Sullivan County Long Beards - Meeting minutes for 1/27/12 meeting

Meeting commenced with pledge to flag @7:30pm, with 12 members present.

<u>Secretary</u>: minutes of previous minutes read and accepted as read.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Report read: \$3376.96 in checking account with expenses for the month @\$580.00 Banquet tickets brought in monies but they go to National and costs for banquet. Motion to accept treasurers report as read, seconded and carried.

Bills to be paid are:

Orange County Federation for \$80.00. Members decided to refrain from membership due to the economy and if membership sees a need to once again join we may do so. Motion made, seconded and carried. Secretary asked to write letter to inform OCFS as to the decision.

NYS Conservation Council for \$175. Motion made to pay, seconded and carried.

OCFSC delegate Jim Cole: gave report that they are taking a stand against fracking at the moment but are still looking into the situation. Also mentioned that they are using a bus for the Albany Sportsman Day and the Orange County NRA's banquet will be held in Meadowbrook Lodge in New Windsor. They will be holding a flea market on 9/21/12.

President: NYS chapter meeting report:

The Chapter is receiving recognition for the "Best JAKES event of over 250 children" from National at the NWTF Annual Convention in Tennessee. Fran & Hank have been invited to attend and they will be going to receive the award. We also received many awards from the State Chapter i.e., Most Regular members, Most JAKES members, 5 Star Chapter Recognition, 2011 Best JAKES event in NYS.

The Potterfields of Midway USA donated fully loaded trailers to each NWTF State Board to be distributed throughout their respected counties and towns for use by JAKES members for shooting. The issue that came up being that there must be a NRA range officer present at all times while they are being used in NY, so NY has to make sure that they are giving the trailer to a chapter with certified NRA range officers or they will be fined.

National has reversed the couple membership they were going to use this year and have just gone on with one member per couple.

Butch also mentioned that most ice fishing derbies have been cancelled.

<u>Venturing Crew REP: Pete Selvaggi</u>: Pete said the Charter for the Venturing Crew is up March 15. And he would like a motion to continue. Hank stated that it cost us over \$400 between the charter and membership for the crew and that is quite costly and the Scouts didn't do anything for us for our investment. In fact, we had previously thought that they would give us the use of their property to shoot and they require a fee, etc. Pete mentioned that Morgan Hill Game Club in Hurley would allow us to shoot there but that was decided as too far away to start hauling kids. Hank said he also met with Al Steppich and he said we could shoot there but that too is too far, but he arranged for a competition

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shoot with both sets of kids in the end of October. At the end of the conversation motion made to not continue with the charter but to just have a shooting team. Seconded and carried.

<u>Event Chair- Hank</u>: Gave report on what guns National will be having at the Banquet; passed out Banquet fill in sheets and gave instructions as to how to sign up your banquet guests. Hank said we would once again have a ladies table but he thought we should add some kids things as well. Membership agreed.

Discussion on guns to be used for our annual fund raising raffle:

<u>Fran: SCLB Scholarship Chair:</u> Gave Butch (State Scholarship Chair) the two winners of the SCLB contest. They will be invited along with their parents to the Banquet to receive their awards.

Respectfully submitted: Fran D'Auria, Secretary