

**Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc.**, meeting of April 14, 2010. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag with 36 delegates present. Guests: Carl Lindsley, DEC Bear Specialist; Lt. Deming Lindsley, DEC CO; Bonnie Lewis, Cornell Cooperative Extension. Carl indicated he will resume his Bear Specialist position with the DEC on June 15th. The DEC has cut back mileage on all their vehicles so his travel will be restricted. A bear was shot by a homeowner in Parksville (Bear #348 which had been tagged in Kerhonkson). He did not need a permit since human safety was involved and the bear was breaking into his home. It was a bear with nuisance problems last year at camps. A bear can be shot if attacking cows, chickens, etc. (breaking into barns, etc.) But not animals like dogs. Once again Deming discussed marine licenses which are now required for fishing for salt water fish (stripers or shad) in the Delaware and Hudson. Licenses cover PA, NY and NJ and cost \$10. and can be obtained wherever you get your regular fishing license. If you fish for freshwater fish you don't need this special license. He indicated brush piles cannot be burned from 3/15 to 5/15 unless you have a permit. No permit is needed after 5/15 for brush piles (no leaves). Burn barrels are not permitted at any time. Bonnie Lewis from Cornell explained the Caregiver Program from the N.Y.S. Office of the Aging. She gave out survey forms and touched on senior problems. She would appreciate forms being returned to her at the address on the form as this will allow this group to set up programs needed in our area. To obtain a form if you were not present at the meeting contact the Caregivers Resource Center, 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd, Liberty, NY 12754. Motion to dispense with reading the March minutes since all delegates receive a copy. Seconded, CARRIED.

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

Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. Our Federation received a Certificate from the N.Y. St. Rifle & Pistol Association. United Ins. Agency sent us a bill for our insurance with 1 million or two million rates. (See New Business). A thank you note was received from Dan Briggs for the "Coyote Cap" our president gave him. President read a letter from State Senator Bonasic for a \$5,000. grant to provide incentive funding to encourage outdoor education.

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

PRES.: Coyote Committee met March 31 at 7 p.m. to discuss our 3 day hunt. Changes included adding \$100. in extra prize money to a female hunter for the heaviest coyote and we will have only 2 guns to raffle which will be a better quality than the prior 3. Applications will also be sent to each Fed. club. Youngsville Fire Dept. is not interested in having our coyote dinner at their facilities because they want to keep everything in house. We are checking other facilities including Jeff Inn which can seat approx. 275 at a time. President discussed a Predator Contest (\$7,000. in prizes) which would be open to the entire country, but following regulations of the state the predator comes from. This would be for hunters (rifle & archery) and trappers and would include coyotes, bobcats, and foxes and run from 10/1/10 to 3/27/11. Entry fee is \$25. for 1st tag #. Must submit a photo with the tag # showing and you can only send 1 picture per tag #. You can also enter without getting a predator and the prizes for that category are reduced. Motion made to try this contest for 1 year. Seconded. All in favor, 1 opposed. CARRIED. President to check with attorney to see if this is legal in all states and will report back to

us. President checking out having an Internet web site. Motion for President to pursue this issue.

V.P. Repairs being suggested for our Grahamsville Fair building are to build a ramp for the back door which will facilitate getting the 4 wheeler inside. Motion to build this ramp. Seconded, CARRIED.

SEC. 4 clubs have not paid dues yet. Members knowing them will contact them to see if they still want to belong.

TREAS.: After paying our bills we have \$30,902.72 in our account. motion to accept report as read. Seconded, CARRIED.

COUNCIL DEL.: Requested a photo of our officers and trustees for Grass Roots and photos of our Wild Game dinner.

### **STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

FISH: Federation stocking 1,800 (6-8") walleyes and 1,100 (4-5") crappies. Requested suggestions where to stock them. He'd like to do the stocking before the waters get too warm. Federation discussed the potential of having a summer Youth Fishing Contest and Carl Lindsley indicated he'd check out Morningside Park to see if we could use those facilities with the possibilities of stocking some fish now and again in the fall at this park. Todd needs help to stock Mongaup River (meet at Harris Post Office at 9:45 Friday 4/16); and also needs help at the Beaverkill and Little Beaverkill on 4/22 at 9:45. Call him at 985-2131 if you can help. If no help arrives the fish will all be placed in one spot.

