

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

Minutes for April 10, 2024 The meeting began at 7:05 pm with a salute to the flag Delegates

present: 17 of the United States of America

Guest(s): Camille O'Brien running for 100th in Assembly District (to replace Aileen Gunther); Senator Peter Oberaker; EOC officer Parker; Katie Dauch, Tri-Valley FFA.

Katie Dauch, President of Tri-Valley FFA stated: The FFA will be traveling to the 99th annual NYS FFA convention in Buffalo, NY, the first week of May 2024, to participate in a competition called "Ag issues". There will be 7 members on the team, in grades 7-12, with other members partaking in a variety of other events and competitions, including 8 delegates for their business meeting, for a total of 21 members (plus advisors and chaperones.) She opened the floor to questions from the delegation. One member asked if the FFA was looking for a donation, which she graciously replied "no."

Senator Oberaker states he is a sportsman that loves to hunt, loves to fish, and loves to bow hunt. He is running again, this year, for senator. He reviewed some of the bills coming up;

Bill 7674 "Permits those licenses to carry or possess a pistol or revolver to purchase or take possession of a semi-automatic rifle or licensed to hunt wildlife to purchase or take possession of ammunition without requiring contact the statewide license and record database."

Bill 8737 "Allows a person who is at least ten years of age to hunt small game, fowl, deer or bear during applicable seasons without obtaining a hunting license or hunter's safety education course certification and to possess or control a firearm if the person is within arm's reach of a qualified hunting mentor."

Bill 8461 "Established the sporting range good neighbor act requiring skeet field tracts at shooting ranges to be certain dimensions; prohibits them from including wetlands or open water sources; directs the department of environmental conservation to promulgate rules and regulations regarding environmental stewardship and lead ammo material reclamation."

The Senator reminds people to get out and vote to have some say relating to hunter maintaining rights. He suggest early voting or absentee ballots, too. He challenges everyone to try to convince 2 people that are no longer voting, to get back to the polls.

ECO Parker says he and ECO Wood are the only officers in Sullivan County and some of Orange County. He also stated striper season has already started and they are running.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Carl Lindsley Carl - absent

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Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the March 2024 meeting minutes, since all clubs receive a copy. Seconded and CARRIED.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Marlene Osterhout, Secretary: Communications: Received a returned envelope from John from coyote hunt, we previously stopped payment on the check & reissued it.

John Van Etten, President: Communication: John received notice from Sullivan County Legislature of the basic approval for the \$20,000.00 that they give the Federation, annually.

Marlene Osterhout, Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Norris, snacks \$16.60; Liberty Mutual, side by side insurance \$500.00; Gary Muthig \$95.50 New Paltz, FWMB; Premier Printing \$5.00, plaque engraving (sportsman of year 2023).

The fraud charge was posted on the Federation checking account for \$980.25. Marlene went back to Jeff Bank yesterday, to get a temporary credit and make sure investigation is still going on, even though the bank's fraud detection until had previously contacted her.

Motion was made to pay current bills, seconded and CARRIED.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: John VanEtten John reiterates that in his opinion Senator Oberaker maintains a strong position for sportsmen. He also reminds all delegates that the Federation is not a political club, does not endorse any party, but feels that Oberaker is a good guy. Other topics in other areas.

Vice President: Carl Lindsley Carl absent.

Secretary/Treasurer: Marlene Osterhout Nothing except financial, in this section.

2/29/24 Balance forward \$9,865.89

Income \$ 465.00

Expenses paid - 2,099.50

03/31/24 book balance \$8,231.39

Motion to accept as read, seconded, APPROVED.

REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Council Delegate: Gary Muthig Gary says they foiled the coyote ban 595 pages long. 216 positive responses. 53 negative responses. The state is looking to put in archery ranges for schools, etc. Habitat stamps 18.5 million. Venison donations were about \$20,000. through the state. They're also looking to take more does. Pheasants - getting birds from PA. They are being increased from 30,000 to 50,000 for youth, women and seniors.

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

Small Game: Hank said nothing new. Lots of sightings reported by various delegates.

Fish: Stocking started on April 3, 2024.

Pheasants: Nothing until later in 2024.

Big Game: John VanEtten bear report up on the DEC website. Bill Gates had his report. Sullivan County had the largest take in the state. 1,356 bear, 485 in Northern Zone, 871 in the Southern Zone.

Bow Hunting: Ray Otto Ray absent. Gary Muthig stated he got his. Unmodified crossbow permits over 1,300 given out and over 800 still pending. John says 3 desks are piled with application. The best bet is to do application online.

Trapping: Carl Lindsley Carl absent. "Relates to the regulation of live restraint cable devices to take wildlife; authorizes regulations by the department of environmental conservation." (S785 & A6891) A snare is still illegal. **Legislative:**

JohnVan Etten nothing

Conservation Education: Keith Krauss Keith says March DeBruce not opening. Pack Forest, will take 2 of our kids. John will be instructing there. Keith will be giving it another week or so, then reach out for a refund. John encourages anyone at least 18 to apply or contact him, so DeBruce could possibly open. Applications are on DEC website. New requirement is 48 hours of higher education to qualify.

FWMB: Gary Muthig Not much going on this year.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch Fred has some Habitat applications, get them from him. In SC Democrat was the SC Soil and Water Conservation District has 2024 Spring Fish Program Order Form (copy attached.)

Sportsman Education: John S. Van Etten Apprentice training classes will be coming available soon, too. Hunter Safety Course April 13 from 8:00 am to 3:00 p.m. at the Sullivan County Conservation Club. Please go on their website for details and to sign up.

BOW: (Becoming an Outdoors Woman) John reminds people to go to DEC website for more information, or go on your favorite search engine.

DEP: Gary Muthig nothing new.

