

Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc., minutes of November 11, 2010.

The meeting began at 7:32 p.m. with a salute to the flag. There were 29 clubs present. Guests Carl Lindsley, DEC Bear Specialist; Deming Lindsley, DEC CO. Carl indicated bear take small. Monticello will not be doing any weigh-in for bear or deer due to problems this created. Carl will still be picking up deer heads for CWD testing and this will probably be the last year for this. Carl will be permanently ending his retirement November 30, 2010 and we wish him well. Deming indicated notification to DEC for turkey, bear or deer kill will now be 7 days instead of 48 hours. The 48 hr. notification presented problems for hunters not being able to get out of the woods to a phone on time. There was a hunting accident in Ulster Co. caused by a person on an ATV with a loaded gun who might lose his arm. Loaded guns are prohibited on any motorized vehicle. The first 3 days of big game season, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the DEC will have a trooper from the Sheriff's Dept. in their vehicle since these 3 days are the busiest of the season. Lots of cuts in personnel to be instituted and lots of folks retiring. About 6 different groups of people were arrested for baiting, both deer and bear, all turned in by sportsmen. Deming thanked the sportsmen for helping by turning these guys in. One person violated regulations in 3 different states and was hit with about a \$3,000. fine. Another guy shot a doe over bait and while checking the situation a turkey was found shot by the guys father who had no license. Deming was exhausted by all these arrests and left our meeting early. Motion to dispense with reading October minutes since all clubs receive copies. Seconded, CARRIED.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. Wortlekill donated their \$65 sweepstakes check to our Federation for use in our Youth Program. Thank you note from the family of Norman E. Weiss for our memorial donation. Large apple trees, 12 ft. x 13 ft., with a 5 in. trunk and a root ball weighing a ton are available for \$250. per tree. If interested call Thomas Bruckner at (845) 234-7845. These are located in Columbia County. Harvey Dickens took a grey fox in the Predator Contest and Cliff Horton took a coyote. Hon. Frank LaBuda sent us copies of our ad in the S.C. Democrat concerning hunter safety and thanked us for supporting hunter safety. DEC released 602 pheasants in Region 3 and our Federation clubs stocked about 1,000. Harold Buley, our 2010 Sportsman of the Year, was presented with a plaque by our President from the New York State Assembly.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Bruce Miller is recovering at home from heart surgery. He is doing well and we send him our regards. The family of Clarence Loucks wishes our memorial donation to go to the DARE Program in Sullivan County and check will be sent to them. Since we will not be using the Monticello Fire House for our deer and bear weigh-in's, different arrangements have been made. We will be using the Sportsmen's Den in Callicoon. They may be moving to a new location but will still be in Callicoon. The phone number is 887-4800. Monticello wishes to retain the scale since they have had it since 1950. Predator contest not going great, only have 130 registered to date, but there is lots of time left until March. According to the contest regulations, prizes may have to be cut back if insufficient enrollment. Our 3 day Coyote Contest will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 18, 19 and 20. Flyers and applications are ready and will be in the mail shortly. Caps and T-shirts will be royal blue with white lettering at \$10. each and sizes 2X and 3X T shirts will be \$2. more. If you need the larger sizes order early since they go

quickly. The Coyote Banquet will be held at the Jeffersonville on Sunday, February 20th. Gun raffle tickets will be \$5. each or 3 for \$10. Federation clubs are requested to please sell as many tickets as possible since much of this goes back to your club in benefits. If you need more tickets call Edna (845) 932-8929.

V.P.: Target shooting ranges having noise problems with chemical reactive targets like Sure-shot and Candel Lite. Neighbors complaining.

SEC.: Computer crashed and a new one has been purchased. Lots of problems with the 10 year old one, messing stuff up, etc. If anyone did not receive their October minutes call Edna and she'll send them right out to you. She thanked the Federation for her new computer.

TRES.: After paying bills we have \$25,547.53 in our account. Motion to accept the report as read.

CONS. ED.: Start thinking about camp for kids for 2011. Names must be in at January meeting. Won't know how many we can send until we have our 2011 Budget meeting.

FWMB No report.

HABITAT We exceeded our budget and may have reduce the money limit on clubs for next yr.

SPSPORTSMEN'S ED. No report.

DEP.: Herb DeWitt is requesting support from Federation clubs for a meeting at the Grahamsville Town Hall in January. There are 4 different properties Grahamsville residents would like to restrict hunting on. Check with Herb as time approaches or you see a date and time in our December minutes. His phone number is 985-2413.

NRA: No report. Election went very well for our side.

SPORTSMEN'S AWARDS: Save game for Kay for our Annual Sportsmens Awards Dinner.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YR: Start thinking for next year.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee proposes the following Slate of Officers to be voted on at the December meeting: President, Jack Danchak; Vice Pres., Hank Samyn; Secretary Edna Calkin; Treas.: Ray Herbert; Trustee, 3 year term, Keith Krauss. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Federation made a donation to the Pheasant Hunt last month sponsor in part by the S.C. Democrat. Twelve applications were received and 4 kids selected and a wonderful time was had by all with lots of education thrown in. Ray Herbert, our Treasurer, had 550 kids enrolled in his Eddie Eagle Program this year. He received lots of applause from those present.

NEW BUSINESS:

We will have our holiday party at our December meeting so clubs are requested to bring a covered dish or other goodies. Motion to adjoin 8:55 p.m. Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting 7:30 p.m. Wed. 12/8 Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Edna Calkin, Secretary