

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC., minutes of April 13, 2011. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. There were 51 delegates present. Guests: Lt. Deming Lindsley, DEC CO; Honored Guest Carl Lindsley, DEC retired but now part time 3 months June, July, August. There was a moment of silence for three deceased Federation members; Tim Vernooy of WA-A-WE Club; John Vogt, past President and V.P. of our Federation and former Sportsman of the Year; and David Schoenberger of Wanaksink Lk. Sportsmen's Club. These were long time outstanding sportsmen and we will miss them. Harold Barber was congratulated for reaching his 85th birthday and everyone enjoyed a birthday cake in his honor. Carl spoke on the bear kill with Sullivan County being the second highest in the state with a 92 kill rate. St. Lawrence was first with 97. Carl is back to work temporarily in June, for 3 months, working with the summer camps on bear nuisance instances and other things. Deming indicated there is a correction to the March minutes in that if you need to kill a fisher you will need a permit from the DEC to do so. The marine license law has been revoked. You will need a free registry and this will be in the new guide or on the computer. Licenses for the Hudson are still in effect but for stripers only. Deming indicated a K9 sniffed out an illegal fisherman's catch who caught the limit, storing them in his car, and then going fishing again and catching more. He was turned in to the DEC by a fisherman. Motion made to dispense reading March minutes since all clubs receive copies. Seconded, CARRIED.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. Two new clubs have applied for membership. (See New Business) Letter read from Senator Bonacic indicating he supported bill S.177-A which will reduce the required minimum age for obtaining a junior archery license from fourteen to twelve years of age. This bill was introduced in the Legislature and passed in the house. He also indicated that if we ever need his assistance with a N.Y.S. issue not to hesitate contacting him. Letter read from Buck Ridge Hunting Club against 3 on a side antler restriction. Read letter from Beaver Brook Rod & Gun Club concerning the motion that was not acted on at the March meeting. (See New Business) Read announcement from the Sull. Co. Tea Party Patriots concerning a constitutional discussion to be held 4/16 at Mr. Willy's Restaurant in Monticello 1 to 4 p.m.. Topics include free speech, the right to bear arms, states rights, among other things. Suggested donation is \$10., call 9845)647-3660.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Coyote meeting held Sunday 4/13, 2 p.m. at Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall to set up contest for 2012. There will be no major changes but it will be a week earlier, to be held Feb. 10, 11 and 12 to avoid conflicts with other events going on. If there happens to be two coyotes of the same weight, the main prize will be split instead of the first one in getting the main prize. Since it is early, nothing is written in stone at this point and the contest will be finalized as time approaches. We will not be having a Predator contest next year since this was a fund raiser and did not go over well. According to contest regulations, prizes could be cut, which they were, and our Federation put in \$300. from our funds to cover prizes. All entry fee money was given back in prizes.

V.P. Thanked everyone helping on the Predator contest.

SEC.: Read list of all clubs not paying dues at this time. Anyone not paying dues by the May meeting will no longer receive minutes until dues are paid .

COUNCIL DEL.: People at the last meeting would not support deer feeding because it does not affect their areas.

TREAS.: After paying bills we have \$15,371.62 in our account and with the new account at the Jeff Bank, \$5,471.61, we have a total of \$20,843.23. Also paid last last month were \$135.65 for new checks from the Jeff Bank and the stamp. Also paid for sweepstakes tickets last month and did not mention it at the meeting.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FISH: Chair received some help for recent stockings because the prison has eliminated their annex and prisoners can no longer help so some Federation members helped. Our Fish Chairman, Tony Fellow (845)283-9710 or 583-4508 desperately needs help for the following stockings. If you can help out at any please contact him. Times, stocking sites and meeting places are indicated as follows: 4/15, 9:45 a.m. Harris Post Office; 4/21, 9:30 a.m. Beaverkill State Campsite; 4/26, 9:30 a.m., Red Caboose in Roscoe; 5/4, 9:45, White Lake Boat Launch; 5/9, Bandstand, Callicoon Ctr.; 4/20, Neversink River Dam; 5/24, Beaverkill State Campsite; 5/26, Red Caboose in Roscoe.

SMALL GAME: Deposit given for 825 pheasants. Youth Turkey Hunt will be 4/23 and 24.