Grahamsville Fair: Lots of clean up happened there.

Youth Day: Hank Samyn, Chair and Marlene Osterhout, Asst. Chair Nothing until later in the year. Slated September 14th, 2024.

Youth Fishing Day: Nothing currently. Tentatively date is Father's Day weekend Saturday, June 2024 at Morningside Park in Hurleyville, NY. This is a free event for kids up to age 15.

NRA: John VanEtten John no word from Sullivan County Friends of NRA. Ulster County has something like it, a dinner for \$100.00 a plate is coming up.

Legislation: Bill Gates

Sweepstakes: Hank Samyn; Gary Muthig Hank picked up the tickets from the printer. 1 for \$5.00; 3 for \$10.00 or 7 for \$20.00. Seymour and Hank set up the clubs with tickets. Seymour suggested we either cut back raffle prizes to 1/2 and use remaining funds to promote hunting, fishing and habitat. Please come to the May meeting for input regarding this change, reach out to an officer, email or go on the website (listed at bottom.)

Please reach out to either Hank (845)720-2340 or Seymour (845) 707-1389 for more tickets. Hank says next month all clubs should pick up raffle tickets at the meeting or have another club pick them up for you, as no tickets will be mailed this year.

New minimum is \$260.00 in sales for bonuses, due to new assemblies of tickets. Motion made, second, Approved.

Annual Banquet: Gary Muthig no update now. Saturday, October 05, 2024 at the Rockland House in Roscoe, NY. The dinner price will be going up, as we were charged more in 2023.

Sportsperson of the Year: nothing until later 2024.

Pheasants nothing until 2024. We'll be cutting back, partly due to lack of clubs volunteering and partly to the cost increasing.

Youth pheasant hunt nothing until, tentatively, the last weekend in September 28 & 29, 2024. Denman Mountain wants to donate their 2024 birds to this event, specifically.

Ice Fishing Derby: Carl Lindsley Nothing until late 2024 for January of 2025.

Scholarships Carl Lindsley: Mark P. has seen it in SC Democrat. Katie reported several students picked up an application at Tri-Valley, but don't have sponsors related, so are not qualified. Tri-Valley also has a partial list of scholarships on their web page with the Federation's being included.

Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto (left early) John reported the SC Soil & Conservation District sold American Chestnut trees, this year, about 100.

Budget Committee: Nothing until 2025.

Opposing the Ban for Ammunition with Lead:Eric Akerley absent.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Any club that hasn't already paid the 2024 dues, the deadline was the April 2024 meeting. The dues still are \$55.00 per year. Reminders were mailed out last week. 4 clubs responded, already. Next month, no vote if your club hasn't paid.

NEW BUSINESS:

New club: Highland Waterfowlers, LLC \$55.00 Motion, second, waiting period waived APPROVED. If anyone knows any of their contact information, please reach out via email or to the website below. A check was received without an application and an incomplete address.

Ulster County Federation - donation to GOA-NYS with match \$250.00 Motion, second APPROVED

Motion to Adjourn: 8:35pm, Second and CARRIED.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, May 8, 2024; 7:00 pm** at the **White Lake Fire Department**
Located at 1596 NY-17B White Lake, NY

Submitted by:
Marlene Osterhout, Secretary/Treasurer

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marlene O", with a large, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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REGISTRATION April 10, 2024

MONTHLY MEETING

NAME OF CLUB

Delegate/Alternate

1	Sioux	Kevin K.
2	Woods Pond Rtg	Seymour Strieder
3	FE Bosch Sportsman	Frank E Bosch
4	Tri State R & G	W. Hayes
5	Sullivan County Conservation Club	John S. Van Etten
6	Aden	Gary M. King
7	Stony Brook	Paul Harris
8	Hunter R	Harb Seng
9	Buck Ridge Rod & Gun	Mark Reichert
10	Pleasant Valley Gun Club	Barry A. Colloghan
11	Stony Brook	Bill Nam
12	Iroquois Club	Susan Ott
13	Cherokee	Tim Mangobell
14	ELDER ROD + GUN	Pete + Kell
15	Excelsior	Joe R
16	WANASINK LAKE SB	Bruce Carllig
17	Whisperwill Camp	Gunter Herzog
18	Whisperwill Camp	Eric Helzer
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District

64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754

(845)292-6552 Ext. 101 Fax (845)292-9073

2024 SPRING FISH PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Bluegill Sunfish (3"-5") @ \$2.50 **Each** # of Fish _____ Amount \$ _____

Channel Catfish (4"-6") @ \$2.50 **Each** # of Fish _____ Amount \$ _____

Largemouth Bass (4"-6") @ \$4.25 **Each** # of Fish _____ Amount \$ _____

Fathead Minnows (1"- 3") @ \$26.00 **Per .lb** # of Pound _____ Amount \$ _____
(1 pound = approximately 200 minnows)

Triploid Grass Carp (8"-10") @ \$25.00 **Each** # of Fish _____ Amount \$ _____ (non-tax)

10 lb. bag Zeigler Floating Fish Feed # of Bags _____ Amount \$ _____
(1/8" diameter pellet) @ \$20.00 **Per bag**

40 lb. bag Barley Straw pellets @ \$95.00 **Per bag** # of Bags _____ Amount \$ _____
(treats 1/3 acre/inhibits new algae growth)

(all items taxable except grass carp) **Taxable Subtotal** \$ _____

8% NYS Sales Tax Amount \$ _____

Handling fee \$ 5.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **Sullivan County SWCD.**

Fish Order deadline: Monday, June 10, 2024

Fish Distribution: Saturday, June 15, 2024 – at 1:00 pm

A **copy** of your fish stocking permit should be sent along with your order form if possible.

Office use only:

Date Received	Verify	Check No.