

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC., minutes of Mar. 13, 2013. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 26 clubs were represented.

Guests: Lt. Deming Lindsley, DEC CO, Carl Lindsley, DEC.

Carl Lindsley reported that NYS tagged 61 hen turkeys and 19 jakes. The bears are out and about. The youth ice fishing derby was a great success. Nearly 100 fish were caught. He is working on the particulars for next year especially regarding the taking of bass. Carl is collecting turkey feathers. A Curator of Anthropology out West is doing a study on turkey feathers. If you can help, just bag them up and give to Carl.

Lt. Deming Lindsley reported that his crew was busy monitoring and enforcing the rules on ice fishing. In the Adirondacks there are reports of bear with mange. Report any cases that you might encounter so that they can take the necessary action. Lt. Lindsley spoke of the recent episode where a dog was caught in a trap. He stated that the DEC law allows a dog to run loose only on your property. If he leaves your property, you are in violation and subject to a \$200 fine. You must also abide with your local township laws.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Ray Herbert had a list of outstanding bills for the ice fishing day, Town Crier & Bill Gaudette (NYSCC meeting). Motion was made to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak reported he has application forms for NYS Rifle & Pistol membership. He also has the applications needed for the NYS Firearms License Request for Public Records Exemption. They need to be filed with the County Clerk by April 18th.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES: Jack Danchak remarked on the success of the Ice Fishing Derby. He will hold the Coyote Committee meeting after the April Federation meeting. He read a letter from S.C. Community College inviting us to participate in a forum for "Envisioning a Future SUNY Sullivan". Anyone interested can contact Beth Murray at 845-434-5750x4398

V.P.: Hank Samyn had nothing to report.

SEC.: Linda Loughrey had nothing to report.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the bills, there will be a balance of \$33,004.28. Started with \$16,940.27, income deposited of \$29,031.00, deducted expenses paid of \$12,966.99. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING, SPECIAL & OTHER COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette reported that he & Carl attended the 3/2 Legislative meeting in Herkimer. 100 bills were introduced in the State Legislature. They were briefly reviewed and a position established for the Council if the bills come out of Committee. Kevin Bruin, Asst. Council for NYS Police, reviewed components of the NYS Safe Act. Judy Drabicki, Region 6 DEC Director, discussed the new license restructuring. They want to keep trappers independent. Assemblyman Marc Butler of the 118th District also spoke about the Safe Act. He doesn't feel that the act can be reversed, but feels that it can be revised. He is also concerned that Remington Arms may move out of NYS. The spring meeting will be held on April 6th.

FISH: Tony Fello reports that beginning April 1st the Fish Stocking will begin. He could use help – anyone interested should just show up. 4/1-9:45 AM–Bandstand in Callicoon Center; 4/5-9:45AM-Grahamsville Town Hall; 4/9-10:00 AM-County Rt.43 Bridge at Mongaup Falls Reservoir; 4/12-9:45 AM-Harris Post Office; 4/18-9:30 AM-Beaverkill State Campsite and 4/23-9:30 AM-Red Caboose in Roscoe. The May stocking dates will be in the April minutes.

SMALL GAME: Chad Phillips reported that he has been in touch with the pheasant supplier. The cost of feed has gone up, so the birds will cost from \$9.-\$9.50 each. He also reported that J.P.Lang is also starting to raise pheasants.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens – see attached (Big Game Report 3-13-13).

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Krauss reported that he still hasn't received the applications. He needs names & addresses and will forward the applications as soon as he receives them. If he gets too many applications, rather than cutting anyone, he hopes that the various clubs might help. For every 18 that we sponsor, we get 3 free.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette reported that he & Carl attended the Dec. 19, 2012 meeting. 300 acres of land has been acquired south of the Bashkill. The Schawanqunk Grasslands National Refuge will open to bow hunting. CFAB is reviewing the budget & license fee restructuring. There is \$47million in the Conservation Fund with a similar amount in the lifetime license trust fund. There is concern that these monies won't be used appropriately. Sylvan Lake fishing access has been acquired by the DEC. The State is looking at an 800 acre parcel in Town of Deer Park. The DEC is acquiring 350 acres in Putnam, adjacent to the Cranberry Mountain WMA. Dutchess County provided 7,500 pounds of game to food pantries. Bill Nichols of Putnam County asked the Board to emphasize youth & women involvement in hunting & fishing. Rockland County held their National Hunting & Fishing Day last Sept. 22. It was a huge success with over 1000 attendees. Stan Pascoo of Rockland County was elected to the Sportsmen Hall of Fame. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20th.

