

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

Minutes for February 14, 2024 The meeting began at 7:07 pm with a salute to the flag
Delegates present: 15 of the United States of America
Guest(s): Chris from Highland Water Fowlers
Report of retired DEC Officer: Carl Lindsley Carl's items are in areas below.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley Deming clarified law regarding Coyote Hunt: " It is unlawful for any person to organize, sponsor, conduct, promote or participate in any contest, competition or derby with intent..." Deer, bear, turkey still are OK for contest hunting, at present.

At Ballston Spa recently there was a convention for the DEC, Deming attended and had a good time.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Marlene Muthig, Secretary: Communications: Thank you to Katie Dauch for writing all checks and helping so much with all the necessary paperwork regarding the coyote hunt and dinner.
A note from Dan Castiglione wishing us well at the Coyote Hunt, as their local District # 9 Trapper Assn. has their contest the same dates, he regretted he was unable to attend ours.

Marlene Muthig, Secretary/Treasurer: Transfer to savings \$10,000.00; Bill Norris, snacks \$20.83 ; Ellen Ward, coyote paperwork \$30.00; Katie Dauch \$135.34 coyote deposits and confirmations ; Marlene Muthig \$64.32 mileage for banking and post office errands regarding coyote hunt/dinner ; Sullivan County Democrat ad for coyote contest \$461.20 and Ice Fishing ads \$230.60 + \$102.48; Outdoor News \$549.00 coyote ads.; The Mountain Eagle, ads. \$240.00; Premier Printing & Apparel \$1506.00 coyote tshirts and caps; Liberty Press, coyote ad: \$374.50; Precision Engraving , ice fishing \$60.00; Carl Lindsley ice fishing \$7.76 and coyote \$15.00 prize; and coyote winners \$9,970.00 from 16th and final hunt; dinners, soda and water to WSS Fire Dept. \$5037.00; Beer World \$275.37 coyote hunt; Paesanos Pizza \$105.30 expense during contest.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: John VanEtten John got a sweat shirt from Oberaker at coyote registration. He donated it back to one of the volunteers of the coyote registration/dinner. John shared he thought the registration, organizing and orchestration of dinner and raffles went much more smoothly and thanked all volunteers that were present for their help.

Vice President: Carl Lindsley added a thank you to all volunteers. More in other sections.

Secretary/Treasurer: Marlene Muthig Nothing in this section.

12/31/23	Balance forward	\$3,060.29
	Income	\$ 17,009.00

2023 SC Grant/Agreement
 Expenses paid - \$1,984.66
 01/31/24 book balance \$38,084.63

Motion to accept as read, seconded, APPROVED.
REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Council Delegate: Gary Muthig Gary said nothing new.

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

Small Game: John says he saw several rabbits, Hank said a fox spotted.

Fish: Seymour Stregold Seymour nothing.

Pheasants: Nothing until later in 2024.

Big Game: John Van Etten nothing new.

Bow Hunting: Ray Otto absent.

Trapping: Carl Lindsay Carl says state is trying to do surveys using cameras. They are trying to establish

male/female bobcats. Unsure when it will start.

Legislative: John Van Etten, Peter Oberacker and others, are working on a bill to go

against what the Governor just signed.

Conservation Education: Keith Krauss Keith says March 24, 2024, ages 11-17, is when the DEC opens up

registration. The Federation sponsors about 10, but if the interest is more, we will vote to increase this

year's budget.

Carl Lindsay added DeBruce should be open this year, he has 4 people interested. John Van Etten is

pretty sure DeBruce is staffed, but they will only have 11-13 year old, due to several counselors being

first year. Carl added there will be a trapping course.

Carl has about 3 people interested in to Pack Forest. Gary Muthig has a neighbor interested, too.

Please ask around in your clubs for kids that want to attend and get their names in, so the Federation

can sponsor them. Generally, DeBruce is the one that is sponsored, but kids can go to any of the DEC

camps that open.

FWMB: Gary Muthig meeting in New Paltz on Jan. 17, 2024, was same as in Utica, toward end of

January 2024. The meeting was about public access for fishing for landowners that haven't responded

to letter that was sent requesting permission, they will be following up.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch Fred says seed catalogs are coming out for fruit trees. He says you should try to

figure out what you or your club needs and do some ordering. It's a good time to cut maples for browse

for deer to eat.

Butch Kortright from Bald Mountain says there's a seed subsidy through NWTFF, at about 1/2 price.

Membership is \$35.00. Butch says contact him for more information, before next meeting.

Sportsman Education: John S. Van Etten April 09, 2024, there's a refresher course for instructors from 7

pm-9:30 pm at Conservation Club. Apprentice training classes will be coming available soon, too.

BOW: (Becoming an Outdoors Woman) nothing new.

DEP: Gary Muthig nothing new.

Grahamsville Fair later in the year.

Youth Day: Hank Samyn, Chair and Marlene Muthig, 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 15, 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.

Sweepstakes: Hank Samyn; Marlene Osterhout Gary Muthig stopped in Liberty about 2024 Polaris. price is about \$12,234.00, 570 Ranger. Gary additionally stated we need some different prizes for this year's tickets. Marlene got a bid for \$12,600.00 John Deere, smaller size from Mullally. She got another bid for \$14,600.00 that has power steering and a larger machine from the place in Goshen, that we've obtained side by sides the past couple years. Seymour Streigold was given all bids and will be reviewing/comparing them for next month, so the Federation can take a vote on which one will be purchased. We will be implementing Fred Bosch's suggestion for this year's tickets increasing to \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Minimum for bonus club to sell will still be \$250.00 in tickets. More discussion/clarification at next meeting, too.

