

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC., minutes of Sept. 12, 2012.

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 45 clubs were represented.

Guests: Carl Lindsley, DEC and Lt. Deming Lindsley, DEC CO. Carl advised the membership that once again he has retired. He had nothing new to report.

Lt. Deming Lindsley advised that after 2 years, the Gabriel case regarding deer feeding has been overturned. Judge LaBuda ruled that that section of law was unconstitutional. Lt. Lindsey advised that you can feed deer all year long as long as you are beyond 300ft. of a traveled road/highway. You still **cannot** feed deer over a bait pile. This ruling currently only pertains to Sullivan County.

Elijah Henderson of the Monticello VFW also attended the meeting. He was representing the Monticello Food Pantry which is in need of food and requests that any hunters that don't want their venison, the Pantry would gladly accept it. Their address is at 60 Lawrence Ave., Monticello, NY (845-796-8849).

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Ray Herbert had a list of outstanding bills for gas, postage, internet, ink, film developing, flowers, sweepstake & youth day material, and other miscall supplies. Motion was made to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Chris Dampman of Ducks Unlimited invites everyone to Sportsman's Night Out to be held at Mr. Willy's in Monticello on Sept. 29th - contact (845-557-8825). Sportsman's Flea Market will be held at the Grahamsville Fair Grounds on Sept. 29th - contact (845-985-0292 or 845-985-2693). A Hunter Education course will be held at the Lake Huntington Fire House on Sept. 29th & 30th-contact (845-932-8282).

Warren & Barbara Krum sent regrets that they are unable to attend the annual banquet.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES: Jack Danchak reported that the fair ticket sales weren't too good. He gave a big thank-you to Brian Bunce for bringing his birds. Youth Day was a huge success. Banquet tickets are still available. If you are interested in attending, contact Jack soon (845-482-4987), he has to turn in a head count. The letters to the guests have been mailed. Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther will be attending. Senator John Bonacic will try to attend. Coyote Gun raffle tickets are still available- for every 10 sold/1 free. Judge LaBuda's decision on deer feeding was a great victory for all sportsmen.

V.P.: Hank Samyn thanked everyone for their help during the Grahamsville Fair and Youth Day.

SEC.:Linda Loughrey asked the Federation what they wanted to do with the old printer. She was advised to take it to the county waste station.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the current bills, there will be a balance of \$14,147.69. He is out of balance by \$117.49 and is diligently looking for the difference. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette advised that he and Carl Lindsley will attend the Friday meeting and will report next month. Paul Rush, Professional Conversationalist from our area, will be receiving an award.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FISH: Tony Fello reports that stocking of Black Crappies (200 each) will be done at Morningside Park, Lake Superior, Lake Huntington and Lake Wanita. Small Mouth (250 each) will be done at White Lake and Swinging Bridge. This is being done with the approval of the DEC.

SMALL GAME: Joe Kaiser reports that the pheasants will be distributed on Sat. & Sun. (10/6-7) 9AM to 12PM both days. There will be NO Friday distributions, due to prior commitments by the pheasant people. There are no extra birds available. 50 clubs have qualified to receive 16 birds each. The cost this year is \$9.50 per bird. See enclosed sheet for directions and dates for club pickup.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens reported as follows:

1-Legislation that would extend crossbow use after 2012 but would continue to limit crossbows to only the firearms and late muzzleloading season is waiting for Gov.Cuomo's signature. While the governor's signature would extend crossbow use for next year's season, it would quash the DEC's proposed Columbus Day weekend youth firearms deer hunt for 14 & 15 year olds.

2-A ruling by a judge in the District of Columbia earlier this month, the Humane Society of the US is going to court to face charges under the RICO statues on racketeering, obstruction of justice, malicious prosecution and other charges for a lawsuit it brought & lost against Ringling Brothers Circus. After winning the case alleging mistreatment of elephants by circuses, lawyers for the American Society of

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Animal Welfare Institute filed a countersuit with a litany of charges ranging from bribery to money laundering to racketeering.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Krauss reported that 23 kids went to camp this summer.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette reported that he will attend the annual meeting/award dinner next week.

Tom Raffaldi of the NYS Dept. of Enviro Conservation said that 595 pheasants will be released by the State. Rockland will celebrate National Hunting & Fishing day on Sept. 22nd at Congers Lake.

HABITAT: Harris Myers reports that 38 applications have been returned. All are out for inspection. No more applications will be accepted.

SPORTSMEN'S ED: Bob Aber had no report. It was reported by the group that there will be a gun course on 10/4-5 at the Kauneonga Lake Firehouse. Contact Frank Dicostanzo (845-583-7453).

DEP: Herb DeWitt had nothing new to report.

GRAHAMSVILLE YOUTH DAY & FAIR: Kay Danchak reported that \$1,874.00 worth of raffle tickets were sold during the fair days. 237 kids signed up for Youth Day which was a huge success. Next year a lot more help is needed. There were big lines for the BB Gun shoot, Birdhouses and cotton candy.

NRA: See attached NRA REPORT 9-12-12 as prepared by Big Game Chair: Harvey Dickens.

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak reported that a lot were turned in tonight & will need time to put numbers together.

