

**FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC.,** minutes of July 10, 2013. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 24 clubs were represented.

Guest Carl Lindsley, DEC retired, reported that Lt. Deming Lindsley will officially retire on July 28th. He is attempting to organize a retirement party for him at the White Sulphur Springs firemen's park mid-to-late August. Carl reported that since he returned to work on June 19<sup>th</sup>, he has only had 1 ½ days off. The nuisance bear calls are non-stop. Unfortunately he has had to kill as many bears as he has trapped. One entry into a dwelling necessitates that the bear be destroyed. Many sow bears are being seen with as many as 3-4 & 5 cubs. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the June minutes since all clubs receive copies. Seconded and CARRIED.

#### **BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Treasurer Ray Herbert had a list of outstanding bills for sweepstakes, youth day, scholarship pictures, internet, Liberty Press, Kristt Co., & secretarial supplies. Motion was made to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak read a thank you note from Scott Herbert, Jr. regarding the scholarship that he received. At this time Pres. Danchak recognized Officer Ricky Wood of the DEC. Officer Wood also mentioned the retirement of Lt. Lindsley and how much he will be missed. At this time there are only 2 officers on duty to cover the county. It will be mid-November before an additional 2 officers will be on hand. Along with Carl Lindsley, he has also been actively pursuing bears. If anyone sees feral pigs, please contact the DEC, as pigs carry diseases.

#### **REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

PRES: Jack Danchak informed everyone that the 2014 budget had been prepared and sent to the County Manager. It was due by July 12<sup>th</sup>. Per their request, we sent in everything that will be on our mission statement for 2014. For 2013 the County only gave the Federation \$12,240.00. Our request for 2014 will be \$14,740.00, hoping that if the Federation didn't ask for too much, we wouldn't be as drastically cut, as in the past. Pres. Danchak read a letter that he wrote to Tom Yager in response to him questioning the 2013 budget cuts. The Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> annual banquet tickets are now ready - \$30.00 per ticket. Gun raffle tickets are also available - for every 10 sold/1 free.

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

SEC.: Linda Loughrey read the names of 3 clubs that haven't paid their 2013 dues - Howard Beach Rod & Gun Club, Rodfield Gun Club and Tamarack Farm Deer Club.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the bills, there will be a balance of \$16,483.98. Started with \$17,720.59, income deposited of \$145.00, deducted expenses paid of \$1,381.61. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

#### **REPORT OF STANDING, SPECIAL & OTHER COMMITTEES:**

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette went over 5 of the NYSCC Resolutions for 2013 (which can be found on their web site) & asked the Federation for their position:

1. Albany County: Opposition to Mandatory Antler Restriction - FEDERATION OPPOSED.
2. Delaware County: Trespassing - FEDERATION OPPOSED.
3. Delaware County: Trout Stocking - FEDERATION OPPOSED.
4. Erie County: Opposition to Mandatory Antler Restriction State Wide - FEDERATION OPPOSED.
5. Erie County: Opposition to Mandatory Antler Restriction Region 9 - FEDERATION SUPPORTS.

The last 5 resolutions will be addressed at the August meeting. Both Bill Gaudette & Carl Lindsley will attend the Sept. meeting.

FISH: Tony Fello reported that the bass fishing is really good. Fishermen are quite pleased with their catches. On Toronto they are catching 4-6lb trout. At Superior they are getting large mouth & crappies & at Lake Huntington they are getting walleye & bass.

SMALL GAME: Chad Phillips was not present. However, the consensus of those in attendance reports seeing a lot of rabbits and very few young turkeys.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens- see enclosed BIG GAME REPORT 7-10-13.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette reported that the minutes of the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were not yet ready. He will report next month. On Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, Rockland County will hold a hunting/fishing day. Last year, about 1,000 people attended the event. For information, contact Stan Pascoo (845-494-6312). It will be held at Congers Lake Park in the town of Clarkstown. NO GUNS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK.

HABITAT: Harris Meyers was not present. Applications can be obtained from Harris or the Secretary.

SPORTSMEN'S ED: Carl Lindsley stated unfortunately he has been so busy with bears, that he hasn't yet obtained the list of any courses being held. He hopes to have it for next meeting.

DEP: Herb DeWitt passed around a sample of the signs that will be posted. They are very clear & easy to read.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: Kay Danchak reported that there will be a booth available as Rod's Taxidermy won't be able to attend. The fair dates are August 16-17-18, 2013. Help is always needed on those dates. Please sign up next month with the date/time that you can assist.

