

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

Minutes for October 09, 2024

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

Delegates present *13 15 Mo*

Guest(s): ECO, Ricky Wood

ECO Wood, nothing specific. 46 at Academy, still. He believes they'll be going between region 1 and 3.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Carl Lindsley Carl got feedback on his talk at the Annual Banquet regarding Camp DeBruce. He's probably going to make some contacts at Albany. He believes Camp DeBruce will be doing the basic repairs, to open for 2025. He's hopeful that kids will still be going there. Carl going to the government center on October 15th, as a retired veteran, should be connecting with Marc Molinaro regarding this, as well.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley Deming would like to thank the Federation for his dinner, as a former Sportsman of the Year, at the Annual Banquet. He said the food was great and it was a good evening, overall.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications:

Marlene Osterhout, Secretary: Approach at Youth Day: a youth didn't get his mount from a couple years ago. Suggestion, then motion for 3 prepaid gift cards \$25.00 for former Golden Trout that didn't get mounted. Motion made, second, carried.

One for Miguel Caba, Jr.; Steven Seward and Patrick Allison. Addresses were obtained, with a letter explaining why they were being sent out. Patrick's dad, Scott Allison asked that the Federation use his for something else.

3 Donation checks were received; Patricia & Harold Kellam and Edward & Shirley Townsend in memory of Paul Kellum. With another from Harvey Dickens in memory of Jack Danchak. A thank you was sent to each donor.

John Van Etten, President: John read a thank you letter from Donna Kortright with local NWTF/Sullivan County Long Beards for help with their recent Jakes Event held in Roscoe, NY. He stated not only did the club receive one, but he got one personally, too.

John also stated he took over the Sportsmen's Outdoors, previously written by Jack Danchak in the Sullivan County Democrat, the frequency should be monthly.

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

October 2024 Expenses:

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| Kristt - Gary Muthig | \$ 28.05 | Misc. - file folders, 2 planners |
| Kiamesha Mart - Gary Muthig | \$ 44.00 | Misc. - gas Banquet/Raffle |
| Fur, Fin & Feather-Gary Muthig | \$ 75.60 | Undefined items for Banquet |
| 52 Wines & Liquor-Gary Muthig | \$ 38.85 | Banquet door prizes |
| Pheasants | \$3,627.00 | |
| Rockland House | \$3,600.00 | Banquet |
| Rockland House | \$ 200.00 | Sweepstakes |



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| Sec./Treas. expenses | \$ 37.52 | |
| Bill Norris - snacks | \$ 17.22 | |
| Carl Lindsley | \$ 69.11 | Banquet |
| Liberty Press | \$ 49.00 | Banquet |
| Fur, Fin & Feather - Youth Day | \$ <u>548.00</u> | Motion, second, carried. * Presented late. * |
| | \$8,334.35 | |

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 in other sections.

Secretary: Marlene Osterhout Nothing in this section.

Treasurer: Marlene Osterhout

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| August 2024 Bal. Forward | \$12,094.68 |
| Sept. 24 Income | \$11,003.70 |
| Sept. 24 Expenses | \$ <u>3,883.26</u> |
| September 2024 Balance | \$19,215.12 |

These were not read at the October meeting.

~~Motion to accept as read, seconded, APPROVED.~~

REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Council Delegate: Gary Muthig Nothing new.

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

Fish: No committee chair Later this month according to Gary Muthig.

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

Big Game: John VanEtten Carl Lindsley says lots of bear being taken, especially in the corn fields. Many deer sightings, too. Carl also states many ticks, this season. John reminds everyone not allowed to hunt from an elevated blind or tree stand. ^{for youth hunt.} For youth, there has to be 1 youth to 1 mentor. Both the mentor and youth must have a license and wear blaze orange.

Big Game Youth Hunt this coming weekend, more info. on the DEC website.

