

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC., minutes of August 14, 2013. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 31 clubs were represented.

Guests: Paula Piatt, Trout Unlimited, Eastern Sportsmen Organizer; Tom Shepstone, Gas Industry Consultant; Carl Lindsley, DEC retired. Paula Piatt presented a slide show which showed both the pros & cons of gas drilling in the Delaware River Basin. Highlights were: Potential Impacts of Shale Gas Development (Forest Fragmentation, Wildlife, Water & Fish); Sportsmen's Interest (Access, Aesthetics & Noise); What Can Sportsmen Do (Lessons learned from the West, Monitoring Networks, Mitigating Impacts & Build an Alliance). Her presentation was well received. Paula can be reached at 570-886-1609 or ppiatt@tu.org. She is available to talk with any club. Tom Shepstone, Pro Gas Drilling, was quite pleased with her unbiased presentation. He did point out that his group if trying to preserve the ability to hunt on open land, but it is not free. Taxes need to be paid & this takes income that gas drilling can provide. He further stated that there are no documented cases of gas drilling polluting water supplies in the USA. Pres. Danchak thanked both Paula Piatt & Tom Shepstone for speaking to the Federation. Pres. Danchak then introduced Wyatt Fulton. Wyatt attended Camp DeBruce this summer and wanted to personally thank the Federation for sponsoring him. He had a great time & learned a lot. Carl Lindsley stated that this is why we send children to camp & he wished that the membership was more supportive in donating their time to help during the weeks at Camp DeBruce. Camp DeBruce was once again a huge success. Carl reported that turkeys are in jeopardy because of poor spring nesting. Bears are still a major problem with a lot of B&E. A new State Archery Co-ordinator is needed. He/she would act as a go-between with New Paltz & instructors.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Ray Herbert was not able to attend, but Kay Danchak read a list of outstanding bills for stamps, computer ink, coffee filters, canopy rods, internet, food for the fair and shirts & hat from Every Day Apparel. Motion was made to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Danchak read thank you notes from 3 individuals that attended Camp DeBruce: Sean Tegnander, Jasmine Bullaro & Lauren Boll. He read a flyer from "Friends With Firearms" who are holding a BBQ, etc. on 8/24/13 at Hanofee Park, Liberty, NY.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Pres. Jack Danchak reported that the wrong imprinted order of tee-shirts & caps was resolved by the Federation paying only \$2. and not the original \$5. & that we will try & sell them at youth day. The right order for the coyote hunt shirts & caps are now available (looking good-brown w/white lettering). Gun raffle tickets & banquet tickets are still available.

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

SEC.: Linda Loughrey read the names of 2 clubs that haven't paid their 2013 dues: Rodfield Gun Club and Tamarack Farm Deer Club.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert was unavailable to make his report.

REPORT OF STANDING, SPECIAL & OTHER COMMITTEES:

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

6. Essex County: Extend Coyote Season- FEDERATION SUPPORTS. (1 OPPOSED)
7. NY Houndsmen: Hunting Black Bears with Hounds- FEDERATION SUPPORTS.
8. Onondaga County: Oppositon to Antler Restriction - FEDERATION SUPPORTS.
9. Rensselear County: Snapping Turtles - FEDERATION SUPPORTS.
10. Yates County: Air Guns - FEDERATION SUPPORTS. (6 OPPOSED)

FISH: Tony Fello reported that the fish hatchery has left over big fish. He will report in Sept. on the exact numbers.

SMALL GAME: Chad Phillips reported that rabbits are in abundance. Pheasants are still being seen. The grouse population is hurting and not a lot of coyotes are being spotted. Pres. Danchak asked Chad to check with the breeders & report on the cost of the pheasants.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens reported that the hunter education classes are not yet in operation, but will soon be able to do so on-line. Students can register for only 1 spot & will be notified 5-7 days before the course is set. Harvey will be doing a Hunter Education course at the Federation Bldg. at the Fairgrounds on 9/27-28. See the attached BIG GAME REPORT 8-14-13

FWMB: Bill Gaudette reported on the minutes of the June 19th meeting. The Westchester delegate has been replaced by Dan Aitcheson and Tim Keith is now Sportsman alternate for Putnam County. The State Board met on April 4 & 5. An update was given on invasive species, deer search & State Parks policy on wildlife. 3 access resolutions from Region 3 were adopted. CFAB reported on the locked gate at Wassaic MUA. A graduating class of 32 new ECO's will be entirely funded by the Conservation Fund. Dutchess County reported that sport fishing was a \$2.7billion industry for the State with \$333million contributed to state & local taxes. Orange County spokesman reported on 2' access issues - Highland Lakes State Park & 500 acres adjacent to Sterling Forest, He also reported that the Eden Brook Hatchery is now owned by the State. Putnam County is pushing for more participation by women in hunting/fishing/trapping. Rockland County reported that they will be hosting a National Hunting & Fishing Day on 9/28. In Westchester County another 200 acres will be added to their parks, now totaling 6,000 acres for hunting. Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 18th.