SMALL GAME: Check for pheasants given to breeder. S.C. Long Beardswill have their 3<sup>rd</sup> Nat. Wild Turkey Fed. Youth Weekend Turkey Hunt Contest 4/24 & 4/25 for ages 12-15 (Free for SCLB Jakes Only). Membership can be purchased at weigh-in station for \$10. Heaviest bird receives Mossberg turkey shotgun or full turkey mount and 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives remaining prize. Bird must be brought to Fur, Fin & Feather Sport Shop, Liv. Manor, NY between 7am & 1:30 pm. Questions call k(845)439-3738.

BIG GAME: No report.

CONS. ED.: Sending 19 kids to camp. One dropped out and we'll receive a refund.

FWMB: Joe Molinaro of Dutchess won the painting. Ten Mile River fishing access will open soon. Looking for more access areas at various locations. User conflicts arising on various parcels and they are trying to work these issues out. DEC announced new regulations on shad fishing are being scheduled. DEC working with NYSDOT on access to Little Beaverkill in Parksville. More pheasants will be available this year. Rt. 28 being considered as a scenic by-way. Status of boards discussed in view of budget.

HABITAT: New applications handed out at meeting to those present. If you want a habitat application contact Habitat Chairman, Harris Myers, (845) 583-6047.

SPORTSMENS ED.: Must pre-register for all. HUNTING: Fri. 4/23, 6 :30pm-9pm & Sat. 4/24, 8am-5pm. Bethlehem Rod & Gun, Plattenkill, call Al (845)401-0135; Sat. 4/17 9am-5pm & Sun 4/18 9am-3pm, Frost Valley YMCA, Call Carmel (845)985-2291 Ext. 205; 8/11 (must sign up by) Class Sat. 8/21 9am-5pm - Computer Home Study required before course. Call l(845)331-8685 or e-mail [hunter\\_edl@yahoo.com](mailto:hunter_edl@yahoo.com) for instructions - hands on portion of class to be held at Morgan Hill Game Assoc., Hurley.

BOWHUNTING: 4/17-8AM-5PM Walden Sportsman's Club, bring lunch, bow and 3 field tipped arrows, call Joe (845)651-4023; 8/14 8am-5pm Bethlehem Rod & Gun, Plattenkill, bring bow & 3 field tipped arrows, call (845)764-5062; 8/22 9am-5pm,

Morgan Hill Game Assoc. (845)331-8685; 8/22, 9am-5pm; 9/18-9am-5pm & 9/19 9am-noon, Frost Valley YMCA call Carmel (845-2291 ext. 205; 4/24 - 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Marbletown Sportsman's Assoc., Stone Ridge. Bring lunch bow & 3 field tipped arrows. Call Joe (845)831-2142; 4/23 6pm-9pm & 4/24-8am-5pm, Plattekill Rod & Gun, call (845)564-7192. TRAPPING: Sat. 5/8 - 8am-5pm Plattekill Rod & Gun. Bring lunch. Call (845)564-7192. On 4/27 there will also be a Refresher Course at the S.C. Conservation Club at 7 p.m.

DEP.: No report.

Grahamsville Fair & Youth Day: No report.

NRA: Lots of bills in NYS Senate. Write thank you letters to Senators supporting our gun rights. Let them know you appreciate their help or we'll have many more restrictions. Anti's are working 24 hrs. a day.

SWEEPSTAKES: Clubs present received their Federation tickets. Remainder to be mailed after May meeting. Anyone wanting more call Jack Danchak.

ANNUAL BANQUET: Set for Saturday, 10/2 at Rockland House.

SPORTSMANS AWARDS: Dinner Sat. 4/17, social hour 4-5pm dinner 5pm, 2 delegates per club.

DEER FEEDING: No report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Scholarship applications due in by May 1. All schools have applications.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion to take the 2 million option on our insurance policy. Seconded, CARRIED. A member of the White Oak Hunting Club, while hunting in Pa., found 4 large 4 point bucks dead during hunting season, apparently left because 3 on a side is required. He still favors 3 on a side in our area. President indicated if we get a web site we will be able to maintain and update it with our events, dates, etc. Secretary to check with insurance company to see if our directors and officers are covered under our insurance policy. Motion to donate \$50. to the N.Y.S. Rifle & Pistol Assoc. Seconded, CARRIED. Motion to adjourn 10:15 p.m. Seconded, CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Next meeting: 5/12, 7:30pm, Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall Edna Calkin, Secretary