

**Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc.** , meeting of July 14, 2010. The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. with a salute to the flag with 31 delegates present. Guests: Lt. Deming Lindsley, DEC CO; Carl Lindsley, DEC Bear Specialist; Ray McCarthy, Committee For Families of War Vets. Carl indicated he is resuming his Bear Specialist job with the DEC until Nov. 30. He's had the usual problems with stray bears at camps, invading garbage, etc. He is not trapping as many and if they break into buildings they will be killed. He is giving out warning slips for garbage offenders and if ignored fines will be issued. Camp DeBruce has cut the number of weeks, from 8 to 6, the camp is run due to lack of enrollment. If anyone wants to help Carl on any Wednesday please call him at 292-2151. He could use the help and you'll feel good about yourself and get a free lunch besides. The first fishing derby at Morning Side Park had 18 kids fishing with 7 kinds of fish caught, mostly perch and bluegills. Lots of trophies and food, a wonderful time by all and Carl thanks all the Federation folks who showed up to help. He said they hope to have it again next year with more kids involved. Deming indicated he has not been informed concerning the cross bow legislation as it must have the governor's signature before they move forward. There has been some speculation in the newspaper, but there is nothing official yet. The problems at Homawack have been resolved and a \$12,000 fine given. DEC personnel have been cut 20% on their mileage. Even though there is a sign on the Rio Reservoir indicating you can't use gas motors, you can if it's no larger than 5.5 gallons. Three kids were bitten by a beaver at Espous, by Phoenicia, the beaver was shot at but not caught and the DEC thinks it was rabid. Ray McCarthy of the Committee for the Families of War Veterans (845)794-0060 is looking for volunteers to help at Villa Roma with a radiothon on 8/28 & 8/29 from 8am-5pm. Call him if you can help as he needs 80 add'l. folks. He indicated a Cable TV group wants to make a film on some vets hunting in our area. He indicated they did not know what type of hunting they wanted. It was indicated they'd need to take a hunter safety course, get a license, have a place to hunt, etc. and that it would probably be better if they went to the Catskill Pheasantry where they wouldn't need a license, etc. They'd have a place to hunt, they could shoot traps and as many of them as wanted could participate. Motion to dispense with reading June 9<sup>th</sup> minutes since all clubs receive copies. Seconded, CARRIED.

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

Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. President read 3 thank you letters from graduates receiving Federation scholarships. President read a news report of children in Westchester being attacked by coyotes.

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

PRES.: Sportsman of the year meeting held and the 2010 Sportsman of the Year selected and will be announced on 10/2 at our annual dinner at the Rockland House in Roscoe. President indicated he was very pleased with the first Youth Fishing contest at Morningside. Our Predator Contest is ready to go and included with these minutes. These can be photocopied or call number indicated for add'l copies. Special thanks to Pat Votes of the Red Fox Game Preserve for doing our Predator and Coyote Contest mailings. The three day Coyote Contest is all set up and mailings will be sent out to anyone who was in contest last year and anyone else requesting applications. They will go out around mid-November. The dinner will be held at the Jeffersonville Inn in Jeffersonville which can hold approx. 300 people and there's lots of parking. Beer and soda will be available (we'll need people to serve this) and a donation will be requested as our Federation will foot the bill for this. We will also need lots of manpower to help with the serving, etc. so keep this in mind. President announced there will be a barbecue at his home at Hunter Lake in Bethel at 3 p.m. Sunday August 8th for all the people who helped with our 3 day coyote contest and for anyone selling 50 or more gun raffle tickets. Call Kay to let her know **WHETHER OR NOT** you are attending (845) 482-4987.

VICE PRES.: Our Federation building at Grahamsville now has new doors, a ramp and a new lighting system.

SEC.: Sign up sheet for pheasants now available. Must be signed up by Sept. meeting and have your 35 raffle books turned in by that time.

TRES.: After paying bills we have \$29,261.92 left in our account. Motion to accept report as read. Seconded, CARRIED.

COUNCIL DEL. No report. Next meeting in September.

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

FISH: Fishing bad, no rain and too hot. Chestnut plants are being spread by geese and are choking lakes. This is hard to control and poisons can be used or raking and most times it comes back the following

year.

SMALL GAME: Sign up for pheasants by Sept. meeting.

