

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

Minutes for January 10, 2024 The meeting began at 7:05 pm with a salute to the flag Delegates present: 16 of the United States of America

Guest(s):

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

Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley Deming went today to Schenectady Region 4 officer's meeting. He looked for a loop hole for the coyote ban. He could not find anything. A violation would be a misdemeanor, but no jail time. It pretty much includes anyone organizing and/or attending it, would at least get fined.

White Sulphur Springs fire department asked , as a Trustee, if the Federation would consider a hunt in October 2024?

August 2024 deer season: big change on big game. If you have your old hunting license, save it. It will be a collector's item. You'll purchase carcass tags online at DEC website and print them yourself on a plain piece of paper. If you have a lifetime tag, it will be mailed to you. Back tag, for now, you'll print out yourself, too. License Issuing Officers (LIO's) are being told to recycle their paper products. Legislation is being worked on to eventually be done away with it. He recommends printing 2 or 3. State is recommending you put it in a baggy, so the ink doesn't run if you get it wet.

Syracuse has a law in a certain area, with a gun; it's only 200 feet from a building and you can carry a loaded gun in the car and you can hunt from the highway; this was passed by legislatures.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Marlene Muthig, Secretary: Communications: Marlene nothing new.

Marlene Muthig, Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Norris, snacks \$18.74 ; Katie Dauch \$45.00 coyote paperwork and confirmations ; Marlene Muthig \$58.00 coyote errands mileage for banking and post office errands, coyote paperwork; Sullivan County Democrat ad for coyote contest \$345.90; Outdoor News \$187.00 coyote ads.; Safeshoot table \$10.00 to sell coyote raffles tickets.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: John VanEtten John returned an envelope of returned mail from coyote mailing, to Marlene. Sullivan County Conservation Club is having King of the Ice, 02/18/24. Bethel Better Business bureau will be there, Bethel Big Burn AKA bon fire at Alton's on Saturday evening, 02/17/24, food, beverages both alcoholic and non-alcoholic will be available. The bon fire will take place whether there is ice fishing or not. Also, see sections below.

Vice President: Carl Lindsley in other sections.

Secretary/Treasurer: Marlene Muthig Nothing in this section.

11/30/23 Balance forward \$1,373.26
Income \$ 5,595.00
Expenses paid - \$3,907.97
12/31/23 book balance \$ 3,060.29

Year end statements distributed to officers and trustees.

REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Council Delegate: Gary Muthig Gary said nothing new.

Trustees: Keith Krauss; Gary Muthig; Hank Samyn Nothing to report. Gary mentioned he'd be cutting back on his time, but didn't indicate in what areas.

Small Game: Hank says lots of turkeys around.

Fish: Seymour Streigold Seymour absent.

Big Game: John Van Eten note there are some still flying around or being sited.

Bow Hunting: Ray Otto bow season is over. Ray visited All Things Accuracy at Sullivan Avenue in Liberty, NY and says it's very nice, with knowledgeable guys running it. He checked out the range and will even be trying it out himself.

Trapping: Carl Lindsley Carl says DeBruce might open this year. They still are struggling to find help, looking for 18 and up. If they do get up and running, Peter Oberacker and others, are working on a bill to go against what the Governor just signed. Deer, bear, turkey still are OK for contest hunting, at present.

Conservation Education: Keith Krauss Keith says March 24, 2024, ages 11-17, is when the DEC opens up registration. The price is still \$350.00 for the full week and the Federation sponsors 10. 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 Jan. 17, 2024. Nathan is moving on to Albany. Carl thinks they might be bringing in a woman to replace him.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch Fred it's a good time to cut browse for deer. They lay in wait for it. Sportsman they hear the chainsaw, a day or two after the initial cutting, they lay in wait for it.

Education: John Van Eten nothing new.

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. Stated 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.

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

Sweepstakes: Hank Samyn; Marlene nothing current. Gary Muthig stopped in Liberty about 2024 Polaris. price is about \$12,234.00. This is about \$1,000.00 less than a John Deere side-by-side. Any member can shop and bring prices back to a meeting. Fred's suggestion about next year's tickets increasing to \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

Annual Banquet: Gary Muthig no updated 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 3 types of systems. The average is under \$350.00 for 2000 watt speakers, a microphone and all necessary wiring and connectors. Hank gave paperwork to Seymour for review.

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. 2023 pheasants were \$15.50 each.

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, only.