BIG GAME: DEC continues to refine strategies for 5 yr. Deer Mgmt. Plan for N.Y.S. Plan will be available for public review and comment by late May or early June and will allow them to review pilot program and consider mandatory restrictions elsewhere. Many inaccurate claims circulating one of them being that the DEC intends to shut down pilot antler restriction program regardless of hunter interest. For accurate preliminary data go to www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7211.html. Bear harvest statewide was 1,064, similar to 2005-2007 years. Southern bear hunting areas took 401 bears with approx. half during bow hunting. Sull. Co. total bear take was 92 with 45 bow, rifle 47 and muzzleloader zero. There were 230,000 deer harvested during 2010 season. There were 123,100 adult females and fawns and 107,000 adult bucks. Across the state hunters took a slightly higher proportion of 2.5 year old bucks with approx 45% 2.5 year olds compared to 33% in 2000. No CWD infected deer have been found since 2005. DEC has decommissioned the CWD containment area and no longer require mandatory checking. Sull. Co. took 2,483 bucks and 1509 antlerless deer for a 3,994 total. Full report go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/42232.html>. Chair collected some starvation deer for DEC. There were 77 coyotes killed by Federation clubs present at our April meeting. Dave Hartman met with our DEC Commissioner Martens. He read a letter requesting his support to continue and expand antler restrictions that he'd like our Federation to send to Comm. Martens and thanking him for meeting with him and listening to our problems and goals for antler restriction for the future. Hartman also requested letters be sent to Sen. Bonacic and Aileen Gunther requesting same. Motion made for him to send all 3 letters which must be personally signed by Pres. Danchak. Seconded, CARRIED. We will be sending letters to Schoharie, Ulster & Greene Counties advising them that we support antler restriction. He'd also like to request Dick Henry, former DEC employee, to do a program for us on deer feeding, etc. Jay Martin of Ulster Co. Sportsmen's Federation spoke on the antler restriction and deer feeding.

CONS. ED.: No report.

FWMB: State Board Chairman resigned. Pine Bush School Program added a section on hunting dogs. Stoneykill Farm may open 1,000 acres. State meeting will beheld in Syracuse April 29.

HABITAT: 34 applications handed out so far. Call Harris Myers for an app. (845)583-6047. Must be in by Sept. Meeting.

SPORTSMEN'S ED. Must pre-register for all classes. HUNTING: 4/20- sign up. 4/30 Field Day at Ulster Heights Rod & Gun, 210 Sherman Rd., Ellenville. On-line study required. Call Jim (845)210-1056; 4/16 9am-5p., 4/17 9am-finish. Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville. Call Carmel, (845)985-2291, Ext. 205. BOWHUNTING: 5/14 - 8:30 AM-5PM Walden Sportsman Club, Walden. Bring lunch, bow & 3 field tipped arrows. Call Chris (845)206-2602; 9/17 9am-5pm & 9/18 9am-finish, Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville, call Carmel (845)985-2291, ext. 205; 4/15 9 6pm-9am & 4/16 8am-5pm, Plattekill Rod & Gun, Plattekill. Bring lunch, bow, & 3 field tipped arrows, call Walt, (845)564-7192; 8/21 8am-5pm, Morgan Hill Game Assoc., Hurley, call hunter_ed_l@yahoo.com: 4/16-7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Marbletown Sportsman Assoc., Stone Ridge, bring lunch, bow, and 3 field tipped arrows, call Joe (845)831-2142 (no calls after 9pm). TRAPPING: 5/21 8AM-5PM, Plattekill Rod & Gun, Plattekill, call Walt, (845)564-7192.

Excelsior Club is looking for someone to give a bow hunting course. Call Joe Kaiser (845)456-0006 or (845)807-6970.

DEP: Herb DeWitt has worked with the DEP for 15 years and got a round of applause. There is lots of land available for hunting, fishing, etc. Signs must be adhered to.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR & YOUTH DAY: No report.

NRA: NYS passed the budget so now New York City reps have lots of time to do damage. There are now 16 pages of bills against us. Please ask your representatives or NYS Rifle & Pistol Assn. to vote against any gun bills in NYS. They want to hear from us so they can say they are supporting their constituents.

SWEEPSTAKES: Tickets will be available at May meeting.

ANNUAL BANQUET: First Sat. in Oct. Can change to Sunday if we want.

SPORTSMAN'S AWARDS DINNER: 5/14, Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall, 4-5 social hr., 5 pm, dinner. Call Kay if you have game to donate.

SPORTSMAN OF YEAR: App. must be in **prior** to June meeting. Get application from Edna, (845) 932-8929 or Herb (845)985-2413.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: Must be in to Ray Herbert by 5/1. Call him if you need one at (845)482-4147

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion: We support Green, Ulster and Schoharie Counties for antler restriction. Seconded, 5 opposed, 46 in favor. CARRIED. There were 88 total predators taken in the Predator Contest. Winners were drawn at our May meeting. Checks will be sent out shortly and a complete report on the contest will be in the May minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made to accept the following two new clubs: Darter Hunting Club and K.L. Fox Hunting Club and waive the 30 day waiting period. Seconded, CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Next meeting 5/11, 7:30 p.m. Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Edna Calkin, Secretary