SPORTSMAN OF YR: Will be announced at the 10/6 dinner. The complimentary tickets were mailed out. There are still banquet tickets available.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: A \$50.00 donation will be sent to the Lions Club in memory of Don TerBush. The coyote scale is being purchased thru Kaiser Equip. at a cost of \$446.00+freight. Pat Voges advised that he will be mailing coyote hunt applications on Nov. 1st, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS: Jack thanked Henry Rumsey, President of the Senior Citizen Building Committee for use of the Senior Center, at no charge, for this months meeting. A thank you letter will be sent on behalf of the Federation. Motion was made to send \$50.00 to S.C. Democrat for the Bird Hunt for Children. Seconded and CARRIED. There were 6 Early Bird draws at \$25.00 each – PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD & GUN CLUB; TRI-STATE ROD & GUN CLUB; ROOSEVELT ROD & GUN CLUB; COON ROCK ROD & GUN CLUB; IROQUOIS HUNTING & FISHING CLUB and GRAHAMSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting October 10th, 2012; 7:30PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M. Loughrey, Secretary

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NRA REPORT 9-12-12

1. New York anti-gun legislators are trying to capitalize on the recent movie theatre shooting in Colorado.

Senate Bill 7828, sponsored by Senator Jose R. Peralta (D-Queens), would prohibit any person from purchasing or receiving more than 500 rounds of ammunition in a 30 day period. It would also prohibit any retail dealer of ammunition from selling a person more than 500 rounds. Under the bill, ammunition dealers would be required to record and keep personal information from purchasers including their name, address, date of birth, telephone number, and the details of the ammunition purchased.

Senate Bill 7829 also by Senator Peralta would require a background check for ammunition purchases

Senate Bill 3598, sponsored by Senator Liz Krueger (D- New York City), would raise the hunting age across the board. Specifically, the bill increases the minimum age for obtaining a hunting license from 16 to 18 years of age while requiring anyone under the age of 20 to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or relative. Additionally the bill raises the junior hunting license range to 14-16 years old from the current 12-14 years old while also increasing the age of the mentor accompanying a junior hunter from 21 to 23. The bill also increases the junior archery license age bracket limit from 14-16 to 16-18 years old.

It is imperative that the Republicans keep control of the NYS Senate to prevent these and other gun control bills from becoming law.

2. The Republican Party adopted a strongly pro gun platform at their convention.

We uphold the right of individuals to keep and bear arms, a right which antedated the Constitution and was solemnly confirmed by the Second Amendment. We acknowledge, support, and defend the law-abiding citizen's God-given right of self-defense. We call for the protection of such fundamental individual rights recognized in the Supreme Court's decisions in *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *McDonald v. Chicago* affirming that right, and we recognize the individual responsibility to safely use and store firearms. This also includes the right to obtain and store ammunition

2012 Pheasant Pick-up

Go to Damascus, PA. Rte 371. Go through the 4 corners in Rileyville to second left (watch for Camp Seneca sign on left). Proceed to Pheasant Hill Birds on Niles Pond Road, Honesdale, PA. Jim & Dawn Hardler - Phone 570-253-3750. If you have a problem with the pick-up date, Please call Jack or Kay @ 845-482-4987. Time for pick-up is 9AM to Noon.

Saturday October 6

Aden
Bald Mt.
Beaver Dam
Beaverbrook H&F
Beaverbrook R&G
Birch Spring
Buck Hunting
Buck Ridge
Cahoonzie
Cherokee
Cider Ridge
Coon Rock
Darder
Delaware Hunting
Eldred R&G
Excelsior
Forever Wild
Grahamsville R&G
Happy Daze
Haven Hunting
Highland F&S
Hill Gun
Hiram Jones
Howard Beach
Hunter Road
Iroquois
Mt. View
Serenity
Whortlekill

Sunday October 7

Bethel Sportsmen
Cher Acres
Hunter Lake
Mamakating
Mandrake
Methol
Mongaup Game
Old Timers
Orion
Parkston
Patton
Pleasant Valley
Red Fox
Rock Quarry
SC Conservation Club
Sioux
Stony Brook
Three Oaks
Triple "J"
Tri-States
Wolf Lake
Woods Pond

without registration. We support the fundamental right to self-defense wherever a law-abiding citizen has a legal right to be, and we support federal legislation that would expand the exercise of that right by allowing those with state-issued carry permits to carry firearms in any state that issues such permits to its own residents. Gun ownership is responsible citizenship, enabling Americans to defend their homes and communities. We condemn frivolous lawsuits against gun manufacturers and oppose federal licensing or registration of law-abiding gun owners. We oppose legislation that is intended to restrict our Second Amendment rights by limiting the capacity of clips or magazines or otherwise restoring the ill-considered Clinton gun ban. We condemn the reckless actions associated with the operation known as "Fast and Furious," conducted by the Department of Justice, which resulted in the murder of a U.S. Border Patrol Agent and others on both sides of the border. We applaud the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in holding the current Administration's Attorney General in contempt of Congress for his refusal to cooperate with their investigation into that debacle. We oppose the improper collection of firearms sales information in the four southern border states, which was imposed without congressional authority.

3. The Democratic Platform takes the following stance.

We believe that the right to own firearms is **subject to reasonable regulation**. We understand the terrible consequences of gun violence; it serves as a reminder that life is fragile, and our time here is limited and precious. We believe in an honest, open national conversation about firearms. We can focus on effective enforcement of existing laws, especially strengthening our background check system, and we can work together to enact commonsense improvements – **like reinstating the assault weapons ban and closing the gun show loophole** – so that guns do not fall into the hands of those irresponsible, law-breaking few.

37. Dickerson