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August 10, 2011 Meeting

Federation of Sportmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc., meeting of August 10, 2011. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag with 29 delegates present.

Guests. Ltd. Deming Lindsley – DEC CO and Carl Lindsley, DEC.

Report by Carl Lindsley – busy summer regarding bears, one broke into a residence, other killed livestock (neither incident in Sullivan County). There were bear sightings in Fosterdale/Cochecton region, an area not known for many bear. Bear incidents near Fallsburg. The DEC will prosecute incidental bear feeding. Carl goes to DeBruce every Wednesday. Children in camp under 12 years of age cannot shoot firearms, if the idea is to hand firearms; they have to be 12 years old. We should make it clear on applications next year that this is the case; otherwise the child can only use a plastic laser gun. There are camp children from all over the state, as well as PA, CT & NJ but not many from Sullivan County. The cub that was found in White Lake last week with a plastic jug on his head was taken to bear rehab in Oswego. The cub was only 15-18 pounds where normally the cub would now be between 50 & 60 pounds.

Report by Deming Lindsley – Hank Bernstein, retired DEC person, he passed away last week – 94 years of age. He was a good game warden. Emerald Ash Boor was found in West Point. There will be road checks for fire wood. Buck the dog was involved with a recent incident assisting NY State police. Discussed he recent mountain lion found in Connecticut. Through DNA testing, the mountain lion came from South Dakota, could have walked, cats don't like water, cat went into Canada, weighed 140 pounds. First confirmed sighting in 100 years, DEC now getting more calls of mountain lion sightings.

Motion to dispense with reading July minutes since all clubs receive copies. Seconded, CARRIED.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. President Danchak read a letter from Angelo deVagro who is opposed to antler restrictions.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

President – Discussed the White Lake launch & parking area. He sent a letter to DEC in New Paltz about the need to cut the grass, fill pot holes. Some of these issues have now been addressed. Discussed bins for garbage. There are no more prison inmates to help. We have to keep yelling. Is it possible to keep the garbage picked up? Carl said there is no way to collect launch fee. Discussed a kind of “adopt-a-road” type of approach. Also, approaching the Town of Bethel Town Board. – all free. Carl Lindsley suggested writing letter to Mike Flaughery (Bob Engels's supervisor). The President wants to go to DEC first. Ulster County sportsmen invited (on a complimentary basis) Jack & Kay to their banquet on September 17th – they will try to attend. Jack reviewed the invitation list for our October 1, 2011 banquet. Thank you to Ray Herber, also received a thank you from Paige LaPolit for federation.

Vice President – not in attendance, no report

Secretary – not in attendance, no report

Treasury – after paying bills, we have \$12,342.33 – balance

Council Delegate – discussed proposed changes with pistol permits.

IN FAVOR OF CHANGING THE PENAL LAW, BE IT RESOLVED, INITATION AND SUPPORT, Section 400, page of pistol permits, trying to simply it and “shall issue”. 37 states have “shall issue”. All in favor – unanimous, no one opposed.

NIAGRA COUNTY – big game, allow rifle, chambers & pistol shot gun only county, they want allow to use rifles have hand gun ammunition, since you can use a magnum. Fire Arms opposes it. All in favor, majority in favor

MONROE COUNTY - conservation money be used for wildlife management programs only and not debt relief. All in favor, unanimous.

Conservation Council – no money, laid off people, Conservation Counsel, back in business, no money.

STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FISH - Tony contacted 4 hatcheries- prices, water is too warm, October is when fish sold.

Jack - Bass clubs are having a good year. Toronto Reservoir, 12-15 small mouth bass, they don't survive.

Lost 11 fish. Went through ice, difficult to keep fish alive. Small Mouth fight more. We run live wells constantly, keep the aeration going. Someone (don't know who?) said you shouldn't hold fish up and down, rather hold them horizontally. Wet your hands before handling fish.