

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

Minutes for January 08, 2025

The meeting began at 7:08 pm with a salute to the flag  
of the United States of America

Delegates present 15

Guest(s):

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

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

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the December 2024 meeting minutes.

**BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communications: Correspondence from Patty Lindsley, due to Carl's current health, she can not fulfill the role of Treasurer. Both John Van Etten and Marlene Osterhout were notified.

Proposal for Treasurer at rate of \$400.00 for Marlene Osterhout, to be Secretary/Treasurer, per month. (Reduced from last month's approval for \$400.00 per month for each position by Marlene.) Additional minor change to continue paying internet, monthly, instead of quarterly.

Katie Dauch to remain Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for \$100.00 per month for 6 months.

This is a one year trial, as previously recommended by Deming Lindsley, to be sure it's working for all parties.

Discussion ensued. Motion made; 2nd Carried

Marlene Osterhout, Secretary: Requested reimbursement from Liberty Mutual for Side by Side.

John Van Etten, President: Received final contract from County of Sullivan, check should be coming shortly. He also, read Edward Van Putt's obituary.

Marlene Osterhout, Secretary/Treasurer; Katie Dauch, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Check from Liberty Mutual for \$114.00 was received for side by insurance refund.

**January 2025 Expenses:**

Bill Norris	\$ 13.47	beverages/snacks
Katie Dauch	\$100.00	Asst. Secretary/Treasurer Jan. 2025
Marlene Osterhout	\$400.00	Secretary/Treasurer Jan. 2025
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 94.99	Internet Dec. 24-Jan. 25
NYSCC	\$ 65.00	Membership renewal

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

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**President: John VanEtten** John says see sections below. SC Conservation club having King of the Ice. Big Burn 2/15/25 and Ice Fishing At White Lake Pavilion 2/16/25.

**Vice President: Carl Lindsley** absent.

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

**Treasurer: Marlene Osterhout**

Motion to accept as read, seconded, APPROVED.

Nov. 2024 Balance	(\$375.43)
Dec. 2024 Income	1200.00
Transfer from Savings	1500.00
Dec. 2024 Expense	\$1303.01
Dec. 2024 Balance	\$1021.56

**REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Council Delegate: Gary Muthig** stated dues to NYSCC are \$250.00 - needs a list of representatives. Marlene requested an invoice and address to send it in. He will see if he can get it.

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

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

**Fish: No committee chair** Nothing until 2025.

**Small Game: Hank Samyn** sightings of about a dozen turkey.

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

**Bow Hunting: Ray Otto** No report.

Winter League is starting up at All Things Accuracy in Liberty. Harry thinks it runs 10 weeks. Any student in Sullivan County can go and shoot for free. There are plans for a 3D shoot coming soon.

**Trapping: Carl Lindsay** Carl absent.

**Legislative: John Van Etten** Gary Muthig mentioned a bill to shut down Reynolds Game Farm, which raises pheasants. People should write to the assembly person or senator. An article was in the New York Times.

**Conservation Education: Keith Krauss/Carl Lindsay** Keith says talk to kids, so people can go to Camp DeBruce and can be sponsored.

Camp DeBruce still plans to vend out meals instead of hiring a cook. John says they seem to be on track to open. Many positions have been filled.

**FWMB: Gary Muthig and Bruce Terwilliger** absent. Gary Muthig has to plan a state wide meeting on March 5, 2025 for all 8 districts. They're working on Public access.

**HABITAT: Fred Bosch** says it is time to think about planting, watching for catalogs and ordering. It's also time to plan to get posts and fencing. Kiefer pears were brought up and discussed. Harry Walker says he planted about 20 chestnuts trees, but the last ice storm damaged branches. Others such as Fred and Susan, thought they would come back.

**Sportsman Education: John Van Etten** John wrote an article in SC Democrat about Next Step Courses. He was notified by Kelly Stang in Albany, head of department, now renamed ~~Habitat~~ Courses. Kelly will be retiring by end of the year. A new person will be in charge of Sportsman Education. No courses in Sullivan County at present or near future.