HABITAT: Harris Meyers reports that 26 applications have been mailed with only 1 being returned. Reminder - they must be in by the September meeting. Harris will be unavailable and Fred Bosch & Harold Buley will be covering for him.

SPORTSMEN'S ED: Carl Lindsley reported that the SC Conservation Club will have a course on 9/18-28-29. This is a home school course followed by 10 hrs. in class (contact 718-306-4079). For Hunter Education courses contact Ann MacNamara at 845-256-3122. Travis Archery will have a course on 8/26-27-28 (845-443-3068). An archery course will be held in WSS sometime in Sept. Grahamsville has an archery course set for 9/29. Red Fox has a hunter education class scheduled for 9/21-22 (631-968-8210) sign up & receive manual at Cochection Mills.

DEP: Harold Buley reported that there is a lot of DEP land open for hunting.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: Kay Danchak will report at next meeting. The fair was held on 8/16-17-18.

YOUTH DAY: Kay Danchak reports that it will be held on 9/14 & as usual needs help. PLEASE!

NRA: Harvey Dickens – see attached NRA REPORT 8-14-13:

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak will report numbers at the Sept. meeting.

COYOTE HUNT: Pres. Danchak reported that the t-shirts & caps are available. Applications can be obtained off our web-site. One application has already been received.

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. They have verbal orders for 170 trees. Requests for trees and payment must be in by the October meeting.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Harvey Dickens has applications, at a discount, for new or renewals to the NRA. Sullivan County Archery thanked the Federation for their donation. 22 attended their class (6 girls).

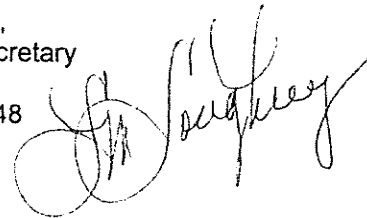
NEW BUSINESS:

The Sullivan County Friends of NRA are holding a fund raiser on 9/27-28 & are looking for donations. Motion was made to donate \$100.00. Seconded, CARRIED. Contact Jim Hemmer for info (845-475-4591). Nominations are now open for positions with the Conservation Council – contact David Hartman at 845-985-0087.

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

Next meeting: September 11, 2013, 7:30PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
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BIG GAME REPORT 8-14-13

1. 2013-2014 sporting licenses went on sale Mon. Aug. 12. You can apply for Deer Management Permits until Oct. 1. To be eligible to get a DMP in units 3H and 3K you will need a preference point. No DMP's will be available for unit 3A
2. DEC wildlife officials are looking into expanding bear hunting opportunities as bear numbers are increasing across much of the state. Some of the options could be opening more areas of the state to bear hunting, creating an early bear season in the southeastern portion of the state or allowing a two bear limit in certain areas. The DEC will be doing more internal review before any changes are discussed publicly.
3. The DEC reported that the deer in Regions 3 and 4 came through the winter in good shape. DEC biologists were concerned because of some moderately deep snow this past February in the Catskills. Weather stations in the Catskills reported that there were only 18 days of more than 10 inches of snow on the ground although there could have been more in the higher elevations.

NRA REPORT 8-14-13

1. The Sullivan County Friends with Firearms will be having a fundraising chicken barbeque on Sat. August 24th at Hanofee Park in Liberty from 10AM to 7 PM rain or shine. The cost is \$20 per person for barbeque and door prize. For more information go to-
<https://www.facebook.com/SullivanCountyFriendsWithFirearms>

2. Mayor Bloomberg's anti-gun organization Mayors Against Illegal Guns recently took a publicity hit. While on a bus tour to publicize the name of victims who have been killed by gun violence since Newtown the Mayor's list included Tamerlan Tsarnaev the Boston Marathon bombing terrorist. It also turned out that 1 out of every 12 names on Bloomberg's victims list are crime suspects including a California cop killer.

3. The fight to overturn the SAFE Act continues. At last check, resolutions to repeal or change the SAFE Act include 52 counties, 225 municipalities and 19 from law enforcement agencies.

4. The NYSRPA reported that the lawsuit against the SAFE Act is proceeding and both parties are due in court on August 23. The judge has not yet ruled on either the NYSRPA motion for expedited hearing or a motion for preliminary/junction. Copies of all legal finding are available on the NYSRPA website <http://www.nysrpa.org/>.

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