

Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc., minutes of January 13, 2010, 33 delegates present. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. Guests: Deming Lindsley, CO DEC, Carl Lindsley, DEC Volunteer. Carl indicated statewide, Ulster County was the highest bear kill in the state with the Catskills coming in second. Deming indicated Operation Jackhammer was a tremendous success. DEC is looking to review laws so that if a deer is jacked the car involved can also be confiscated. The largest number of violations involved hunting over bait piles. The newspapers were very helpful revealing these situations. Motion to dispense with reading December minutes since all delegates get a copy. Seconded, CARRIED.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. President read a letter from the Cohecton Youth Board thanking us for our donation in memory of Eugene Clark. Also read a card from Elizabeth "Becky" Myers thanking us for her "birthday party" at the our last meeting.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Special Budget meeting for all officers and trustees scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6, 1 p.m. at the Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall. This was the only date/time available to us. Regular budget starts 1 p.m., sweepstakes at 3 p.m. and habitat right after. President announced that Joe Kaiser, from Excelsior Club, is our new Small Game Chairman. Should you need to contact him, his cell phone # is (845) 807-6970 and land # is (845)456-0006. Coyote contest applications are flooding in, we have 200 so far and last year we had 137 at this time. President and a few other volunteers are going to Gander Mt. in Middletown on 1/16, 10 a.m., with coyote applications. They may go again. They have enough volunteers for 1/16 but if you'd like to help if there is another session call Jack for data. President was interviewed to be on the internet out of Rochester, N.Y. concerning our coyote contest. This is great free publicity. It will air Friday 1/15 and will go for 2 weeks. If you wish to see this go to huntfishnyoutdoors.com. President discussed a baiting incident in Glen Spey whereby a ticket was issued. The court date is 2/8. Our Federation discussed the situation. Outcome of the court date will be in our February minutes and further discussion will take place if needed.

V.P. No report.

Sec.: Inundated by coyote calls for application coming in. Hunters are very excited at possibly raking in the big dough, especially the young hunters.

Council Del.: Secretary to resubmit the Habitat Access Program Resolution that was turned down in 2009. Motion to resubmit: 3 opposed, CARRIED. Motion to resubmit a resolution on Sullivan County Bucking previously submitted in 2005. Motion to resubmit, seconded, CARRIED.

TRES.: After paying all bills we have \$3,644.47 in our account. All paperwork sent to the county and we should soon receive our remaining county funds. The county cut all programs so we will receive \$20,000. for 2010. We have been cut \$3,750. He requests clubs pitch in and sell raffle tickets, sweepstakes, etc. so we can keep up a high payment for habitat improvement, etc. It looks like the \$5,000 grant we requested from N.Y. State Office of Children and Family Services will be approved. We have now closed out the Renaissance Program funds and everyone is pleased with the results.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

FISH: Stocking will start in April and our chair will need help because we do not have help from the inmates anymore. If we don't get help the fish will all be put in one place at the lakes, streams, etc., so your assistance is needed.

SMALL GAME: Our new chair is Joe Kaiser. If you need to call him cell # (845)807-6970 & land (845)456-0006.

BIG GAME: Final deer take should be in from DEC's big game biologist in February.

CONS. ED. Deadline is now past for submission of names of kids for DEC camp. We have 17 submissions and will know how many we can send after our budget meeting in February.

FWMB: (Fish & Wildlife Management Board) Westchester Co. park's hunting first year: 35-40 deer

taken. N.Y.CDEP is opening about 600 acres in the Town of East Fishkill. Approx. 6,850 lbs. of venison distributed to needy in Dutchess Co. In Orange Co. 73 deer were donated to the venison program and consideration is being given to moving some to N.Y.C. Putnam Co. had most of the plants they put in stolen from state land. They are having a continuing conflict with horse people/hunters on State land in Putnam Co. Deer Management/Access is put on hold after a dog was killed with an arrow. Much discussion on the use of Stewart State Forest and conflicts between dog events and horses. Operation Jackhammer had 107 charged with 250 offenses, 40 guns confiscated and 42 deer seized. The DEC is working on a bear season east of the Hudson. They have issued a regional allocation of 4,500 pheasants with bonus birds going to Stewart.

HABITAT: No report.

SPORTSMAN'S ED.: No report.

DEP: No report.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR & YOUTH DAY: No report.

NRA: Health Bill, if passed, may have a negative impact on gun owners, i.e. medication in past and present and gov't. may hold your guns if you have, in the past, taken medications that could result in problem behavior, even if taken years ago. Approx. 90% who are in favor of the Health Bill are also anti-gun people. UN is still pushing for a world wide gun ban. Sportsmen's Awareness Day held in Albany this past week had terrific attendance with about 2,000 in attendance, a very enthusiastic crowd with good speakers.

SWEEPSTAKES: Bring ideas to February meeting for prizes, etc.

SPORTSMEN'S AWARDS DINNER: Will be in April. Kay needs game to freeze until then.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: Think about who you want to submit for this award.

BUDGET: Meeting 2/6, 1 p.m. Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall (see above).

RENAISSANCE: The area we worked on at DeHoyos Pk. needs work and we need volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer reported that all Sullivan County schools have received our paperwork for scholarships. President indicated we need prizes for the coyote contest. Members are asked to contact business, etc., for prizes. Anyone giving prizes will get publicity for their donation. We have 2010 coyote caps and T-shirts for sale. Pres. will have them at February meeting. Be sure to get yours then as certain sizes may run out prior to our contest dinner. Carl has everything set for the Youth Ice Fishing at Crystal Lk. at the Scouts, Saturday Jan. 30 from 8am-2pm, weather permitting. Bring your own tipups and bait. If you have never ice fished before some tipups & bait will be available. Augers will be there to drill holes. Prizes for all youngsters. Trophies to age 15. No snowmobiles or ATV's allowed. For info. call Jack(570)798-2998 or Carl (845)292-2151. This is a great fun event and anyone can help, watch, etc. Free refreshments for the kids.

NEW BUSINESS:

County redoing their garbage disposal fees, etc. since there were a tremendous number of errors. Some folks with vacant land were charged and others with only an out-house were charged. Churches, etc. were also charged as were folks with nothing but land and a lake or field. The Jerry Sheppard Memorial Youth Ice Fishing Derby will be held at Mitchell Pond West on Saturday, 2/6 from 8am to 2pm. Motion to pay for the bait fish for this event. Seconded, CARRIED. Members who can make it were asked to volunteer to help at this event. Call Randy Sheppard (845)932-8152. Motion to adjoin 10 p.m. Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting 2/10/10, 7:30p.m. Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall

Respectfully submitted
Edna Calkin, Secretary