Annual Banquet: Gary Muthig no update now. 1st Saturday, October 2024. The dinner price will be going up, as we were charged more in 2023. Recommendation to purchase a microphone and speaker system. Marlene looked up a couple systems. The average is between \$450.00 to \$500.00 for 2000 watt speakers, a microphone and all necessary wiring and connectors. Seymour Streigold will be reviewing this more, as well. Motion for up to \$600.00 for a PA System, second, approved. This system can also be used at other events, such as youth day in the fall.

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 It was slated for Crystal Lake, permitted there is enough ice. Event cancelled. NGG donated a chainsaw anyway. There was a special raffle for it at the Coyote Dinner and \$985.00 was raised and earmarked for the 2025 event.

Scholarships Carl Lindsley: Carl needs to meet with Twila Herbert, Vikkie Krauss, and Deming between now and mid March to review. Applications are currently on the website and Twila previously let Carl know applications are in high school guidance offices, at each of the Sullivan County schools.

Coyote Contest: As officers previously stated, this event went off much more smoothly this year. There was an ample amount of volunteers both for weigh ins and at the dinner/raffles, too. The biggest complaint, seemed to be the sound system, which is in process of being corrected. On a good note, like always the White Sulphur Spring Fire Department did an outstanding job with plenty of delicious food, desserts and beverages, too.

Marlene reported there were 115 dogs brought to weigh in, with payouts to 62 registrants. Linda Loughery and her brother, Eddie Loughery were an enormous help at registration and weigh in, along with several of our 'usuals', such as Mark Puershner, Bill Norris, Carl Lindsley, Hank Samyn, Owen

Goldsmith and his daughter, Katie Dauch, John S. Van Etten, Keith Krauss, Gary Muthig, Ray Otto. Please forgive, if you are not mentioned, we truly appreciate everyone's help in making this event very successful.

Katie Dauch and her friend ran the dinner check in and handed out dinner tickets, plus made sure everyone got in on the door prizes. A tremendous job to this dynamic duo!
Mark Puerstner sold tickets at his usual spot, bringing in \$4,040.00
Ellen Ward completely sold out of hats and shirts!
Fred Bosch, Susan Otto and their helpers raised enough funds to have 3 separate 50/50 drawings. Each one was epic! The Buley family lead the charge in ripping up all the tickets for the drawings.
Vikie Krauss, Christina Snedeker, and Ellen Ward helped out on the raffle tables, alongside Gary Muthig. Great job, to all.
Deming Lindsley sold many, many gun raffles, thank you, sir.
Patty Lindsley, sold raffles for the chainsaw and Donna Day sold dog toy, and an extra gun raffle. Many thanks, to this duo!

Butch Kortright sold chances on an in wall gun safe, many thanks.
John S. Van Etten was the afternoon's MC and manned the podium for raffle winners, with Marlene Osterhout handing out the bulk of the \$1.00 table prized and Gary Muthig handling the \$5.00 prizes.
Carl Lindsley serviced as an ambassador and was able to track down officers to minimize the day's chaos. As everyone can see, this event took many, many people to plan, coordinate, collect donations, and be there for many aspects. A tremendous thank you for everyone that participated!

There were a few hiccups with remittance, such as: no signatures on checks, a few checks that were not accepted by the Jeff Bank for things like being made out to "Coyote Hunt", incorrect date either the numbers weren't clear or one was posted dated to July of 24. Otherwise, Marlene still has 3 checks that were not made good, although each participant was notified and a list was at registration to correct these situations.

Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto absent.
Budget Committee: Nothing until 2025.

Opposing the Ban for Ammunition with Lead: Eric Akerley absent.
~~UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:~~ John Van Etten reached out to Carl Van Valkenburg let him know he'll be giving \$80.00. Hank Samyn says he'll stop by, since he lives close by.
~~NEW BUSINESS:~~ Youth winner, originally Arianna Kautz. Her father reported that Todd Walter beat her, Gary made motion to pay \$100.00, anyway, since the Federation had her name "put out there as winner." Second, carried.

Member application was received for B & C Hunting Club, joining with dues paid. Motion, second, approved for membership with the waiting period waived.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:16 pm, Second and CARRIED.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024; 7:00 pm at the White Lake Fire Department

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REGISTRATION 2/14/24 MONTHLY MEETING

NAME OF CLUB	Delegate/Alternate
1 Bald Mt	Butch Kitzig
2 F E Bosch Sportsmens Club	Fredrick E Bosch
3 Buck Ridge Rod & Gun	M.T. Pirsching
4 Gary Aden	Gary Mathis
5 In State # 6	W. G. Galt
6 Hunter Rd	James Sany
7 Sullivan County Long Beards	W. King
-/ 8 Sullivan County Long Beards	Vote
9 WANAKESINK LAKE	Bruce Terwilliger
10 SIOUX CLUBS	Karl Thun
11 Woods Pond A & G	Seymour Stierben
12 Sullivan County Conservation Club	John S. Van Etten
13 Sissy Mook	Way Nappin
14 Buck Hunting Club	Carl Juntly
-/ 15 Highland Waterfowlers	Chris Damp
16 Stony Brook	Bill + Paul Norris
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