,255.00 & early bird bonuses \$200.00 to Clubs that sold raffle tickets. Also, Precision Engraving Sportsman's plaque \$35.00; S.C. Democrat misc. ads. \$835.34; Premier Printing & Apparel - 24 hats with sewn on Federation patches \$528.00; postage for raffle prizes \$86.85 and misc. dinner prizes, awards, mileage \$220.88.

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

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**President: John Van Etten** John see sections below.

**Vice President: Carl Lindsley** in other sections.

**Secretary: Marlene Muthig** Nothing in this section.

**Treasurer: Marlene Muthig / Asst., Katie Dauch (absent)**

08/31/23 balance forward	\$ 17,426.45
Income	\$ 14,503.00
Expenses paid	<u>-\$ 5,500.20</u>
09/29/23 book balance	\$ 26,429.25
Adj. Apple tree did not process debit	+131.56
reversal Ck 3654 from 10/22 not cashed	<u>+ 70.00</u>
09/29/23 adjusted balance	\$26,630.81

Motion to accept as read, seconded, APPROVED.

**REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Council Delegate: Gary Muthig** Gary says the Senate is reaching out to the Governor for bill S4099, that still is not on her desk.

**Trustees: Keith Krauss; Gary Muthig; Hank Samyn** (absent) Nothing to report.

**Fish: Seymour Streigold** absent. Gary Muthig says walleys & perch should be this month.

**Small Game: Hank Samyn** absent. Gary Muthig saw a lot of turkey hens, toms and pullets. Also, lots of

pheasants in Neversink area.

**Orange County 1,113 pheasants** stocking at Stewart State Forest and Sterling Forest. Paper brought in by

Bill Gates from Tri-States.

**Big Game: John Van Etten** John has nothing to report. He has been seeing a lot of deer, though. Ricky

Wood's son got his first 9 point buck during the youth hunt.

**Bow Hunting: Ray Otto** says bow season is open through November 16th. Ray currently doesn't know of anyone that has got a deer, yet. He reports it is a beautiful time of year to be in the woods and observe nature.

Gary Muthig and John Van Etten stated you can get the modified crossbow permit, for disabled people to use on a crossbow, when approved by a doctor and the DEC. The permit is available through DEC,

on-line, for 5 years.

Mark P. says the butcher shop near him, had 18 deer brought in, already.

**Trapping: Carl Lindsley** Nothing new. John Van Etten says there will be a trappers course in Garrison,

NY. Anne MacNamara reached out to him, frantically for people to help teach it. If anyone is available,

please reach out to Anne or John.

**Legislative: John Van Etten** Nothing new except Oberacker's updates. The Senator is introducing a bill

to exempt pistol permit holders from the ammo background checks. The deadline for the Governor

signing the Coyote Contest bill is 10/31/23.

**Conservation Education: Keith Krauss** Gary Muthig spoke about Sept. 20th meeting, the state will be

doing fish access, leases. They won't be stocking fish on private properties. They will be updating some

of their maps, too. Venison donations are only accepted in Dutchess County. Nuisance permits are

including a slip to donate the meat. Gary Krantz is a butcher that Gary Muthig will talk to him, hoping

for a reduced rate, if the Federation can pick up the tab, to donate it. More research to be done.

**FWMB: Carl Lindsley** Gary Muthig nothing new.

**HABITAT: Fred Bosch** Fred thanks all habitat inspectors for 20 applications turned in and were inspected.

Fred also appreciates the bump from \$6,500 in budget to \$7,500.00. Fred has carefully calculated

Checks to be written over the next few days and mailed out. The approved list was handed from Fred to

Marlene. Updated: All checks were written, signed off and out in mail by October 13th.

**Sportsman Education: John Van Etten** John stated on 9/30 at the Conservation club, they held a

trappers class, 19 people signed up and 3 were no shows, with one more auditing the class. The hands

on follow up was on Sunday, 10/1. John reports that 2/3 of that class did not show, but for the ones that

did, it was a fun and educational day. Classes are available on-line, except trapping.

**BOW: Gary Muthig** nothing new.

**DEP: Gary Muthig** nothing.

**Grahamsville Fair** next year.

**Youth Day:** Hank Samyn, Chair and Marlene Muthig, Asst. Chair 149 kids present. Nothing until next year.

**Youth Fishing Day:** Nothing until next year.

**NRA:** John Van Etten John states there is no word from them.

**Sweepstakes:** Hank Samyn Marlene - all winners (type names here).... 7 clubs received 40% bonus, BeaverDam held the top honors in sales of \$11,498.00. A tremendous thank you to Al Spence and Ron Krom for going out to sell over 50 times!!! Thank you to all the clubs that sold tickets, as this helps fund what the Federation does for the area youth with outdoor programs and events.

