

**Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc.**, meeting of May 12, 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 and Lt. Deming Lindsley, DEC CO. Scotty Herbert was awarded the Art Terbush Memorial Knife. Carl indicated there have been many bear problems. DEC indicated they are allotting 10,000 miles travel for 13 vehicles due to budgetary cutbacks and patrols will be cut. They will also be closing some of the DEC offices starting 5/21. Some offices will be closed Fridays and some Wednesdays until the budget is passed. Carl will be working on bear problems just one day per week. Carl will need help at the DEC camp this summer since one of the regular employees is ill and cannot be there. Please call him at 292-2151 if you can help. Help will be needed Wednesdays. If you can help just 1 day it will be great. There have been no turkey hunting related accidents so far. Motion to dispense reading April minutes since all delegates receive a copy. Seconded, CARRIED.

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

Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. President reviewed letter from Sidney Royce to Gov. Patterson concerning his displeasure with the \$12.50 surcharge for boats having motors in addition to the regular license fee. He encouraged members to write to their representatives to halt this outrageous additional fee. Letter received concerning a Liberty Festival July 4<sup>th</sup> which we can participate for a \$25. fee (see New Business). There will be a Take a Child Fishing Day on Sunday, June 13, 2010 from 10 am to 2pm at Beaver Dam Lake, Beaver Dam Rd., Grahamsville, NY. Open to children 14 yrs. & under, bring pole. Bait and some poles will be provided. Refreshments are free and every child that fishes receives a prize. This is sponsored by the Beaver Dam Club and Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club.

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

PRES.: Called Sen. Bonacic's office concerning the paperwork for the \$5,000 grant discussed at our April meeting. The paperwork has not been received in Albany yet so we should check periodically. Pres. working on our website and add'l. info. should be available soon. Let him know if there is something you feel should be on it. Attended a meeting in New Paltz concerning Region 3 Deer Management chaired by Kevin Clark. There were 5 counties at the meeting: Ulster, Orange, Dutchess, Rockland and Sullivan. All of these counties support our 3 on a side and want the deer feeding ban lifted. DEC received lots of complaints concerning the misuse of the D map permits i.e., using inappropriately, not reporting kills, etc. These will be closely watched in the future and if misuse occurs will not be renewed. They also discussed regular deer kill reports not being reported by hunters as well as road kill. They need all municipalities to report road kill so they can get a clear picture and they are working on this. The possibility exists that if hunters do not report their kill they will not get a license the next year. The group was very interested in our Coyote Hunts. They will meet again June 16, 7 p.m. President touched on Marcellus Shale group with the possibility of their contributing toward our fish stocking. The Sportsmen's Awards and Wild Game Dinner went well.

V.P.: No report.

Sec.: Several clubs did not renew their membership but we received 3 new applications.

Treas.: After paying bills we have \$29,610.46 in our account. Motion to accept report as read. Seconded, CARRIED.

Council Del.: No report.

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

FISH: No report.

SMALL GAME: If there is a raise for the pheasants it will be no more than 25 cents add'l.

BIG GAME: Deer Management not finalized yet. New laws prohibit bear feeding at any time. DEC probably dropping control area on CWD.

CONS. ED.: No report.

FWMB: No report

HABITAT: 25 applications back so far. Get applications from Chair Harris Myers (845)583-6047. Tree planting should be listed under Forestry Regeneration.

SPORTSMEN'S ED.: No report.

DEP: No report.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR AND YOUTH DAY: No report.

NRA: The nominee for Supreme Court Justice, Ms. Kagen, years ago said the government should have the right to control speech since it may be harmful to the country. Write to Assemblywoman Gunther and Sen. Bonacic and ask them to vote against renewable pistol licenses.

SWEEPSTAKES: Good start. Getting returns already. If you'd like to use the ATV to sell tickets it's at Hunter Lake and you can call 482-4987 to reserve.

ANNUAL BANQUET. Oct. 2, Rockland House, tickets \$25. and will have soon.

SPORTSMEN'S AWARDS AND WILD GAME DINNER: Had a full house, with large variety of game which was delicious and enjoyed by all. Thanks for all the help and especially to Kay who received applause. Kay requested a \$50. check be sent to Barbara and Norman Weiss for use of the Mongaup Game Preserve clubhouse for preparation for this event.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: Applications due prior to the June meeting. Call Edna for app. at 932-8929.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Committee met and went over all apps. Motion to increase scholarship fund by \$2,000. Two applicants to receive \$1,250. each and 2 others \$750. each. Seconded, all in favor, CARRIED. A scholarship will be awarded in the name of Charly Ann Skala, whose family will be present. Her life was taken by an irresponsible person during the big game hunting season.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Carl checked with Hurleyville Fire Dept. and they are interested in holding a Youth Summer Fishing Derby on a Saturday in July at Morningside Park. He circulated a paper for sign-up help and he will call everyone after he discusses this further with the Fire Dept. and will probably ask some folks to accompany him at this discussion. Our Federation will pick up food costs, etc. If you want to help call him.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion to allow Harvey Dickens use of our building at Grahamsville Fairgrounds to conduct a Hunter Safety Course. Seconded, CARRIED. Motion give Herb DeWitt money to purchase a 12 volt electric wrench to use at the Federation's building in Grahamsville. Seconded, CARRIED. Gander Mt. wants to set up a fish pool at their store for Memorial Day. After discussion with our president it was decided they needed to do add'l. research and obtain a DEC permit. They have tabled it for next year. No one was interested in representing us at the Liberty Fair July 4<sup>th</sup>. Motions made on three membership applications: Callicoon Center Schuetzen Verein; Sandbar Valley Fish & Game Assn. and Triple "J" Rod & Gun Club. All were voted in with the provision that the 30 day waiting period be waived. Seconded, CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn 9:30 p.m. Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting Wed., June 9, 7:30 p.m. Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edna Calkin, Secretary