

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC., minutes of October 12, 2011. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. There were 27 delegates present. A minute of silence was held to remember Richard "O.B." O'Brien, a member of the Red Fox Game Preserve. O.B. was a tremendous help with the annual youth ice fishing contest held at Mitchell Pond in Cohecton every year, as well as many other events. It is with a heavy heart the Federation says good bye to Frances Loughrey, mother of Kay Danchak. Frances was at every event and at everything she could possibly help at, without being asked. We will remember her at every Wild Game Dinner helping in the kitchen. We will miss her generosity with her time and effort donated to our Federation. Guests: Carl Lindsley, DEC Bear Specialist; Deming Lindsley, DEC CO; Bill Smith and Bill McCade from Ulster Co. Sportsmen's Federation. Carl Lindsley indicated clubs should read the latest issue of the Grass Roots News which had an important and informative article on antler/point restriction. Deming indicated there have been 6 reports so far of baiting deer prior to archery season so the DEC will be busy checking. Thomas Harris, from Alabama, shot 3 deer in Narrowsburg and has been fined \$3,000. Neighbors reported a dead deer on their lawn and the DEC followed the blood trail where they found 2 other dead deer, one being skinned by the shooter, who, incidentally, had no license and came up from Alabama to fill his father's freezer for the winter. They also found several dead turkeys. He had to use his sister's credit card to pay the fines. Bill Smith spoke on the changes coming up with Medicaide indicating the government is intending to make families pay for all prior health care costs, many years back, that they have paid for with the right to seize property, funds, etc. to do so. It is important that you contact your government representatives and oppose this. They are being flooded with calls and letters. He also requested sportsmen contact their representatives concerning the fact that some groups want coyotes to be eliminated as rodents and be hunted all year. This would leave newborn coyotes to starve to death in the spring when they are born, which is inhumane. We can't afford to deregulate coyotes as a nuisance animal. Motion to dispense with reading the September minutes since all clubs receive a copy. Seconded, CARRIED.

#### BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. Motion to hold off paying bill on Council travel/lodging expenses until bill is verified. All in favor. Seconded, CARRIED. There is a Rudy Vallet Memorial Dinner to be held 10/21, 6:30 at The Colden Manor at Spruce Lodge on Rt. 17K in Orange Co., \$45. per. Call (845)564-3018. Neversink Fire Dept. holding a Pancake Breakfast 10/23, 7am-12 pm at Fire Hall, \$7. adults, \$3.50 kids under 12, under 5 free.

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Banquet 10/1 at Rockland House a great success with a tremendous meal. Hank Samyn was named 2011 Sportsman of the Year. Presentations were made to Tony Fellow, Bruce Miller and Carl Lindsley for their outstanding help to our Federation. There were 150 in attendance with 32 comp. tickets. We had a net loss for the dinner of \$335. Folks indicated the speaker system needs improvement and Harvey Dickens, who understands how this stuff works, will get to the dinner ahead of time next year to make sure it works right. Pat Voges will be sending the coyote contest apps. out in Nov./Dec. and if you entered either the Predator or Coyote contests last year you will receive an app. for the 2012 contest. If you did not enter and want an app. call Edna (845) 932-8929. Gun raffle tickets for this event are available. If you sell 10 tickets you get a free one. Call Edna or Jack for more tickets.

V.P.: There will be an event at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds 10/15 from 9am-3p.m.

SEC.: No report.

TRES.: After paying bills we have \$31,385.57 in our account. This does not include the habitat checks. Motion to accept report as read. Seconded, CARRIED.

COUNCIL DEL.: Resolutions voted on 9/16. DEC indicated that the N.Y.S. coyotes are 40% wolf.

#### STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FISH: Stocking taking place Nov. 2 & 3, 9 or 10 am. At Morningside Park, Lk. Huntington, Lake Superior, White Lake, Loch Sheldrake and Swinging Bridge. No help is needed at this point but if you want to see them put in contact Tony Fellow. Cliff Horton spoke about his recent Kodiak Island, Alaska fishing trip and passed pictures around. They were a group of 6 who brought back 350 lbs. of frozen salmon filets. Average salmon weight 13-19 lbs. They got to Kodiak on a Saturday and threw everything back after Wednesday since they had all they wanted to take home.

SMALL GAME: 48 clubs got 18 pheasants each. They were a good size this year.

