

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY, INC. —

Minutes of February 10, 2021. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. Only 9 delegates were present.

Guests: Retired DEC officer Carl Lindsley.

Carl reported on the recently submitted NYS 2022 budget that might expand on crossbow hunting. The big game hunting age of 12 is also proposed but they must have taken the hunter safety course.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the January minutes since all clubs receive copies. Seconded and CARRIED.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Pres. John Van Etten read a letter from Hospice thanking the Federation for the donation made in Memory of Harold Buley. Also, Linda Buley sent a thank you note for our donation. Pres. Van Etten also reported that he has filed the application with the County to apply for a Grant. The application has been received & he was told that everything looked to be in order. Hopefully the County will give the Federation some grant monies.

Treasurer Linda Loughrey presented the monthly bills. Motion was made to pay the bills. Seconded. CARRIED.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES: JOHN VAN ETTEN – Reported that he has been approached by the Sullivan County Democrat to write a piece on what he sees for the future of the Federation, under his leadership, since the retirement of 30year Pres. Jack Danchak.

V.P.: HANK SAMYN – nothing to report.

SECRETARY: LINDA LOUGHREY – reminded members that dues for 2021 are due. She is very pleased that over half of the membership has already submitted their current dues.

TREAS.: LINDA LOUGHREY –Linda reported that after paying the pre-approved bills, there is a balance of **\$29,256.47**. The 12/31/2020 balance forward was \$22,692.44; January expenses were \$1,683.97; income was \$8,248.00 (which included \$6,708.00 from the County for the fish stocking program). Motion was made to accept Treasurer's report, Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Gary Muthig – nothing is happening. Any meetings are virtual.

FISH: Gary Muthig – Gary & Pres. Van Etten will be working together on this program.

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn – nothing to report.

BIG GAME: John Van Etten – reported that the numbers aren't out yet. The proposal for non-lead bullets is still being pushed.

BOW HUNTING – Ray Otto – no report.

TRAPPING – Carl Lindsley – reported that there is a push to have all seasons open at the same time. Water animals would have a universal opening date. Otters would have special regulations.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Krauss – Carl reported that possibly this could happen – would depend entirely on vaccinations??

FWMB: Carl Lindsley- everything is shut down. Gary Muthig would be our new delegate.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch –applications are available. Inspectors are needed. Contact Fred at 845-557-8030 to obtain a form and/or offer to help with inspections. He has handed out 8 applications so far.

SPORTSMAN EDUCATION: Carl Lindsley reported that all courses are suspended indefinitely. There are no live classes and no on-line trapping courses.

DEP: Hank Samyn – nothing to report

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: - Hank Samyn – nothing to report.

YOUTH DAY- Will be Sept. 11, 2021 if the fairgrounds are open.

NRA: John Van Etten – reported that the NRA is leaving New York and the local chapter is on hold.

SWEEPSTAKES- Linda Loughrey – Hank Samyn and Seymour Streigold are still "shopping" for the best price on a Side by Side for the raffle tickets.

ANNUAL BANQUET: –

SCHOLARSHIP—Carl Lindsley stated that Twila has the applications in the schools.

Applicants have to be interested in any Conservation Field. Donna Hemmer advised that posters of some sort will be put up in all Sullivan County schools. Fred Stabbert will put an ad in the S.C. Democrat. All applications have to be in by May. There is \$3,500.00 in the budget for scholarships.

ICE FISHING DERBY: Carl Lindsley- **WHAT A GREAT DAY.** Carl thanked everyone who helped out. The membership really showed up to help. A special thank you to Seymour & Eric for the firewood. Of the 102 children that registered, Carl felt that 25-30 were Boy Scouts. Another special thank you to the Boniface family for their \$1,000.00 contribution and to 4 other families that made monetary donations. Ned Lang of Enviro Ventures donated the use of 2 port-o-johns. Thank you letters of appreciation were sent to the Boniface Family and to Ned Lang. With the new auger & drill that the Federation bought, Todd Buley was able to drill approximately 60 holes on one charge. John Fisher of the N.G.Gilbert Tree Service has donated a Husqvarna #450E-18" Chain Saw valued at over \$400.00 to be raffled off solely for the support of future Youth Ice Fishing events. If interested, raffle tickets will be \$5.00 each and will be sold ONLY to Federation members. Raffle tickets may be available at the March meeting.

BUDGET –

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: -Applications are available from Linda.

COYOTE CONTEST: Somehow we will have a contest in February 2022. A meeting of those involved will be held sometime in March. Carl will check with the WSS Fire House to see how they can work it out if we aren't able to have the usual hunt. Pres. Van Etten asks that we think of alternative ways to hold the hunt if we can't offer cash prizes.

DEER FEEDING: -

TREES: – Susan Otto – The S.C. Soil & Water Conservation District is holding their annual Spring Tree & Shrub Program. Trees and Shrubs offered can be planted for habitat reimbursement if the trees are alive at time of inspection. To request the brochure & order form - call (845)292-6552 or online at: sullivanswcd.org. Order deadline is April 12th. Gary Muthig also had information on ordering trees and shrubs. Contact the Saratoga Tree Nursery at 518-587-1120 or online at: dec.ny.gov/animals/9395.hotmail.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: Pres. Van Etten and Gary Muthig will work together to get the By-Laws updated. A draft will be presented at 2 meetings for discussion and voted upon at the following 3rd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Red Hill fire tower has been renovated to make room for new parking.

Motion to adjourn at 8:31PM. Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY, **March 10, 2021** at the **Sullivan County Conservation Club**, Located at 140 Kortwright Rd., Monticello, NY 12701.

NOTE: The water will still be off at the Conservation Club in March so there will be no bathroom facilities.

Respectfully Submitted,
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SPECIAL NOTE: Happy 80th birthday wishes to Jack Danchak on Feb. 22nd.