**BOW** Becoming an Outdoor Woman: An update was sent to all email recipients of a January 2025 event.

**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. 2nd Sunday in June. 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.

Ulster County NRA, Gary Muthig on the committee. ~~April 26, 2025~~ Ulster County NRA is having a banquet at Safe Shoot in Kingston. Rescheduled to September 27, 2025.

**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 4, 2025 at the Rockland House.

**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. **Clubs are asked to send comments whether clubs are for or against to John Van Etten's via email at [jsve69@gmail.com](mailto:jsve69@gmail.com)**

**Youth pheasant hunt:** January 18 & 19, 2025 has been moved to Aden Hunting Club across from Smith Rd. and Muthig Rd. in Town of Neversink, NY. This was due to fear of weather and inaccessibility of the location across from Myers Road.

The hunt is sponsored by Long Beards and Federation with NYS donating birds. Currently 10 people signed up. A motion made in November 2024 meeting to spend up to \$600.00, second and carried.

**Ice Fishing Derby: Carl Lindsley absent Ray Otto** contacted Jim Lopo with Boy Scouts. Last Saturday in January 25, 2025, ice permitting.

Ray also spoke to Ed Boniface, they'll donate \$1,000.00.

He also reached out to John Fisher with NG Gilbert Tree Service for a donated chainsaw. As done in past, we'll sell raffles for it at the February 2025 banquet, with funds designated for future Youth Fishing Events.

Scott Herbert to help with cooking.

Marlene Osterhout and Katie picked up prizes roughly \$800.00 from Fur, Fin and Feather, since what was previously collected and was in storage had been used for the 2024 summer fishing contest.

Firewood to be delivered, Hank believes Seymour Streigold donates it.

John Van Etten to pick up bait fish.

Ray asked if anyone has a drill and auger that can be used. Todd Buley is confirmed to be at the contest with his. Ray also offered to bring his 4 wheeler/side by side to bring people around the ice with augers.

Marlene ordered trophies from Hildi at Precision Engraving.

Gary to check into donation of outhouses and to purchase food.

**Scholarships Carl Lindsley:** Nothing until later in 2025.

**Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto** talked about Pear trees under habitat.

**Fund raising committee:** "Federation of Sportsman's Clubs Annual Dinner" slated for February 3 (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. Reach out to Gary Muthig for what location needs to be solicited.

Outdoor News to be present and write article.

John Van Etten turned in several checks for dinner at \$30.00 each, expects to get more tomorrow evening. Gary Muthig expects about 20 more.

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. 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 in December 2024. Gary had tickets printed by Liberty Press and mailed them out to all clubs. Marlene supplied addressed envelopes, return preaddressed envelopes and a letter. \* Raffles are slowly coming in. \*

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

**Budget Committee: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025, 6pm. At Sorello's**

**Opposing the Ban for Ammunition with Lead:** Eric Akerly absent. John Van Etten encourages people to participate in taking advantage of the rebate being offered, around \$60.00.

Unfinished or Old Business:

**New Business:** Resignation of Treasurer and re-appointment made, under Bills and Communications.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:23 pm, Second and CARRIED.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 7:00 pm** at the White Lake Fire Department located at 1596 NY-178 White Lake, NY

Submitted by:

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REGISTRATION Jan. 08, 2025 MONTHLY MEETING

NAME OF CLUB

Delegate/Alternate

1	Hutton Rd	John S. Seng
2	FE Bosch sportsman club	Fred Bosch
3	Stony brook	Bill Norem
4	Roquais	Ray Ott
5	Stony brook	Paul Harris
6	<del>Tom Nicoletti</del> Beaver Brook	TOM NICOLETTI
7	Red Fox Game Preserve	Pete Gannon
8	Stout	Reid K.
9	Wolf Lk. Conserv. Club	HARRY WALKER
10	Sullivan County Conservation Club	John S. Van Etten
11	Tuston Rod & Gun Club	Paul Robinson
12	Cherokee	Tim Mangrove
13	Mathis	Gary Mathis
14	Sullivan County Long Beards	[Signature]
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16	Highland Waterfowlers	[Signature]
17	Whippoorwill Camp	Eric Heinzl (Gunter Heinzl)
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