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LEGISLATURE

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

Minutes for June 14, 2023  
Delegates present 18

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

President Van Etten asked for a moment of silence for Rick & Annemarie McDermitt who were in a tragic  
auto accident. Rick was the President and founder of the NY Crossbow Coalition.

Guest(s): Legislature Chair: Rob Dougherty. Scholarships: Twila Herbert made presentations to:  
Hailey Wolcott, who attended Livingston Manor will be going to SUNY Cobleskill, was awarded  
\$2,000.00. Her major is Wildlife & Fisheries Technology.

William Nearing, who attended Sullivan West and will be going to University at Albany was awarded  
\$1,500.00. His major is Environmental Sciences.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Carl Lindsley Bear nuisance complaints are coming in. Carl advises  
everyone to take your bird feeders down.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley Nothing to report. He responded to concerns that the  
Coyote Hunt might be canceled. Deming says that was unfounded.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Marlene Muthig, Secretary: Hickling's Fish Farm \$3,695.00; Katie Dauch 2nd Qtr. Asst. Treas. \$150.00;  
Marlene Muthig, 2nd Qtr. Sec/Treas. \$150.00, 2nd Qtr. Internet \$209.97; and Bill Norris for snacks  
\$10.67. Scholarships \$2,000.00 & \$1,500.00, Erik Akerley for previously approved \$118.92 lend a pole  
program in Woodridge. Seymour Striegold for fish stocking reimbursements of gas expenses \$761.11.  
Motion, second and CARRIED.

Communications:

John Van Etten: John's received a donation from Jeff Bank for \$150.00 toward activities for children.  
John also reviewed a flyer "Fund the GOA Lawsuits Pt 2. Bill Gates made motion to donate \$250.00.  
Second and CARRIED.

Marlene Muthig, Treasurer; Katie Dauch, Assistant Treasurer: Nothing to report.

A motion was made for current bills, seconded and CARRIED.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: John Van Etten John nothing in this section.

Vice President: Carl Lindsley Sportsman of the Year was chosen. To be revealed in October at the  
Banquet and sweepstakes drawing.

Secretary: Marlene Muthig Nothing new.

Treasurer: Marlene Muthig & Asst., Katie Dauch

Report read by Marlene Muthig.

05/01/23 balance forward	\$ 17,928.11
Income	\$ 3,940.00
Expenses paid	<u>-\$ 3,563.63</u>

Lumber. Andy Boyer coming with Fly Rod demonstrations. Butch Kortright committed to make 100 kits. The Long Beards have distributed over 3,000 blue bird houses, since they started. A signup sheet to help Butch with precutting and kit assembly was circulated during the meeting and given to him. If anyone knows of a sawmill that would donate some rough cut lumber, that's always a need for the kits.

**Youth Fishing Day:** Saturday, June 24, 2023, with co-sponsor Hurleyville Fire Department, Jack Halcheck, for trophies, at Morningside Park in Hurleyville, NY, 8 am - 2 pm. There is also a donation of ice cream by Morningside's Arnold Sletsky. Carl Lindsley reminded everyone that the youth fishing contest is free for children (with an adult/guardian.) We will have some loaner rods & reels available, and the Federation is supplying bait.

A signup sheet is up front for volunteers. Even if you didn't sign up, more help is always welcome. Gary and Marlene Muthig did a lot of shopping for the giveaway bags and prized that will be awarded. We will have the side-by-side on display at this event!

**NRA: John Van Etten** John says no new action.

**Sweepstakes: Hank Samyn** - John Deere side by side available through Hank contact him at (845) 720-2340, please note this is a new cell number. Al Spence with Beaver Dam Club has it reserved for most of June and July. He turned in sales of \$4,250.00. This year's goal? Let's beat Beaver Dam's record!!!

**Annual Banquet: Gary Muthig** Nothing until later in year. Saturday, October 07, 2023.

**Sportsperson of the Year:** Carl Lindsley and Gary Muthig said the nominations were in, just before the meeting and a selection was made by past Sportsmen for the 2023 recipient. The name, however, will not be announced until the Annual Banquet, Oct. 07, 2023.

**Pheasants:** October 1st only for youth hunt and October 8th, 2023 for Federation members. Gary confirmed breeder's availability and health. He ordered 600 pheasants for the youth hunt and for our incentive.

**Youth pheasant hunt:** September 23, 2023 past Neversink Reservoir down Shields Rd. (AKA Road X) Neversink, NY. Mark Perschner from Buck Ridge says his club will donate their pheasants & Gary M. from Aden Hunting Club, too.

**Ice Fishing Derby: Carl Lindsley** Many of the prizes at Carl's home. It's slated for 10 mile Crystal Lake. Scholarships Carl Lindsley Presented. Listed under guests.

**Coyote Contest:** Black t-shirts for 2024, with no year on it. Fri., Sat. hours same, Sun. hours changed to 10-1. Feb. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2024. The top 3 prizes will remain.

**Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto** Susan's chestnuts froze, but also came back much like Fred's.

**Budget Committee:** Nothing until 2024.

**Opposing the Ban for Ammunition with Lead: Eric Akerley** absent. The legislation was shot down.

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:** Seymour suggested having Release form added to Federation web site in PDF format.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

From Butch Kortright of Bald Mountain, the NYTW-NY Member and Volunteer Picnic & Clam Bake. On July 9th, 2023 from 1-5 at Mountain Top Grove 51 Anoka Rd. Binghamton, NY \$40.00 per person. Must be a member to attend. To purchase tickets go to [nwtf.org/events](http://nwtf.org/events)

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Motion to Adjourn: 7:49 pm, Second and CARRIED.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, July 12, 2023; 7:00 pm** at the White Lake Fire Department  
Located at 1596 NY-17B White Lake, NY

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