

Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc., minutes of meeting of March 10, 2010. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag with 32 delegates present. Guests: Lt. Deming Lindsley, CO DEC., Carl Lindsley, DEC volunteer, Dennis Day, White Sulphur Springs Fire Dept. and Barbara and Warren Krum Weightmasters. Carl announced that the bear take for 2009 was the second highest on record. The 5 year average was 418. Sullivan was the fourth highest in the state. Deming announced that the DEC had 4 cars patrolling during the coyote contest. They issued one ticket in Ulster co. for carrying a loaded gun in the car. They uncovered a deer snare in Neversink which apparently was to be used for coyote bait. Earth Day will be April 22nd and the DEC will be working on an anti-bug attack checking borders for people transporting firewood, especially from outside the state. There are major infestations in some states which they are trying to prevent from spreading. Check with the DEC for transportation requirements especially over 50 miles in a straight line. Marine licenses will now be required for fishing for saltwater fish (stripers or shad) in the Delaware and Hudson. License covers PA, NY and NJ and costs \$10. and can be obtained wherever you get your regular licenses. Motion to dispense with reading February minutes since all delegates receive a copy. Seconded, CARRIED.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. Federation was happy to receive a \$325. check from Cher Acres Hunting Club as a donation to send a camper to the DEC camp. The more kids we can send the better and this donation certainly helps. New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc., is pushing a **no cost** \$2,000 per member Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefit for clubs belonging to our Federation and their members. If interested write to National Income Life, Benefits Dept., 1567 E. Henrietta Rd., Rochester, NY 14623-9976.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: President thanked the Coyote Committee and everyone who helped to make our 2010 Coyote Contest a tremendous success. President read the expenses, income and profit. Seventy one coyotes were taken. Justin Hartman took the \$2,000. grand prize with a 70 lb. coyote on Saturday 2/20 while hunting with dogs. Scotti Herbert, a Youth Hunter, took a 34 lb. coyote and won the additional \$100. The average weight of coyotes taken was 36.6 lbs. with 43 males and 28 females with a total of 71 coyotes checked in. There were 14 disqualifications due to temperature. Ten hunted at night and 61 during the day with a 12 gauge being the gun of choice. President awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Dennis Day for the White Sulphur Springs Fire Dept. and Barbara and Warren Krum, our weight masters, for their outstanding efforts on our behalf. President called a meeting of the Coyote Committee for Wednesday, March 31, 7 p.m. at the Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall to discuss our 2011 coyote contest. President wrote to various public officials concerning the fine Jake Gabriel received concerning his alleged deer feeding. He received a letter back from Judge Labuda which indicated he has the final decision over all judges in Sullivan County and it can be appealed thru him if he received a letter requesting same. Hopefully, this will be a step towards eliminating the feeding ban.

V.P.: No report.

SEC.: A few clubs have still not paid their 2010 dues. Grace period is now over.

TRES.: After paying bills we have \$34,760.12 in our account. Motion to accept report as read. Seconded, CARRIED.

COUNCIL DEL.: Motion to endorse the appointment of Kevin Haight of Dutchess County as Region 3 delegate to the NYS Conservation Council, Inc. Seconded, CARRIED. Secretary to

send letter to Conservation Council advising of same. David Hartman has now replaced Ray Muthig as alternate delegate to the Council and a letter will be sent confirming this to the Council. Anyone having pictures of women or children enjoying the outdoors send them to the Council with a brief narrative and advise Bill Gaudette, (845)295-9272, and he will see that they get in the Grass Roots.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FISH: No report.

BIG GAME: There were 181 less deer taken than last year. 3H had 1,245 (2.2 per sq. mile) and 3K had 569 (1.5 per sq. mile). For detailed data call www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/42232.html. David Hartman introduced a letter to be sent to the DEC concerning a proposal to protect yearling bucks in Unit 3A commencing with the 2010 Season. A motion was made to send the letter 9 in favor and 15 against sending letter. Motion defeated.

SMALL GAME: Motion to send pheasant breeder \$1,000. deposit, as in the past, for pheasants. Seconded, CARRIED.

CONS. ED.: 20 kids going to camp this summer. If you would like to take part in helping with the activities, hunter, ed., fishing, etc., contact Carl Lindsley (292-2151). He meets with the kids every Wednesday, starting in July. You do not need to stay all day. He will give you all details, etc. and it would be good to have someone from our Federation helping for even 1 day.

FWMB: Habitat Access monies will be divided among the Fish & Wildlife Board. Our region will probably receive approx. \$5,000. Bill Gaudette is looking for suggestions (295-9272).

HABITAT: New forms will be available at our April meeting.

SPORTSMANS ED.: Sull. Co. Cons. Club, 140 Kortright Rd., Bethel, NY, is holding a Hunter Ed. course Fri. 3/19 6-9 p.m. and 3/20 8-4 p.m. Contact Ed Bamberger 292-6208. A free Boater Safety Course will be held 3/22 & 3/23 at the Youngsville Fire House. Call the Sheriff's Dept. for further information: 791-7401.

DEP.: New Age Health Farm now has no hunting on their property. The boating program at Cannonsville was a tremendous success. A total of 392 boats, canoes, sailboats and kyacks got temporary tags. There were no problems at all and they will try to expand it. Bio Grass, a new type of fuel, is being worked on to use grass not currently used by farmers.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR & YOUTH DAY: Youth Day will be 9/11/10 If you want to start working on cutting pieces for building blue bird boxes, bat boxes, etc. call Dean DeWitt or Harold Buley. Carl Lindsley is trying to get lumber donated for this.

SWEEPSTAKES: Tickets will be available at April meeting.

SPORTSMANS DINNER: Dinner will be Sat. 4/17, 4-5 social hr. 5 p.m. dinner. We need game donations to make this a success. Call Kay (570)798-2998 to get drop off place.

NRA: Our 2nd Amendment rights concerning handguns still under discussion in Washington. Obama may now be giving a presidential order restricting fishing in our country. Outragious!

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Motion to adjoin 9:35 p.m. Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting 4/14/10, 7:30 p.m. Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Calkin, Secretary