

**Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc.,** meeting of August 11, 2010. The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. with a salute to the flag with 39 delegates present. A moment of silence was held in memory of Harold Puerschner, a long time valued member of the Cherokee Hunting Club. He will be missed. Guests: Lt. Deming Lindsley, DEC CO; Carl Lindsley, DEC Bear Specialist; Sondra Bauernfeind. Carl is extremely busy handling the bear situation, with 3 to 5 complaints daily. Hot spots include Fallsburg, Forestburg and Brisco. Warning letters are given out with 10 days notice and if garbage problems are not corrected then they go to court. Camp DeBruce had a very successful year holding camp 6 weeks instead of 8. Carl wished to thank the three Federation members who showed up to help him. He indicated that deer permits in 3H were drastically reduced. He is holding a trapping course 9/19 (see below) and requested quick sign-up since class will get filled quickly. A survey is being done in Region 3 concerning the tributaries of every stream entering the Delaware and Beaverkill rivers looking for water barriers which in the future may be cleared. Deming indicated lots of people getting tickets for fishing without a license. Burning brush is now permitted, but just brush. Logs must be no bigger than 8' in length and 6" in diameter. Sandra Bauernfeind introduced herself as a life member of the NRA and indicated that she has a pistol permit and that her home was recently broken into. She indicated that the law dictates that if she shot the intruder she would be arrested. She spoke about the 2010 New York "Castle Doctrine" campaign, supported by the NRA and the fact that many states are now enacting this new law to give homeowners the right to protect themselves against criminal attackers and asked that all our clubs write to their state and local legislators requesting their support of the Castle Doctrine Law. She is also requesting drug free zones in Sullivan County. Corrections to July 14 minutes: Can use up to 5 1/2 h.p. motors (minutes indicated not more than 5 1/2 gal. gas.) DEC not advocating 100% deer reporting prior to issuance of new license for current year but delegates from various counties requesting this. Motion to dispense with reading July minutes since all clubs receive copies. Seconded, CARRIED.

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

Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. Received 9 thank you letters from campers at the DEC camp and all were read indicating they really had a wonderful experience and learned lots of great stuff. Received a letter from Sunrise Farm Rod & Gun Club requesting payment of a youth fishing event already held. (See New Business). The county is now requesting copies of minutes of all organizations they help fund. Secretary will be sending this off to them when she sends out minutes to clubs. If for some reason you do not want your name or phone number in these minutes should you be working on something please advise her directly following the meetings and she will eliminate same on the copy going to the county. President indicated he had a barbecue for all those helping with the coyote contest which was enjoyed by all on a wonderful day. Our request for county assistance must be in by 8/15 and President already wrote a letter asking for \$25,000 so we can maintain our programs for the 2011 year. Complementary dinner banquet letters will be going out shortly for our 10/2 banquet at the Rockland House. Anyone wanting to solicit for door prizes please do so and the person who donates a prize will be recognized at this banquet. Grahamsville Fair is this coming weekend. Predator contest applications are ready and have been mailed to all contestants in our Annual Coyote Hunt. Tag numbers cost \$25. Pat Votes has done the mailing and wants to donate mailing costs of the Predator Contest to one of our youth programs. President will begin advertising the Predator Contest in about a month or so and applications were sent to all clubs and can be gotten off the web site.

V.P.: Kaiser Equipment in Livingston Manor has donated a refrigerator for our Federation building. Secretary to send thank you letter. Elizabeth and Harris Myers have donated a microwave. Secretary to send thank you letter.

TRES.: After paying bills we have a balance of \$24,950.45 left in our account. Motion to accept report as read. Seconded, CARRIED.

COUNCIL DEL.: Next meeting 9/17, 18 & 19 at which time vote will be taken on 21 resolutions. Federation's vote taken on half of the 21 resolutions and remainder to be voted on at the Sept. meeting. If anyone wants to donate a gift for the Council fund raiser for the September meeting contact William Gaudette (845) 295-9272.

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

FISH: No report. President concerned that Chair has not been at meetings nor contacted him with report. There were questions concerning fall stocking.

SMALL GAME: Pheasants doing good. Lots of rabbits and turkeys around.

BIG GAME: Big game licenses can be purchased 8/16. Doe permits scarce in most areas and some must have a preference point and some have no non-resident doe permits available. Trappers can now use a DEC 12 digit identification numbered tag on their traps. The new tags do not have names and addresses on them to foil the anti's so the trappers can't be harassed.

