

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC., minutes of June 13th, 2012.

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 27 clubs were represented. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Rob Potter. Guests: Carl Lindsley, DEC and Lt. Deming Lindsley, DEC CO. Carl Lindsley reported that the DEC has again asked him to return to work. There is a black bear problem throughout the region that would require his attention. The DeBruce Camps have new staff this summer and will be running hunter safety courses every Wedn. through the summer season. Lt. Deming Lindsley is still getting reports of wild pigs – the numbers vary wildly depending who is calling in the report. It is not a violation to shoot wild pigs on your own property, but it does require a license to hunt on other properties. He stated that the bear problem in Phoenicia is a big concern. The Parks Service in Delaware County fined fisherman for setting a trout line (\$2200.). Lt. Deming Lindsley is now the new Supervisor of the 3 investigators in Region 3.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Ray Herbert had a list of outstanding bills for Hughes Net, postage for sweepstake mailing, secretarial supplies, and the guns purchased by Harris Myers. Motion was made to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. Letters were read that came from S.C Archers advising that they have 20 kids for the camp; Morning Side Fishing Classic (6/16/12); Scott Samuelson- inviting him to attend meetings; Darder Hunting Club asking why no representation at important meetings (to be discussed under new business); and letters from 3 Jr. Sportsmen thanking the Federation for their awards.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES: Prior to this meeting, the past Sportsmen of the Year met and selected the 2012 recipient.

V.P.: No report.

SEC.: Prior to the meeting, Pres. Danchak advised me that I omitted from the May minutes the fact that the Federation had agreed to let the DEC administer the dates & season for the coyote hunts. The Catskill Mountain Archers club has failed to pay their dues, so under Article 3, Section 2, they will no longer be receiving minutes.

TREAS.: After paying the current bills, there will be a balance of \$14,810.56. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

COUNCIL DEL.: No report.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FISH: Tony Fello reported that he visited the areas that were stocked 2 years ago and received good feedback on the fish being caught – especially the walleye.

SMALL GAME: The pheasant have been ordered. At this time, Jim Smiseth of the Ulster County Federation addressed our members about a meeting to be held on June 14th regarding year round coyote hunting-will report results at a later date.

BIG GAME: Big Game Chairman, Harvey Dickens – no report. On another note he said that pro-hunting legislation has been introduced in the Senate to classify morning doves as migratory game birds. Contact Sen. Mark Grisanti – Bill 6968 grisanti@nysenate.gov.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: The DeBruce information packs are being sent.

FWMB: No report.

HABITAT: Harris Myers reports the he handed out 35 applications and has only received 1 back. He needs them before the Sept. meeting.

SPORTSMEN'S ED: No report.

DEP: Herb DeWitt reports that there are 88.02 acres boarding Rte 42 at Big Hollow area & Red Brook available. There is no interior road access.

GRAHAMSVILLE YOUTH DAY & FAIR: No report.

NRA: See attached NRA REPORT 6-13-12 as prepared by Big Game Chair: Harvey Dickens.

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak reports that raffle ticket sales are up \$500. to date over last year. There are open dates if anyone wants to take the 4-wheeler to shows, etc. to sell raffle tickets.

SCHOLARSHIP COMM. Ray Herbert handed out the scholarship monies earlier in the evening. The S.C. Democrat was there to take pictures of the recipients. \$750.00 each went to Travis Brockner who will attend Alfred University and Nickolas Gorr who will attend Paul Smith College. \$500.00 each went to Lacy Gray & Jessica Gray who will attend S.C. Community College and to Chelsea Abplanalp who will attend Broome County Community College.

SPORTSMAN OF YR: 2012 recipient was selected earlier in the evening.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: The Mountain View Sportsmen's Club of Grahamsville, NY has requested membership into the Federation. Motion was made to waive the 30 day waiting period and accept the club. Seconded and CARRIED. In response to the letter from Darder Hunting Club that was read earlier, Carl Lindsley advised that he was out of town and unable to attend and Bill Gaudette advised he was unavailable. Pres. Danchack advised that he was unaware that neither delegate was available and will stay in the loop in the future. The membership also agreed that they are still against bow season opening on Oct. 1st.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting, July 11th, 2012; 7:30PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M. Loughrey, Secretary

NRA REPORT 6-13-12

1. If you think that Governor Cuomo was a friend of firearm owners because he got rid of the COBIS program think again. The COBIS program was only dropped because the state has a budget problem, not because the program was a failure. As far as microstamping is concerned Cuomo says "he'd like to see the microstamping bill passed, but he doesn't expect it to happen any time soon."

2. In a reversal from the Bush Administration the Obama administration is in favor of the U.N. Arms Trade Treaty which will be taken up by the U.N this July. If this treaty is signed by the president and passed by our current or any other future senate it will end American firearm freedoms. The treaty will require governments to enforce tracking, tracing, restrictions, regulation, surveillance microstamping and more on all firearms and ammunition in the country. The countries at the U.N drawing up this treaty include China, North Korea, Cuba, Syria and Sudan.

3. FOOD FOR THOUGHT- A president's policies can go on longer than 40 years after they leave office by the judges they appoint to the Federal Courts and the Supreme Court. In the Supreme Court there are four justices that are currently between the ages of 76 and 81. It is possible that during the next four year presidential term the president could appoint any where from one to four new justices. If Obama is re-elected it is not inconceivable that we could see Supreme Court Justice Eric Holder.

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37. Dickens