Ice Fishing Derby: Carl Lindsley It's slated for Crystal Lake, permitted there is enough ice on the 4th Saturday of January 2024 or Jan. 27th, 2024. He's going over tomorrow to check. Carl wants to put 2 ads in SC Democrat. John Van Etten to pick up bait. Who will pick up food? Marlene to pick up bags for the giveaway bags. Gary Muthig to place an ad with Mid Hudson News. Carl will be figuring out which Boy Scout groups to attend. Motion for all ads., second and approved.

If we don't have it on the 27th, it will not be rescheduled this year.

Scholarships Carl Lindsley: Carl needs to meet with Twila Herbert and committee, to review criteria and committee. 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. He's still waiting for a meeting with committee. 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.

T-shirts and hats have been ordered by Hank. He checked on them, and Everyday Apparel's new owners had it all mixed up. Hank is going there tomorrow to make corrections and be sure they're ready for the contest. It's unsure when they'll be in, but will only be available during the contest. The coyote teddy bear was delivered from F & T Fur Trader, along with a few other small prizes ordered by Marlene Muthig, as is standing tradition. Some other prizes are ready for the raffle tables, too. As of 1/8/24 there are 134 registered hunters and 135 people going to the Sunday dinner and drawings. Gary Muthig suggests 20 - 25 volunteers needed for Sunday for the hunt, dinner and raffle area. The weigh-in area also needs help, for all 3 days of the event. Even if you can help for a couple hours, it gets very cold and tiring for just one or two guys to take care of this. The weigh in will end at 1:00 pm Sunday, to allow winners to be tallied and EVERYONE that volunteers the chance to get to dining area and have the meal and raffles start and end earlier.

Booze and bullet donations are needed. At present, *no booze* has been received. Please bring to the contest and give to Mark, from Buck Ridge, who runs that table.

Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto nothing new. Budget Committee: Budget meeting was January 6, 2024 at Sorello's at 1 pm. This was for officers, trustees and all committee chair that has a line in the budget. John Van Etten, Carl Lindsley, Marlene Muthig, Keith Krauss, Gary Muthig in attendance. Absent: Fred Bosch

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

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: John Van Etten to reach out to Carl Van Valkenburg regarding donation for leftover fish delivered from youth day 2023.

John got the final approval from 2023 agreement with the County, a voucher was prepared and submitted, along with receipt copies, by Marlene Muthig, prior to approval.

NEWS Flash: John received the check on January 16, 2024!!

NEW BUSINESS: Gary Muthig & Arnold Bulley going to Kingston - January 21st & 22nd Sportshoot got a table for 2 days for \$10.00 to sell raffle tickets for the Coyote Hunt.

Gary Muthig going to NYSWTF asks for 1 free hunt and 1 free dinner for Coyote hunt. Motion for all three, second and approved.

Misc. Info. Woods Pond Rod & Gun Club and Woodridge Fire Department putting on Jared Project memorial Ice Fishing Contest with raffle. Registration 8am; Contest 9am - 1pm; and awards 1pm. This will be at Silver Lake, Kreiger Park, Woodridge, NY. Drawing Sat, January 20, 2024. Proceeds to 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 if no ice fishing, luncheon will be extended at the Woodridge Fire Department social hall. Proceeds to Joycelyn Project's future fund. Donations of Goodwill, Raffles & 50/50's. Contact Eric Akerley for more info. (845) 707-1483

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

Next meeting: **Wednesday, February 14, 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 1/10/24

MONTHLY MEETING

NAME OF CLUB

Delegate/Alternate

1 ~~Walden~~ Mt. View

Wyllie Bully

2B MT View

Arnold Bully

3 F E Bosch Sportsmans Club

Fredrick E Bosch

4 Sioux

Karl K.

5 Red Fox Game Preserve

Pete Groner

6 Stang Brook

Wm Morris

7 Sullivan County Conservation Club

John S. Van Etten

8 Hurten Rd

Harold Samyn Sr

9 IROQUOIS CLUB

RAY Otto

10 Aden

Gary Muthig

11 Back Ridge

Mark T. Pearsch

12B Grady Brook

Bill Morris

13 Excalibur

Joe Kap

14 Tri State Rd G

Al White

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15 Soughless wan

Benny

16 BBK & CC

JPLone

17 High Road warden

Craig Pappas

18 Bush Harting Club

Carl Justly

19 Whipoorwill Camp

Gunter Heinzel - Eric Heinzel

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20 Muthig FAMILY

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