

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

Minutes for February 12, 2025                      The meeting began at 7:08 pm with a salute to the flag

Delegates present 11 (corrected from 12)                      of the United States of America

**Guest(s):** ECO Lovgren is assigned to our area. He introduced himself and stated there would be more coverage, than in the recent past.

**Report of retired DEC Officer: Carl Lindsley** Carl absent.

**Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley** Deming spoke with Carl recently, he's doing a little better.

Rob Higgins recently rescued a moose (in the water). He used to be part of the DEC in Sullivan County.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the January 2025 meeting minutes.

**BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communications:

John Van Etten, President: Thank you note from NWTF was read.

Carl Lindsley, Vice President: Absent

Marlene Osterhout, Secretary/Treasurer:

Katie Dauch, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer:

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LEGISLATURE

**February 2025 Bills:**

WSS Fire Dept	\$3,620.00	Beverages & dinners - 2/1/25 Banquet
Precision Engraving	\$ 60.00	4 Trophies - Ice Fishing contest
SC Democrat	\$ 791.40	Ice fishing ads/Banquet ads
Liberty Press	\$ 292.00	5 gun raffle/2 part raffle tickets - Banquet
Susan Otto	\$ 44.47	Ice fishing - coffee & snacks
NYSCC	\$ 250.00	Dues
<del>Enviro Ventures</del>	<del>\$ 425.00</del>	Pheasant Hunt - <b>On hold per Gary Muthig</b>
Fur, Fin & Feather Sport Shop	\$3,469.00	8 guns for raffle
Katie Dauch	\$ 100.00	Asst. Secretary/Treasurer Feb. 2025
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 400.00	Secretary/Treasurer Jan. 2025
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 98.00	Internet Jan. 25-Feb. 2025
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 84.00	mileage - banking, Post Office Jan. - Feb. 2025
Bill Norris	\$ 15.16	beverages/snacks
John Van Etten	\$ 108.15	Ice fishing - bait, oxygen tablets
Gary Muthig - Debit	\$ 84.61	Gas - Banquet

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

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**President: John VanEtten** Thank you for all the volunteers for helping out at Youth Ice Fishing contest and Banquet. Both were a huge success.

King of the Ice is Sunday. Free day, don't need a license this year.

**Vice President: Carl Lindsley** absent.

**Secretary: Marlene Osterhout** Nothing in this section.

**Treasurer: Marlene Osterhout**

Dec. 31 2024 Balance	\$1021.56
Jan. 2025 Income	8,589.00
Jan. 2025 Expense	<u>\$3,563.16</u>
Jan. 31, 2025 Balance	\$6,047.40

Breakdown of income and expenses presented to delegation, by Marlene Osterhout.

Motion to accept as read, seconded, APPROVED.

**REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Council Delegate: Gary Muthig** stated dues to NYSCC are \$250.00 - needs a list of representatives, in January 2025 minutes. Check written, approved and mailed this month. Secretary/Treasurer had previously asked for an invoice, which they no longer appear to be doing.

NYSCC has a spring meeting slated for April 11-13, 2025 at Arnot Forest.

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

**Fish: No committee chair** Nothing.

**Small Game: Hank Samyn** Nothing.

**Big Game: John VanEtten** Report not on DEC website, yet.

**Bow Hunting: Ray Otto** Not much going on, except going to an indoor range.

**Trapping: Carl Lindsley** Carl absent.

**Legislative: John Van Etten** Gary Muthig nothing new right now. A proposal to shut down Reynolds Game Farm, which raises pheasants, a bill has not been presented, yet. People should write to the assembly person or senator. Bruce Terwilliger asked for more clarification. John Van Etten to write a form letter.

**Conservation Education: Keith Krauss/Carl Lindsley** Keith and Carl absent. John Van Etten says he got paperwork from the state to update his profile. He's 99% sure it'll be opened. New guy is Jackson Patterson according to Gary Muthig

Keith previously mentioned talking to kids, so people can go to Camp DeBruce and can be sponsored.

Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 1:00 pm, is opening registration day for kids to sign up on DEC website.

Camp DeBruce plans to vend out meals, if they can't find a cook.

**FWMB: Gary Muthig and Bruce Terwilliger.** Gary Muthig planning a state wide meeting on March 5, 2025 for all 8 districts, on the computer.

Sullivan County will be doing public access for fishing.

Other parts of state, will have to do their own.

**HABITAT: Fred Bosch** says he has only received 2 nursery catalogs in the mail. He went online and found 6 others for free. Keefer pears was what he was looking for, as they're self pollinating and provide abundant fruit. Fred stressed using the winter as a time to plan for future habitats and improvements.

Sullivan County Soil Conservation has local availability, flyers were sent out with January meeting minutes.

**Sportsman Education: John Van Etten** John & Steve O'hally to be doing a hunter safety course at the Conservation club. Please go on DEC website to sign up.

**BOW** Becoming an Outdoor Woman: Nothing

**DEP: 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, Saturday after. This will be revisited as event gets closer.