CONS. ED.: Lower attendance at DEC camps across the state despite the \$325. fee by DEC. Most camps charge \$1,000. Hunter Ed. booklets were sent to all DEC campers in advance which helped greatly with success rate.

FWMB: No report.

HABITAT: Apps must be in by Sept. meeting and instructions must be followed and they must be legible. Call Harris for application: (845) 583-6047.

SPORTSMEN'S ED.: **Pre-registration courses required for all courses. HUNTING:** Sat. 9/25 & Sun. 9/26 noon to 6 p.m. Bldg. #2, Rt.209 Deer Park, call (845)856-5090. Sat. 8/21 9am-4pm & 8/22 9am - finish, Excelsior Sportsman Club, call Joe, (845) 456-0006. Fri. 8/27 6pm-9pm & Sat. 8/28 9am-finish, Mahogany Ridge Hunting Club. Lunch provided, call (845)583-0217 days, (845)583-7453 from 5pm-9pm. No calls after 9pm. Sat. 9am-5pm & Sun. 9am-3pm, Frost Valley YMCA, call Carmel (845)285-2291 ext. 205. Sat. 9/18 & Sun. 9/19 10:30 am-4:30 pm, Acension Holy Trinity Church, call Walter (845)384-6431. Sat. 9/25 6-10pm & Sun. 9/26 9am-pm, must attend both days, at Grahamsville Fairgrounds Sportsmen's Bldg, Registration begins 8/30, call (845) 434-4291. **BOWHUNTING:** 8/29, 8AM-5PM, Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club, Platekill, bring bow & 3 field tipped arrows, call (845)764-5062 or (845)401-0135. 9/29 - 8am-6pm, Sparrowbush Fire Dept., bring lunch, bow & 3 field tipped arrows, call (845)856-4118. Sat. 8/21, 8am-5pm, 202 Mitchell Pond Rd., Cochecton, . Bring bow & 3 field tipped arrows. Call April (845)932-8152. Sun, 8/22, 9am - 5pm, Morgan Hill Game Assoc., call(845-331-8685. Sat. 9/18 9am-5pm & Sun. 9am-noon, Frost Valley YMCA, call Carmel (845)985-2291, Ext. 205. Sat. 9/11, 9am-5pm Gander Mt., bring lunch, bow & 3 field tipped arrows, call (845)247-3412 before 9pm. **TRAPPING:** Sun. 9/19, 8:30am-finish, Excelsior Sportsman Club, Bethel, call DEC (845)256-3098. Lunch provided. Sat. 9/11, 8am-5pm Schwangunk Fish & Game, Middletown, call (845)496-9339.

DEP: Thousands of acres of new hunting land now open by the Dept. of Environmental Protection. Signs on property indicate what type of hunting is permitted. For information contact: DEP, 71 Smith Ave., Kingston, NY, phone (845)340-7800.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: We really, really need help at this event. Just show up any time you can help. Fair is this weekend, 8/13, 14 & 15.

YOUTH DAY: Sept. 11, 10 am -3:30 pm. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Lots of help needed, and this is a real fun day helping the kids. Call Kay or just show up, even for an hour or so. Help kids learn to fish, build bat & blue-bird houses, etc. Lots of them never held a hammer. Help is also needed at 11 am. for setting up the fish tank on 9/9. Call Hank Samyn (845)985-2548.

NRA: Write to your legislators on the Castle Doctrine campaign.

SWEEPSTAKES.: Down slightly from last year. Keep selling.

ANNUAL BANQUET: Tickets going quickly (30 couldn't get tickets last year). Banquet 10/2, \$25. per at Rockland House. Call Jack to reserve (845)482-4987. If any left he'll have them at Sept. meeting.

SPORTSMAN OF YEAR: To be announced at our Annual Banquet.

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

Environmental Grant has been approved and they need to know how the grant will be spent. President has answered this, i.e. our fishing contests, youth day, etc.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

We have advised Sunrise Farm Rod & Gun Club that we support their efforts but we cannot help them at this time and that they please let us know in advance that they wish a donation. This was also discussed with a club delegate who was also present at our meeting. S.C. Conservation Club holding their 27<sup>th</sup> annual Daniel Boone Day 9/12, 9am-3pm at their club at 140Kortright Rd., Monticello, call (845)292-6208 or [www.sullivancountyconservationclub.org](http://www.sullivancountyconservationclub.org). Motion to adjourn 9:43 pm. Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting 9/8, 7:30 p.m., Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall

Respectfully submitted,  
Edna Calkin, Secretary