Fred Bosch recommends changing from \$1.00 per ticket to \$5.00 tickets in lots of 3. He also brought a sample from a different Federation. He suggests \$5. each and/or 3 for \$10. Discussion will ensue at a later time and date.

**Annual Banquet:** Gary Muthig Carl Lindsley spoke briefly, enjoyed dinner, appetizers, and company. However, we need a good sound system for next time. Marlene Muthig mentioned that this year's door prizes were a big hit, too. Gary Muthig stated 131 seats were reserved, the Rockland House invoiced for only 121 meals. Next year's price will be a little higher, since this year it was increased.

Raffle Winners from 2023 drawing:

1st - Isaiah Whitney	2nd - AJ Piscitelli	3rd - Melissa Oliver
4th - Joe (phone disconnected) prize to be used in the future	5th - Alex Lambros donate to a veteran	
6th - Brian Johnson	7th - Pete Tomas (no response)	8th - John Grochmal
9th - Kitt Borowski	10th - Paul Hartman	11th - Ashlyn (picked up at dinner)
12th - Robert Heyward	13th - Bill Rieber	14th - David Huber

BONUS 1 (Roscoe Campground cabin for 2- Renee Lotz

BONUS 2 (Butternut Grove camping - Debbie Howard

**Sportsperson of the Year:** Carl Lindsley. Gary Muthig announced Ricky Wood the Sportsman for the 2023 recipient. He humbly accepted his award. His family, several co-workers and the Lieutenant were there to support him and enjoy the event. Photos were taken by the Sullivan County Democrat of him receiving this coveted award and an article was written. Other photos were taken with ECO Wood and prior Sportsmen/women that were in attendance, along with lots of congratulations and a nice round of applause.

**Pheasants** 558 birds were picked up.

The state went last weekend and stocked their birds near the Neversink Reservoir.

**Youth pheasant hunt** The state donated 50 birds, 3 clubs donated 54 birds, too. It ran the full weekend, all hunters got wet, got their 2 bird limit, and either 6 or 7 dogs and handlers were there. The food was purchased from Wilson's Deli in Ellenville for the youth event. This event was co-sponsored by the Sullivan County Long Beards and Federation of Sportsman's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc.

**Ice Fishing Derby:** Carl Lindsley It's slated for 10 mile Crystal Lake, permitted there is enough ice at the end of January, beginning of February 2024.

**Scholarships** Carl Lindsley : Nothing until 2024.

**Coyote Contest:** The committee will need to meet & make some decisions if/when Governor signs off.

Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto She sent an email to Chestnut Hills Nursery for chestnut trees to sell. One year old trees, 100 trees minimum are \$25.95 each and are 90% american/10% chinese. Gary says 2 different trees have to be planted together. One is early, starts in October, the other starts a little later, so it gets you Chestnuts through December. Budget Committee: Nothing until January 2024.

Opposing the Ban for Ammunition with Lead: Eric Akerley absent. Currently it was vetoed.

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Roosevelt Rod & Gun Club sent in 2 checks, postmarked 10/02/23 and received 10/04/23. One was for \$250.00 along with raffle tickets. Prior to the annual dinner, the officers met and approved depositing that check and allowing the raffle tickets to be entered in the drawing. The second check was for \$55.00 and was accompanied by a membership application. A motion to make them active in 2024 was made. Carried and approved. A revised motion was brought up to approve them for the rest of 2023 and all of 2024, but there was not a second.

Misc. Info. Port Jervis Fall Festival is this coming Sunday.

Tri-States states there is deer processing in Pine Bush with Peter Oberaker, website ffuc.org for more information.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:25 pm, Second and CARRIED.

Early Bird drawing: 10 clubs for \$20.00 each Happy Daze; Mountain View; Wolf Lake; Smuggler's Nob; Tri-States; Rock Quarry; Cider Ridge; Bald Mountain; Hunter Road; and Buck Hunting. Congratulations located at 1596 NY-17B White Lake, NY

*Marlene Muthig*

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REGISTRATION Oct. 11, 2023

MONTHLY MEETING

NAME OF CLUB

Delegate/Alternate

1	Back Ridge	Mark T. Puorschen
2	Stony Brook	Bob Neri
3	Muthig	Marlene Muthig
4	A DEN	Gary Muthig
5	Stony Brook	Paul Morris
6	FEDSCK Sportsmans Club	Paul Bush
7	Sullivan County Conservation Club	John S. Van Etten
8	Troquois Club	Ray Ott
9	Tri States Rtg	W. W. Hols
10	Whippoorwill Camp	Eric Heinzel   Gunther Heinzel
11	Whippoorwill	Gunther Hanzl
12	Buck Hurley Club	Carl Audley
13	Sioux	Paul Neri
* 14	WANAKSINK LAKE *	Bruce Lowinger
15	* Not 2023 member *	
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