YOUTH DAY: Kay Danchak reported that along with a new game (potato shoot), she has a lot of the usual ready & committed to be there.

NRA: Harvey Dickens - see enclosed NRA REPORT 7-10-13.

**SWEEPSTAKES:** Kay Danchak reports that sweepstake sales are currently down \$500.00. Pres. Danchak has requested the secretary to include 3 tickets with the mailing of the minutes. Additional tickets can be obtained from Pres. Danchak and all sales should be remitted to him.

**SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR:** Pres. Danchak reported that the recipient has been selected and will be announced at year end banquet in October.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** Contact Susan Otto or Cliff Horton if you want chestnut trees. Trees need to be purchased in units of 10 at \$16.00 each. Requests for trees and payment must be in by the October meeting.

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

No old or unfinished business was reported.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business to discuss.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: August 14, 2013, 7:30PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

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## BIG GAME REPORT 7-10-13

1. The Crossbow Bill which passed the NYS Senate by a 52-10 margin died in the Assembly's Conservation Committee because Assemblyman Sweeney from Long Island the committee chairman would not release the bill to the Assembly floor. If passed, the bill would have given the DEC the authority to regulate the use of crossbows during hunting seasons. Unless a bill is passed crossbows are essentially illegal for use in New York.
2. A bill prohibiting the possession, sale, distribution or transportation of Eurasian boars in New York effective Sept. 1, 2013 is on the Governor's desk waiting for his signature. The bill is designed to keep feral hogs from overrunning the New York landscape by not allowing hunting preserves to possess boars. The bill also makes it illegal to release boars into the wild.
3. A New York State Senate and Assembly Bill that would have implemented antler restrictions in a part of Central NY never made it out of committee. Many hunters saw this as a victory because they don't want lawmakers making decisions on wildlife issues, instead leaving those issues in the hands of DEC wildlife biologists.
4. The New York State Trapper's Association will be running two youth trapping camps Oct. 11-14, 2013. The camps are open to youths 12-14 years of age. With the help of donations the camp fee is only \$40 to cover the cost of food. The western camp will be in Allegany County and the eastern camp will be at the Rotary Boy Scout Camp in Rensselaer County. Attendees will receive their trapping certificate and will be instructed by some of the top trappers in the state. For information contact Patricia Arnold 315-644-4643 or by email at [patriciaarno@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaarno@gmail.com).

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## NRA REPORT 7-10-13

1. V.P. Biden has promised to bring back President Obama's antigun bill for another vote. They are saying that the bill is for universal background checks but disguised in the bill will be permanent federal universal gun registration for all firearm's purchases and transfers. Since the bill was pulled before a vote could occur by Senator Harry Reid the last time, it could be brought up again at any time for a vote if Harry Reid feels he has the votes to pass it.

2. New York gunmaker Kahr Arms which was considering moving its corporate headquarters from Pearl River NY to Orange County has now decided to move out of New York and instead relocate in Pike County PA. The move will bring about 100 jobs to their new facility in PA. The company stated that "NY has become very unfriendly to people in the gun business and they feel like we are being treated like criminals in NY."

There have also been rumors that Remington Arms might be moving some of its operations out of NY but the company declines to discuss the issue publicly. Remington produces the Bushmaster rifle which is now illegal in NYS.

3. In many counties of Pennsylvania the Sheriffs are now refusing to grant nonresident pistol licenses to New Yorkers who have unrestricted NYS pistol licenses.

4. In a case brought by several pistol licensees the NYS Rifle and Pistol Assoc. and the Second Amendment Foundation before the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit brought against New York City was decided on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The plaintiffs argued that the \$340 fee for a pistol license in NYC every three years violates the Second Amendment and the law that allows NYC and Nassau County to set and collect handgun licensing fees outside the \$3-10 range permitted in other jurisdictions in NYS violates the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause. The court ruled in favor of NYC stating that the \$340 fee does not violate the Second Amendment because the fee is not excessive spread over three years. Since NYC has been allowed by law to set its own licensing fee since 1947 and the \$340 fee for a license is \$3 less than the administrative cost to produce the license it does not violate the Fourteenth Amendment. The entire decision can be read at [http://www.nysrpa.org/files/NYSRPA\\_v\\_NYC\\_2CDecision.pdf](http://www.nysrpa.org/files/NYSRPA_v_NYC_2CDecision.pdf)

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