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

Ulster County NRA, Gary Muthig on the committee. Committee meeting, 2/11/25.

Ulster County NRA is having a banquet at Safe Shoot in Kingston. Scheduled to September 27, 2025.

**Sweepstakes: Marlene Osterhout, Seymour Streigold, Bruce Terwilliger** A recommendation was made to change from side by side to \$5,000.00 cash prize at the budget meeting we talked about increasing it to \$10,000.00. Another suggestion was for an e-bike. Question was if there would be good signage to go along with the prizes. This was tabled. Please start thinking of some different things to go on the raffle tickets that could be donated. Committee meeting, Wednesday, March 5th, 2025, 6pm at New Munson Diner, any members interested in helping on Committee are welcome to attend.

**Annual Banquet: Gary Muthig** 1st Saturday of October 4, 2025 at the Rockland House.

**Sportsperson of the Year:** All prior Sportsmen and Women. Chair is the oldest present. Applications due in June 2025. October 2025

**Pheasants:** John received comments from two clubs, they are interested in keeping it. Tri-States likes pheasants. Woods Rod & Gun doesn't like them. Iroquois didn't take them last year. Two clubs donate them to the fall youth pheasant hunt.

**Youth pheasant hunt:** John Van Etten reported 19 people attended. *\* Will Riley attended both days. He said it was a good time. His father also attended for 1st time of pheasant hunting. \**

Fall Sept. 27 & 28, 2025

**Ice Fishing Derby: Carl Lindsley attended. Ray Otto** stepped in as co-chair. Ray made the decision to change to Sunday, 1/26/25, due to extreme cold and clearly communicated. He got quite a few calls and thanked everyone for jumping in and stepping up. Susan Otto reached out to obtain phone numbers, etc. for Ray. Susan added a special thank you to Gary Muthig for face book which reaches a lot of people, over 700 and counting, and placing, ads. Gary Muthig did the shopping for food, snacks, and beverages. Katie Dauch and Marlene Osterhout did shopping for goody bags (preassembled over 100), trophies and all other prizes. John Van Etten picked up the bait. Fred Bosch did the overseeing of goody bag, hat & hot hands being given out, and the registration process. Seymour Streigold measured most of the fish and Katie Dauch recorded them all. Eric Akerly's wife, Donna took many outdoors photos, along with Bruce Terwilliger. Great job this year with lots of cooperation. A record number of kids, 162 were registered!!! A hardy round of applause for a great team effort!

One issue was Boy Scouts won't allow Bass to be kept.

John Van Etten recommends 200 goody bags to be preassembled. Registration was slow, perhaps two or three at a time to speed it up for next year.

A recap of the income and expenses was presented to the Delegation, by Marlene Osterhout.

This included the 2 donations received. One from the Boniface family and one from NG Gilbert Tree Service.

**Scholarships Carl Lindsley:** Nothing until later in 2025. It was clarified that many, if not all Sullivan County guidance offices have been provided with the applications/criteria.

**Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto** nothing new  
**Fund raising committee:** "Federation of Sportsman's Clubs Annual Dinner" was a great success on February 1, 2025. White Sulphur Springs Fire Department prepared and served a roast beef dinner for 250 people. There were several new volunteers that stepped up. The new Federation microphone and speaker was used.

There was still an issue with people not being able to hear. We're hoping to pair up WSS's system next year, for better volume output.

Another huge round of applause for all the volunteers and success of this event.

A recap of income and expenses of the event was presented to the Delegation.

**Opposing the Ban for Ammunition with Lead:** Eric Akerly absent.

**Unfinished or Old Business:** Budget reviewed with delegation. Motion, second, Carried.

**New Business:** Monticello has active Trap Team. Port Jervis just signed up 17 through Tri-States and they're hoping it will turn into a successful team, too.

A reminder, according to the Constitution and By-Laws that were revised in May 2021, Section 4:  
"The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the organization, and shall be solely responsible for such monies or securities of this organization."

A motion to move \$25,000 from checking into CD for 7 months, by Marlene Osterhout, Secretary/Treasurer. Further, only her signature/request is required to move the funds and set up this account at the Jeff Bank. Approved by President, John S. Van Etten and delegation in attendance.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:45 pm, Second and CARRIED.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, March 12, 2025; 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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*Marlene Osterhout*

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REGISTRATION Feb. 12, 2025 MONTHLY MEETING

NAME OF CLUB

Delegate/Alternate

1	FE Bosch Sportsmen's	Fred Bosch
2	TPI Starters	L. W. White
3	Hunter 12 df	Hub Spang
4	Stary Brook	Paul Martin
5	Lacrosse	Ray C. H.
6	Back Play	Mark Thorsen
7	SCCC	Karen Reilly
8	SCCC	Will Reilly
9	Stary Brook	Bill Ross
10	Back Hurling	D. Trubly
11	Sullivan County Conservation Club	John S. Van Etten
12	WANAKSINK LAKE Sportsmen Club	Bruce Sewell
13	Woods Pond R+G	Seymour Stricker
14	Methu	Gary Methu
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