

**Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc.**, minutes of February 16, 2010, (postphoned from 2/10 due to inclement weather) 19 delegates present. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. Guests: Deming Lindsley, CO DEC, Scott Steingart, CO, DEC, Carl Lindsley, DEC volunteer. Deming indicated the DEC In-Service Academy will be going on Monday thru Friday for 8 weeks and he will be teaching at this program. New regulations for air guns might be effective by the fall. Anything you could hunt with a 22 rim fire (squirrels, etc.) for small game you will be able to use the air gun for. The DEC will be actively working during our Federation's coyote hunt to be sure coyotes are not shot from cars, etc. Scott Steingart reported that K-9 training is taking place at Cobleskill. There is one new dog named after a deceased DEC member. Motion to dispense with reading January minutes since all delegates receive a copy. Seconded, CARRIED.

#### **BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. President read a letter from New York State DEC concerning ringneck pheasants and stocking issues. There is a problem concerning suitable land and distance to travel to stock the pheasants. A summary of the deer meetings held by the DEC and public input is now available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/57795.html> and includes priority topics, DEC's next steps, a summary of public input and answers to frequently asked questions. Roscoe Hose Co. #1 is having an Outdoor Expo 9/25/10 at their 40 acre property and have invited us to participate. This will cover strictly outdoor activities i.e., hunting, fishing, archery, camping, etc. President to contact them for add'l. info. Cornell University Coop. of S.C. is looking for a replacement Executive Director. If interested contact them. Aileen Gunther sent a letter advising us to contact her if she can help us with anything. She has been extremely helpful in the past.

#### **REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

PRES.: Budget meeting held 2/6 with all officers and trustees present. President read the 2010 budget. A motion was made to accept the Budget as proposed. Seconded, CARRIED. The sweepstakes are all set up for this year and will be going to the printer within a week. Habitat will have a new format for their 2010 applications and the forms will be much easier to complete and will be available at the March meeting. The Ice Fishing Derby held 1/30 at the scouts went over well. President attended the court hearing on Jake Gabriel charged with feeding deer in Lumberland. He was fined \$250. The Coyote Hunt will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19, 20 & 21 and we have 1,043 entered. Our dinner for this event will be cafeteria style and start at 1 p.m. on Sunday. President requests the committee to arrive at 11 a.m. Sunday to help get set up and ready. Coyote Committee consists of: Tom Yager, Ray Herbert, Herb DeWitt, Harold Buley, Hank Samyn, Bob Aber, Cliff Horton, Bruce Miller, Carl Lindsley, Harvey Dickens, Aaron Finley, Edna, Kay, Jack, Harris & Elizabeth, Fred Bosch and Joe Kaiser. President attended the Pennsylvania Coyote contest. There were 720 hunters who brought in 59 coyotes with the biggest this year being 47 lbs. Dogs brought in 32 of these. President has booked the Rockland House for our banquet which will be Saturday Oct. 2 at \$25. per. The meal will be the same and we are looking for a different arrangement for the appetizers so we don't have to stand in line. The Sportsmen of the Year plaque at the Kauneonga Lk. Fire House has been updated to include new names and changes.

V.P.: No report.

SEC.: Read a list of clubs who have not paid Federation membership dues. Please forward

your check if you haven't paid.

TREAS.: After paying bills we have \$10,131.41 in our account. Motion to accept report as read. We have received the check due from the county.

**STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

FISH: Stocking report next month.

SMALL GAME: There will be a 3 person panel of coyote experts giving a program entitled The Wiley Coyote In Your Backyard. This will take place March 4, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at SUNY Ulster, Student Lounge, Vanderlee Hall and will discuss the DNA of dogs and wolves in coyotes.

BIG GAME: See DEC web page (see above).

CONS. ED. Our check has gone out to the DEC for 20 campers.

FWMB: \$5,000 scholarship program for Region 3. Bill Gaudette advises there is a Legislators meeting in Albany on Saturday 3/13. If you'd like to go contact him since he can't make it.

HABITAT: Forms should be ready at March meeting.

HUNTER SAFETY COURSES: Must pre-register: 3/12 6:30pm-9:30pm & 3/13 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Kenoza Lake Fire House, Kenoza Lk., NY Call Mark (845)932-8507 or (845)629-4836. 3/26 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. & 3/27 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 P.M. Call Mark (845)932-8507 or (845)629-4836 at Willowemoc Baptist Church, Willowemoc, NY.

NRA: NRA was instrumental in getting wolf hunt going out west in Montana and Idaho. The new governor of New Jersey seems to be in favor of opening a bear season there.

WILD GAME DINNER: Please bring game/fish to Kay. She'll keep in her freezer.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: Edna has applications. Must be in prior to June meeting.

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

Ice Fishing at the Scouts was a chilly day, 12 degrees, but the 65 kids had fun and ate 300 hot dogs with lots of hot chocolate. Carl thanked Tony from the Iroquois Club for the use of the ATV and thanked the committee for their excellent work. About 14 or 15 bass were tagged and the kids could keep those. The largest bass was about 4 lbs. 2 oz and the pickerel was 4 lbs. 4 oz. The Jerry Sheppard Memorial Ice Fishing Derby went over well with about 70 kids attending with the youngest 22 months. They caught lots of fish with the largest pickerel about 23 1/2", crappie 12" and perch 11 1/2"

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President to check into the Roscoe Outdoor Expo to be held 9/25/10. Motion to adjourn 9:25 pm.

Next meeting 3/10/10, 7:30 p.m. Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edna Calkin, Secretary