

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

Minutes for December 11, 2024

The meeting began at 7:05 pm with a salute to the flag of the United States of America

Delegates present 15

Guest(s): Sheriff, Mike Schiff

Happy Holidays to all. Sheriff Schiff state's he is happy to be able to support the Federation and it's events.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Carl Lindsley Carl absent. He sent notes with Deming requesting a thank you letter be sent to the Legislatures for helping keep DeBruce open, by sending their support to Albany.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley Deming reports that 26 ECO's are graduating from the academy on December 20th. This is after having 2,000 applicants. There are 16 vacancies, currently across NY.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the November 2024 meeting minutes, with one revision by Gary Muthig, noted under Council Delegate, since all clubs receive a copy. Seconded and CARRIED

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications:

Marlene Osterhout, Secretary: November 2024 minutes were mailed via US Mail along with 2025 membership renewals.

John Van Etten, President: John got a letter from Elmer Lesuer of Ulster Federation requesting representation at Bavarian Manor outside of Saugerties.

Marlene Osterhout, Secretary/Treasurer; Katie Dauch, Assistant Treasurer:

December 2024 Expenses:

Bill Norris	\$ 5.30	beverages/snacks
Katie Dauch	\$150.00	Secretary/Treasurer 4th Qtr. 2024
Marlene Osterhout	\$182.16	Secretary/Treasurer 4th Qtr. 2024
	\$284.97	Internet 4th Qtr. 2024
Precision Engraving	\$290.00	Wall plaque Sportsman/Sportswoman of the Year - on display at White Lake Fire Dept.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: John VanEtten John see sections below.

Vice President: Carl Lindsley absent.

Secretary: Marlene Osterhout Nothing in this section.

Treasurer: Marlene Osterhout

Oct. 2024 Balance	\$4,314.69
Nov. 2024 Income	40.00

* A brief discussion regarding about being at a deficit. Due to delay in receipt of bank statement, outstanding checks and deposits from dues in early December 2024, the account currently has a positive balance. *

Motion to accept as read, seconded, APPROVED.

REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Council Delegate: Gary Muthig November 2024 - Correction: Incineration cost is \$500,000 to NYS for 226 Red Deer with CWD.

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

Fish: No committee chair Nothing until 2025.

Small Game: Hank Samyn sightings of rabbits, turkey, fox and a bobcat.

Big Game: John VanEtten Rifle season temporarily closed. Muzzle loader season is open. Susan Otto added Gary Kranz had 658 deer come in during rifle season.

Bow Hunting: Ray Otto Bow season has come to a close. You can hunt with a bow during Muzzle if you didn't fill your tag. It can also be used during Holiday Hunt, again if not already filled.

Winter League is starting up at All Things Accuracy in Liberty. Any student in Sullivan County can go and shoot for free.

Trapping: Carl Lindsley Carl absent.

Legislative: John Van Etten Nothing new

Conservation Education: Keith Krauss/Carl Lindsley John Van Etten said there was an article in the SC Democrat about Camp DeBruce and the potential of reopening.

Camp DeBruce might be able to vend out meals instead of a cook, which means the camp might be able to open.

Keith mentioned clubs should start asking if kids want to attend.

FWMB: Gary Muthig and Bruce Terwilliger John Van Etten stated he's happy new member stepping into this role.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch says think about planting some apple trees or ~~keeter~~ pear. *Kieffer* pear. *Kieffer* pears come through and is self pollinating and long producing, whether you have honey bees or not. It drops fruit in November.

Sportsman Education: John Van Etten IHEA instructor award presented to Ralph from Pact Forest. **BOW** Becoming an Outdoor Woman: An update was sent to all email recipients of a January 2025 event.

DEF: Gary Muthig nothing.

Grahamsville Fair nothing until August 2025.

Youth Day: Hank Samyn, Chair and Marlene Osterhout, Asst. Chair September 6th, 2025. Nothing else at this time.

Youth Fishing Day: Carl Lindsley & Ray Otto, Co-chair Nothing until June 2025. It's the weekend after Bass season. This will be visited as event gets closer.

NRA: John VanEtten John nothing going on in Sullivan County.

Nov. 2024 Expense	\$4730.12
Nov. 2024 Balance	(\$375.43)

Ulster County NRA, Gary Muthig on the committee. April 26, 2025 Ulster County NRA is having a banquet at Safe Shoot in Kingston.

Sweepstakes: Hank Samyn, Marlene Osterhout A recommendation was made to change from side by side to \$5000.00 cash prize. This was tabled. Hank wants to drop out of committee. Please start thinking of some different things to go on the raffle tickets that could be donated.

Annual Banquet: Gary Muthig 1st Saturday of October 2025.

Sportsperson of the Year: All prior Sportsmen and Women. Chair is the oldest present. October 2025

Pheasants: Suggestion to do away with them completely. Tabled.