BIG GAME: Grahamsville Fair Hunter Education (gun) had 34 students with quite a few females. The bow course had 32 and adults with youngsters were instructed on proper equipment for them. Harvey told us western coyotes began migrating eastward in the 30's and inbred with gray wolves which altered body shape and behavior. Eastern coyotes are larger and heavier than western coyotes, and exhibit wolf tendencies and tend to hunt in packs and bond for life. They depend on pack effort for successful deer hunting and if you reduce the pack size before early winter you reduce deer killing efficiency and ability to reproduce thru reproduction. If a small fraction of the Northeast's 1.25 million deer hunters shoot only 1 or 2 coyotes annually that would go a long way towards reducing pack size and deer predation. President requested delegates to take coyote data back to your clubs and advise at the November meeting whether you want an open season (to shoot them all year) or you want a closed season, with specific hunting dates. Antler Restriction has been expanded to WMU 3A south and west of Route 28 (Youth under 17 exempt and may harvest bucks with at least one three inch antler). Bucks must have at least one antler with three (3) one inch points in the antler restriction areas to be legal.

FWMB: Resolution results are in Grass Roots News. DEC working with town on the White Lake cleanup of fishing access area. Volunteers are needed and should contact the DEC and will be given a stewardship agreement which provides liability coverage and Workmen's Compensation (call Nathan Ermer (845)256-3047 to request a Natural Resource Stewardship Agreement. Our Federation is checking this out concerning additional possibilities.

HABITAT: 38 inspected with each club receiving 70% of budget. IF YOU APPLIED FOR HABITAT FUNDS AND A CHECK IS ENCLOSED PLEASE CASH PROMPTLY.

SPORTSMEN'S ED.: Call the Wildlife Office at DEC, 256-3098 or 256-31221 for info.

DEP: Herb has had lots of trouble setting up DEP properties.

YOUTH DAY: 179 youth attended and we were under budget by \$337.96. Great day!

SPORTSMEN'S AWARDS & Dinner No report.

SWEEPSTAKES: List of winners attached. Take-in down approx. \$1,426.11 from last yr. Total profit was \$6,101.74. IF A CHECK IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR SHARE OF TICKETS YOU SOLD PLEASE CASH PROMPTLY.

NRA: Operation Fast and Furious, memos surfaced by attorney general was informed of program July 2010 and AF Southwest Bureau Chief regularly mailed data to White House but they disclaim knowledge of program. Next year a UN international conference will be held joined by 152 counties to draw up an international treaty designed to several restrict or ban right to sell, purchase, carry or own a firearm. Be on guard for this ticking time bomb.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominating Committee to report back at Nov. Meeting with slate of officers for 2012. Committee consists of: Bruce Miller, Chair; Bill Gaudette, Harold Buley, Fred Bosch and Angelo Polaseno.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 p.m.

Next meeting 11/9/11 7:30 p.m. Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Calkin, Secretary

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Winners of the 2011 Federation Sweepstakes

1. Polaris ATV 4X4 – Tina Schultz, 38 Crabby Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY
2. \$125 GC Fur, Fin & Feather Sport Shop Livingston Manor – Todd Simons, 462 Clearbrook Road, Orange, Conn.
3. \$100 GC Cochection Mills – Robert Gerow, PO Box 156, Parksville, NY
4. Canoe/River Trip for 2/ Landers River Trips – Todd Simons, Orange, Conn.
5. Hunter Lake Fishing Trip for 2/Bethel – Don Terbush, 8151 Ste Rte 55, Grahmsville, NY
6. Sweetwater Guide - Delaware River Float/Fish Trip – Keith Stone, 337 Old Rte 17, Livingston Manor, NY
7. Top Hat & Tails Dog Grooming, Grahmsville – Donny Jones, 213 Faubel Rd, Jeffersonville, NY
8. \$50 GC Tom's Bait & Tackle, Narrowsburg – Old Timers, 587 Winteron Rd, Bloomingburg, NY
9. \$50 GC Callicoon Agway – Mike Staloff, 210 LaBaugh Rd, Hurletville, NY
10. \$50 GC Liberty Agway – Art Ferber, 6 Lynwood Rd, Vernon, NJ
11. Herb DeWitt Turkey Call – Orion Rod & Hunt, 38 Hoffman Rd, Narrowsburg, NY
12. Muthig Farm ½ gal. Maple Syrup – Jim Lacey, 437 Cooks Falls Store Rd, Roscoe, NY
13. Roscoe Rockland House/Dinner for 2 – Robert Vona, 6503 Grand Ave, Maspeth, NY
14. \$25 GC Roscoe Little Store – Mark Murphy, PO Box 185, Callicoon, NY