Bow Hunting: Ray Otto absent. Harry Walker left FullDraw publications for anyone that wanted it on the table. Bow season is currently in full swing. Harry mentioned All Things Accurate in Liberty, NY for a learning destination as crossbow season starts in November 2024.

Trapping: Carl Lindsley Carl says trapping is struggling. He also stated that nuisance trapping is more profitable.

Legislative: John Van Etten Nothing new

Conservation Education: Keith Krauss/Carl Lindsley Nothing

FWMB: Gary says they are still working on public fishing access. Statewide they have to rebuild the FWMB's board.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch thanked all the inspectors, who inspected 20 hunting clubs, with full amount to each. He calculated the budget out, paying a total of \$7450.00 to go out in October 2024. Fred further

stated he enjoys inspecting other clubs as he always learns something. * *This was reduced, since two clubs had not meet the minimum of \$260.00 in raffle sales.* *

Sportsman Education: John Van Etten trapping course from 8 - 3:30 at the Sullivan County Conservation Club, this Saturday, around 18 people are signed up, with the majority being more mature adults.

Hunter safety course, Sat. 11/2/24 8am-3:30pm at S.C. Conservation Club. Signup is on the DEC website.

BOW Becoming an Outdoor Woman: Carl wants to jumpstart this program, again. Please remind club members there are opportunities for women a few times each year, refer to the DEC website. Turn in names and sponsor them, as we have funds in the budget to reimburse participants.

DEP: Gary Muthig nothing new.

Grahamsville Fair nothing until August 2025.

Youth Day: Hank Samyn, Chair and Marlene Osterhout, Asst. Chair September 6th is first preference; second choice of September 13th, 2025. Hank to check availability. Motion, second, approved.

Youth Fishing Day: Carl Lindsley & Ray Otto, Co-chair Nothing until June 2025. Recommendation to have Morningside prepare burger or hotdog and bag of chips for each person in attendance. This will be revisited as event gets closer.

NRA: John VanEtten John nothing going on Sullivan County. Ulster County October 19th, at Safe Shoot Kingston \$100.00 per ticket.

Sweepstakes: Hank Samyn, Marlene Osterhout winners were announced and it's posted on Federation's FaceBook page and read to delegates that were present. A last minute donation of a crossbow, valued around \$1,800.00 by the owners of All Things Accuracy. A raffle was held at the banquet for it, with Butch Kortright winning the prize!

Annual Banquet: Gary Muthig Deming and Carl both thanked everyone involved for a nice dinner and everything else involved. Nothing else until 1st Saturday, October 2025.

Sportsperson of the Year: Al Spence & Ron Krom; co-recipients. Congratulations on winning this prestigious award!

Pheasants 26 clubs picked up 9 birds each on Sunday, October 7th. and 3 clubs after distribution day. The owners request an extra 25 cents per bird, with an increase of 25 cents per birds for each week thereafter. Brief discussion to discontinue next year. Many clubs commit to wanting the birds, but several don't pick up day of or just don't show up, at all. The owners of Pheasant Hill are older and distribution/collection of birds is more and more difficult, with less and less help.

2 locations in Neversink for Pheasant hunts.

Youth pheasant hunt: 4 kids Saturday, 8 kids Sunday. DEC wants more hunts, such as in January, etc. John was at the hunt, thanked the club that donated their pheasants and the state supplied quite a few for this event, too. Everyone had ample chances to get a kill. One young man had about 8 birds released before he got his pheasant. The two dogs that volunteers brought did a great job. The Federation supplied food one day and advertising. Sullivan County Long Beards supplied port-a-potty and food the other day.

Ice Fishing Derby: Carl Lindsley Last Saturday in January 2025. (or the 25th) ice permitting.

Scholarships Carl Lindsley: Nothing until 2025.

Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto says lots of apples by her and her Dunson Chestnut trees dropping chestnuts and squirrels are enjoying them.

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 to raise funds for future events.

