

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC., minutes of Oct. 10, 2012.
The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 24 clubs were represented.

Guests: Carl Lindsley, DEC and Lt. Deming Lindsley, DEC CO. Carl advised that he attended the Conservation Council meeting on 9/14-15. He saw a demonstration on the air gun and was quite surprised to learn what an incredible weapon it is. He likened it to a 50 caliber muzzle loader. He also spoke about Ann Jardin, a 2016 Olympic hopeful in trap shooting from Mexico, NY. The taxidermy in Callicoon said that there were 11 reported archery kills of bear.

Lt. Deming Lindsley said that Rick Wood has received the Nat'l Wild Turkey Award. The DEC has been writing a lot of tickets for bait hunting. Nothing was reported to the DEC for kills during the Youth hunt. Background checks are currently being done on the applications for EOC & Forest Rangers. The Green & Grey patrols will be in force again for the first 3 days of deer season.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Ray Herbert had a list of outstanding bills for pheasants, Rockland House, coyote weighing scale, sweepstake checks, postage, Fur Fin & Feathers, Kristt Co., NYS Conservation Council Meeting, plaques, coyote hunt material & other miscall items. Motion was made to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Neversink Fire Dept. is holding their annual pancake breakfast on 10/28/12 to benefit the Youth Holiday Party. Pres. read letters from Dick & Mary Henry, Hon. Frank J. LaBuda, Legislator Kathleen LaBuda, Darin Goens of the NRA-PVF, Tri-Valley Lions, Carl & Patty Lindsley and Trevor & Seth DeWitt who attended Camp DeBruce this summer.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES: Jack Danchak reported that 52 clubs picked up 780 pheasants. The 6th annual coyote hunt t-shirts and caps are now available for purchase. The annual banquet was well attended. He recognized Jake Gabriel & his attorney. President awards were given to Aaron Finley, Bill Gaudette, Ed Loughrey, Linda Loughrey, Tony Fello, Edna Calkin and Cindy Dolan. The 2012 Sportsman of the Year was presented to Harry Walker. Chairman of the County Legislature, Scott Samuelson stated how impressed he was by the turnout for the dinner and thanked the Federation for all they do for the youth of the area. Also in attendance were Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Linda Cellini who was representing Sen. John Bonacic.

V.P.: Hank Samyn thanked everyone for their help with the banquet and is looking for assistance during the upcoming coyote hunt.

SEC.: Linda Loughrey had nothing to report.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the current bills, there will be a balance of \$22,353.92. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette advised that he & Carl Lindsley attended the NYSCC meeting on 9/14-15. Chuck Parker is the new President of the Council. He advised that hunting & fishing creates 130,000 jobs in NYS. The DEC staff is now at 364. The resolution voting followed the lines of our Federation. Paul Rush of Rock Hill was recognized as a Professional Conservationist.

FISH: Tony Fello reports that fish stocking will be done over the next 2 weeks.

SMALL GAME: Nothing to report. Pres. Danchak thanked Joe Kaiser for his help with the pheasants.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens reported as follows:

1-DEC, as part of its 5yr management plan recommended loosening the 500ft restriction for the discharge of a bow/crossbow & instead establishing a 150ft setback requirement. This measure would open deer hunting opportunities in more suburban environments. The approval rests with the legislature, but so far no bills have been introduced.

2-The future is unclear for the first youth day hunt that took place over the Columbus Day weekend. The hunt cleared after the governor delayed signing legislation extending crossbow use during the firearms season for next year.

3-Fur Taker Magazine requested documents from the Dept. of Justice which show that that our federal government is giving millions of taxpayer dollars to anti-hunting & anti-trapping organizations such as the Humane Society, Defenders of Wildlife and the Sierra Club.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: No report.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette said he will have a report to file next month.

HABITAT: Harris Myers reported that with the assistance of Fred Bosch he finalized the applications. 38 clubs qualified and their checks are enclosed with these minutes. He is asking that the Budget Committee consider increasing the habitat budget for next year.

SPORTSMEN'S ED: Bob Aber had no report, but members reported that 35 students were certified at the Kauneonga Lake class and 35 gun & 33 bow were certified at the Grahamsville Fair class.

DEP: Harold Buley reported that the DEC acquired 30 acres in Neversink with public access area that doesn't require a special permit.

GRAHAMSVILLE YOUTH DAY & FAIR: Kay Danchak reported that she has completed the scrap book for Youth Day & will take it to Kristt Co. so that they can put it into pamphlet form. This will be given to Assy. Aileen Gunther to apply for our grant.

NRA: See attached NRA REPORT 10-10-12 as prepared by Big Game Chair: Harvey Dickens.

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak reported that The Rock Quarry Hunting Club won out for the most sweepstake tickets sold this year. (see enclosed recap)

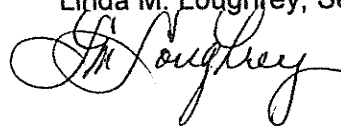
UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: There are still gun raffle tickets available. For every 10 sold/ 1 free.

NEW BUSINESS: The Federation addressed sending \$200.00 to Ann Jardin to assist in her Olympic pursuit. Tony Fello donated the Iroquois Club's check back to be used for this purpose. Motion was made, seconded and CARRIED to accept back their check and send same to Ann Jardin. A motion was made to move the annual banquet from the first Saturday in October to the second Saturday so that it didn't conflict with handing out the pheasants. Motion was seconded and CARRIED. It was stated that Betty & Paul Hartman donated \$100.00 to the Federation in memory of Frank Hartman. Pres. Danchak set up a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for 2013. The slate will be presented at the November meeting. He requested Bruce Miller (794-8299), Harvey Dickens, Bill Gaudette, Harold Buley and Fred Bosch to prepare the list.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: November 14th, 2012; 7:30PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M. Loughrey, Secretary



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