Youth pheasant hunt: January 18 & 19, 2025 across from Meyers Rd. The hunt is sponsored by Long Beards and Federation with NYS donating birds. A motion made in November 2024 meeting to spend up to \$600.00, second and carried.

Ice Fishing Derby: Carl Lindsley Last Saturday in January 2025. (or the 25th) ice permitting. With Carl currently being ill, a few suggestions were made for people to step in and assist. Ray Otto and Marlene Osterhout offered to help get prizes, since what was previously collected and was in storage was used for the 2024 summer fishing contest.

Scholarships Carl Lindsley: Nothing until 2025.

Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto nothing to report. Gary Muthig and John Van Etten contributed that deer love Crab apple trees.

Fund raising committee: "Federation of Sportsman's Clubs Annual Dinner" slated for February 1 (with sleet date 2nd), 2025. This will be a roast beef dinner. We're planning on 50/50's, "Booze & Bullets sled", themed baskets, scratch off lottery tickets and other items. White Sulphur Springs wants to host the dinner for around 150. All Things Accuracy to make donations. We're still looking for ideas, suggestions, and help to run it and/or people to get donations.

Suggestion for a guest speaker, maybe a bear biologist or fish biologist.

Gary Muthig previously went to Fur, Fin & Feather and has 5 guns on reserve for a cost of approximately \$2,500.

Gary reviewed guns on reserve with delegation. He presented a suggestion to raffle all 5 guns on one ticket, \$10. each with a maximum of 1000 tickets, making a potential of \$10,000, or \$7,500.00 profit to help support the mission of Federation. This was presented in motion form. Second, motion carried. Raffle tickets to be printed with only February 2025, in case there is a sleet date, as stated above.

Motion for all dinners to be \$30.00. Second, carried.

John Van Etten to work on a flyer for this event. This will distributed by email to previous year's hunt recipients and all clubs.

Reminder for all clubs to bring a donation. *Some suggestions are cash, scratch off tickets, a box of bullets, a bottle or anything sportsmen/women related. Please be creative, the amount is up to the club. All donations should be brought to the event.*

Budget Committee: Nothing until January 2025.

Opposing the Ban for Ammunition with Lead: Eric Akerly stated New York state is still encouraging copper bullets. Licenses are being checked when purchasing ammo.

Unfinished or Old Business: Marlene Osterhout completed voucher and all required copies were in sent to Asst. County Manager, November 2024. They called the next day, acknowledged receipt, and requested the approval letter. They were referred to John Van Etten. John hand delivered the letter of approval and payment is currently being processed.

New Business: Motion by Carl Lindsley to increase Secretary and Treasurer pay to \$400.00 each, per month. Patty Lindsley willing to step up as an officer (Treasurer), at the rate noted above. A discussion ensued. A revised motion was made by Deming Lindsley to review the rates and if new roles were still acceptable to officers and Federation, at one year. Second, Carried.

Both parties will be paid monthly. Motion made for monthly payment to both Secretary and Treasurer. Second, Carried.

Susan Otto asked whether these would be treated as employee or contractor. A discussion ensued. Susan's recommendation was to continue treating these positions as contractors. The delegates present were in agreement.

Elections: Nominations made from floor and Deming Lindsley served as committee inspector. John Van Etten, President; Carl Lindsley, Vice President; Marlene Osterhout, Secretary; Patty Lindsley, Treasurer; and Trustee, Gary Muthig. One vote for each was cast by Hank Samyn. Second, carried.

Other: The meeting was paused about 1/2 way through to enjoy the bounty brought to share with all present. John Van Etten praised and thanked everyone for the nice selection of foods and beverages, that was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Adirondeck Logging from 1930's to 1940's Keith Krauss says look this up on You Tube, it's very interesting.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:20 pm, Second and CARRIED.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, January 08, 2025; 7:00 pm** at the White Lake Fire Department located at 1596 NY-178 White Lake, NY

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REGISTRATION December, 11 2024 MONTHLY MEETING

NAME OF CLUB	Delegate/Alternate
1 IROQUOIS	Ray O'Leary
2 FE BOSCH Sportsmans Club	Fred Bosch
3 SPONGY BROOK	Ray Nowin
4 W Hunter Pk	Wendy Smith
5 A DEN	Gary Muthig
6 WOLF LAKE CONS. CLUB	HARRY WANKER
7 Sullivan County Conservation Club	John S. Van Etten
8 DENMAN MT HUNTING + FISHING	ERIC AKERLEY
9 Woodsport Rod + Gun	Seymour Strabow
10 Buck Hunting	Danny Strabow
11 Bill Pollard	William Pollard
12 Justin Rod & Gun Club	Paul Robinson
13 Red Fox Preserve	Pete Groom
14 Stout	Kevin K.
15 WANAKSINK LAKE Sportsmans Club	Bruce Lovell
16 Cherokee	Tim Mayhew
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