White Sulphur Springs wants to host the dinner for around 150. We're still looking for ideas, suggestions, and help to run it and/or people to get donations.

John Van Etten requested delegation start brainstorming for a flyer for this event. Several ideas were brought up.

Gary Muthig went to Fur, Fin & Feather and has 5 guns on reserve. No details were presented. Marlene sent a request for description and price, along with last payment that was mailed.

Ulster County has every club donate something for an event such as this. Gary Muthig made a motion that each club make a donation. Discussion ensued. John recommended we table this motion until next meeting. The recommendation was made that if donations are made, all the funds will go to youth events.

Budget Committee: Nothing until January 2025.

Opposing the Ban for Ammunition with Lead: Vacant chair

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: Question regarding collecting grant from County. According to John Long, Jr. our insurance agent, the company that handles it has changed and they are still working on getting us the policy. Once we have that, we can move forward on presenting documents to the County for the pre-approved funds.

NEW BUSINESS: Carl brought up that Marlene is resigning as Secretary, effective December 2024. Much of this is due to Katie finishing high school and going on to college. It currently pays \$50.00 per month. An increase has been discussed, depending on experience. Please reach out to John Van Etten if anyone is interested. A brief discussion ensued including that an ad needs to be placed.

Other: Tri-States reminds everyone of Ballot initiative reminder to read the back page. YMCA property did lots of updates in Ulster County and they believe strongly in the Ballot initiative.

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

Next meeting: **Wednesday, November 13, 2024; 7:00 pm** at the **White Lake Fire Department**
Located at 1596 NY-17B White Lake, NY

Submitted by;

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*Marlene
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REGISTRATION 10/9/21

MONTHLY MEETING

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Delegate/Alternate

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| NAME OF CLUB | Delegate/Alternate |
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| 1 Hartman Rf | Howard Sampson |
| 2 Frederick E Bosch Sportsman's Club | Bob Bosch |
| 3 Stony Brook | Will Howe |
| 4 WOLF LAKE CONSV. CLUB | HARRY WALKER |
| 5 WANAKSINK LAKE Sportsman's Club | Bruce Terwilliger |
| 6 Sioux | Ken Hahn |
| 7 Stony Brook | Paul Morris |
| 8 Beech Hunting Club | Carl Gundersen |
| 9 Sullivan County Conservation Club | John S. Van Etten |
| 10 Mathis | Gary Mathis |
| 11 Elk Ridge Rod & Gun | Pat Johnson |
| 12 Tri State R & G | W. Lake |
| 13 IBCNAS | Susan Oke |
| 14 Cherokee | Tim Mangill |
| 15 Buck Ridge | Mark Puerck |
| 16 Whipperwill Camp | Eric Heinzl - Gunther Heinzl |
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Annual Raffle - October 06, 2024

1. Polaris SP 570 or \$3,000. Cash Robert Taylor from Colorado
2. \$150 gift card - Country Side Polaris Lavilla Bennett 845 307-0572
Phone disconnected
3. 2025 Bethel Woods - 2 lawn seats & 2 museum tickets Anthony Marceano
4. \$125. Gift certificate - Fur, Fin & Feather Adam Schoch
5. Rockland House dinner for 2 Brian Lowe (Delaware Hunting Club)
6. 2017 NWTF Pot Call Darin DeKoskie
7. Muthig Farms Maple Syrup - ½ gallon Cliff Nock (Red Fox)
Unable to reach - left message and texts
8. \$100 gift card - Cochection Mills Frederick Bosch
9. \$50. Gift card - DV Agway John Kelly
10. \$50 gift card - Liberty Farm, Home & Garden David Hartman
11. \$50 gift card - Tractor Supply Liberty, NY Sullivan County Conservation Club
12. Knife from Buley Family Craig Mauer
13. \$50. Gift certificate - New Munson Diner Greg Knox
14. Landers River Trip - Canoe trip for 2 Paul Decker, Jr. (Hiram Jones Camp)