BIG GAME: Deer Damage Permits being worked on by DEC and there may be none issued. DEC wants 100% report on deer kill and anyone not submitting a report as to whether or not they killed a deer may not be issued a new license until they reply to their harvest for the prior year. The cross bow regulation is now sitting on the Governor's desk awaiting signature. If it is signed regulations will be forthcoming. DEC in New Jersey may have a 6 day bear season.

CONS. ED.: Call Carl Lindsley if you want to help at the DEC Camp on Wednesdays.

FWMB: At the 6/16 meeting all members agreed to pay their own expenses which were previously paid by the State. Federation asked for a donation to offset expenses. (See New Business). Dutchess had 800 youth at their annual fishing contest at Morgan Lake. Discussion continues on conflict with dog/horse access at Stewart.

HABITAT: 29 applications handed out so far. Must be in by Sept. meeting. If they are in prior to that they can start checking them. Call him if you need an app. (845) 583-6047.

SPORTSMEN'S ED.: **HUNTING (must pre-register for all):** 8/21 9am-4pm & 8/22 9am-finish, Excelsior Sportsman Club, Eldred, call Joe (845)456-0006. Computer Home Study required before course. 8/11 sign up course 8/21 Sat. 9am-4pm, call (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 Assn., Hurley. 9/18 9am-5pm & 9/19 9am-3pm Frost Valley YMCA call Carmel (845)985-2291 ext. 205. 9/18-9/19 both days 10:30-4:30 Acension Holy Trinity Church, West Park. 8/9, 8/10 & 8/11, 8am-noon, Morgan Hill Game Assoc., Hurley, call Rich (845)657-2262.

**BOWHUNTING (must pre-register):** SAT. 8/21, 8AM-5PM, 202 Mitchell Pond Rd., Cohecton. Bring bow & 3 field tip arrows. Call April (845)932-8152. 8/22 9am-5pm, Morgan Hill Game Assn., call (845)331-8685. 9/18, 9am-5pm & 9/19 9am-noon, Frost Valley YMCA, call Carmel (845)985-2291, Ext. 205. 9/11 9am-5pm Gander Mt., Kingston, bring lunch, bow and 3 field tip arrows, call (845)247-3412 before 9pm.

**TRAPPING: (must pre-register):** 9/11, 8am-5pm, Sterling Forest Visitor's Center, Sterling Forest (class is full). 8/1 8:30-5:30, Blue Mt. Sportsman Center, Cortlandt Manor, call Strider (845)284-2366. 8/8 8:30-5:30 Putnam Co. Fish & Game, Carmel, call Strider (845)284-2366. **S.C. MASTER INSTRUCTOR:** 8/18, 8/25 & 9/1 at S.C. Conservation Club. This is for gun & bow instructors. Call Ann Macnamara (845)256-3122

DEP: No report.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: 8/13, 14 & 15. Need help to sell tickets. Sign-up sheet available at August meeting. Motion to purchase a new pop tent for use at the fair. Seconded, CARRIED. Child ID program available at Grahamsville Fair and Youth Day. If your club wants to sell something at the Federation building contact Kay.

NRA: Supreme Court decision came down in favor of gun owners 5-4.

SWEEPSTAKES: We are up \$730 in sales from last year.

ANNUAL BANQUET: 10/2, Rockland House, tickets \$25. Pick up at Federation meeting or call Jack to reserve 9845) 482-4987.

YOUTH DAY: Set for 9/11.

SPORTSMANS AWARDS. No report. Bring your fish to weigh-in stations.

SPORTSMAN OF YR. 2010 Sportsman of Yr. selected and will be announced at banquet.

DEER FEEDING: No report.

### **UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

Our web site is now open. Let President know if you want anything added. Use Yahoo as a search engine. S.C. Archers thanked Federation for our donation (12 kids attended).

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion to donate \$100. to FWMB. Seconded, CARRIED. Bethel Rural Landowners having a meeting on gas drilling at Jeff Inn 7/29 at 7:30 p.m. Motion to purchase a laptop computer for Kay Danchak to help with work. Seconded, CARRIED. Motion to adjourn 9:53 p.m. Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting 8/11 7:30 p.m. Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall

Respectfully submitted,  
Edna Calkin, Secretary