HABITAT: Harris Meyers reported that he has the amended application (as voted on at last meeting) and it is ready to go to the printer.

SPORTSMEN'S ED: Bob Aber wasn't present—Carl Lindsley asks for volunteers to assist this summer at Camp DeBruce. The hours are 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

DEP: Herb DeWitt has nothing to report – reservoirs will open first week of April.

NRA: Harvey Dickens – see attached (NRA REPORT 3-13-13). Of the 61 counties in NYS, 40 have adopted resolutions regarding the "Safe Act". Forest Darder reported that "Ruger.com" has a great web site regarding this.

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak reported that she has ordered the sweepstake tickets and should have them by the end of week. There are 13 prizes listed. She requested a check for \$2,000.00. Motion was made to draw said check. Seconded, CARRIED.

SCHOLARSHIP: Ray Herbert stated that the applications are in the schools and on-line. Due date is May 1st.

YOUTH ICE FISHING DERBY: Kay Danchak reported that it was a success and thanked Keith, Bruce, Billy D., Carl and Tony for their great help.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: All applications must be in before the June meeting. Applications can be obtained from Herb DeWitt, Chairman or Linda Loughrey, Secretary.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Contact Harvey Dickens for applications (\$10.00 off) for new applicants or renewals to the NRA. Guest Ethan Morgan of the 2013 Wounded Warriors Xcursion thanked the Federation for its participation. Travis Archery and the Wounded Warrior Excursion are holding a fund raising event at Woodbourne Fireman's park on May 5th starting at noon. He is inviting everyone to attend. The Conservation Club held their King of the Ice & had 275 participants. The winner was a 5lb14oz Walleye – no trout caught. The Federation will have a booth at the Villa Roma's Outdoor Expo on 3/22-23.

NEW BUSINESS:

Susan Brown Otto gave a report on Chestnut Trees – might be good idea for a fund raiser. She will have literature to disperse at the next meeting. A letter was circulated regarding the "Columbine" tragedy. Motion was made to send this letter to the Sullivan County Democrat to be printed. Seconded, CARRIED. Kay is working on the paperwork to try to obtain a grant for \$500.00 from the NRA.

Motion to adjourn at 9.40PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: April 10th, 2013, 7:30PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

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Note: There are still clubs that haven't paid their membership dues. The by-laws state that "Any club that fails to pay it's dues by the April meeting shall not be eligible to vote at any meetings of the Federation until said dues are paid to the incumbent Secretary for the ensuing year".

BIG GAME REPORT 3-13-13

1. The Governor announced a plan to streamline hunting and fishing licenses and reduce license fees which would take effect on Feb. 1, 2014.

The proposal would:

- Reduce by 11 the number of licenses available while maintaining all current hunting and fishing privileges and opportunities
- Make fishing licenses valid for one year from the date of purchase
- Create a non-resident license structure which is the same as the resident license structure
- Fold trapping privileges into the hunting license for no additional fee for certified trappers
- Maintain Junior Trapper and Trapper Mentor opportunities
- Reduce fees for non-resident hunting and fishing licenses to attract more out-of-state participants
- Retain discounted licenses for youth, seniors, military disabled and Native Americans.

License	Cur rent	Prop osed
NYS Residents		
Annual Fishing License	\$29	\$25
Annual Hunting License	\$29	\$22
Annual Bow Hunting Privilege	\$21	\$20
Annual Muzzleloading	\$21	\$11
Out-of-State Residents		
Annual Fishing License	\$70	\$50
Annual Hunting License	\$140 0	\$100
Annual Bow Hunting Privilege	\$140 0	\$40
Annual Muzzleloading	\$140 0	\$30
Annual Turkey	\$50	\$20
One-day Fishing	\$15	\$10

2. The DEC is proposing amendments to bobcat hunting and trapping regulations starting in 2013, as specified in the five-year Bobcat Management Plan adopted last fall.

The proposed changes include:

Simplifying existing hunting and trapping seasons to simultaneously end on February 15 in the northern and southern zones where bobcat hunting and trapping already exist.

Establishing new hunting and trapping seasons from October 25 through the Friday before the third Saturday in November in several new wildlife management units.

Antis are always sending comments against any plan that expands hunting and trapping opportunities.

It is important that you send comments that you support the new Bobcat Management Plan to

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