

**FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC.**, minutes of October 9, 2013. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 25 clubs were represented.

Guests: Lt. M.L. Townley, Orange County DEC, Carl Lindsley, Retired DEC & Bob Angyal, Region 3 DEC Fish Biologist. Lt. Townley reported that 31 recruits will be graduating next week. 99% of the graduates will be sent to the NYC area. There will be only 3 CO's for Sullivan County – Officers M. Baker, Mike Bello and Ricky Wood. Officer Rick Wood has completed the canine unit training. His dog came from Holland and has been given the name "CANINE DEMMING". Carl Lindsley reported that when available, he will have the pelt seals. Bob Angyal reported that the walleye in Swinging Bridge is falling off – unknown why this is happening. They were first introduced in the 1990's. 2008 was a good year, 2011 showed a falling off and 2012 showed no fingerlings. In 2014 a full season diagnostic is scheduled. There may be a stocking in the future. The Rio has a good documentation of walleye. Martin Brand has been named the new Regional Director.

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 listed the following bills: Youth day expenses, pheasants, pheasant program material, internet, storage tubs for new storage shed, sweepstakes, Fur-Fin & Feather, Bill Gaudette & Carl Lindsley's attendance at the Conservation Council meeting & the annual banquet. Motion was made to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Danchak informed us of the DEC Pheasant Release Program. 595 pheasants will be released in Sullivan County. Pres. Danchak read a letter from Judge LaBuda who will be in Sarajevo, Bosnia and unable to attend our annual banquet. A thank-you letter was received regarding Camp DeBruce from Max Clark who had the grandest time, and hoped to attend again.,

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

Pres. Jack Danchak reported that dinner ticket sales are down. Coyote caps & t-shirts are available. Gun raffle tickets are still available. Applications for the coyote hunt will be mailed early November to prior year participants & that the application is also available on our web site.

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

SEC.: Linda Loughrey had nothing new to report.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the August & September bills there will be a balance of \$27,876.81. There was August income of \$6,209.00, expenses of \$3,195.51. September income of \$14,153.05, expenses of \$4,467.51. Included in the expenses was the storage shed that was approved last month. Instead of pre-paying \$85.00 a month, one was purchased from Greys Woodwork for \$750.00. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

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

**COUNCIL DEL.:** Bill Gaudette & Carl Lindsley attended the 3 day NYS Conservation Council meeting in Utica. Chuck Parker was re-elected President. The Grass Roots News summarized the meeting. The resolutions were voted on per the Federations wishes. There will be a 5yr black bear study to see if the season can be extended. The turkey telemetry study is also being reviewed. The new license structure will begin on Sept. 1, 2014 for hunting.

**FISH:** Tony Fello reported that the bass have been ordered. All stocking will take place the end of October.

**SMALL GAME:** Chad Phillips reported that 38 clubs picked up their pheasants -17 birds each.

**BIG GAME:** Harvey Dickens stated that at the Hunter Education course he had, 31 completed the gun course (14 females) and 30 for the bow course. See the attached BIG GAME REPORT 10-9-13.

**FWMB:** Bill Gaudette reported that no minutes were ready from the Sept. meeting. About 2,000 attended the Rockland County National Hunting & Fishing Day. He advised that Legislator Gene Benson attends all the meetings.

**HABITAT:** Harris Myers reported that he had 23 applications – all were inspected. Each club will receive 101.23%. The total budget for habitat was \$7,000.

**SPORTSMEN'S ED:** Carl Lindsley reported there are no courses in Sullivan County. If anyone is looking for a particular course, check the DEC web-site.

**DEP:** Herb DeWitt reported that there were 738 boating permits issued in 2013 (2012 has 983 issued). A Wounded Warrior program is in the works.

**YOUTH DAY:** Kay Danchak reported that 226 children attended. The climbing wall was a huge success.

**NRA:** Harvey Dickens reported that the NYS Legislature is looking to ban the sale of cigarette lighters that look like guns!!! See the attached NRA REPORT 10-9-13:

**SWEEPSTAKES:** Kay Danchak stated that she will report next month.

**COYOTE HUNT:** Pres. Danchak reported that everything is okay with the White Sulphur Springs Fire House.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** Cliff Horton reported that he has orders for 290 chestnut trees. The order will be placed next week for spring arrival of the trees.

#### **UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

Harvey Dickens has applications, at a discount, for new or renewals to the NRA. Susan Brown Otto reported the citing again of wild boars in Bethel and that they have also been seen in Briscoe. The USDA has been in the area checking on the boars.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Carl Lindsley wants to know if anyone/club would be interested in doing a Woman-in-the-Outdoor event. Contact Carl with any suggestions.

Motion to adjourn at 9:22 PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: November 13, 2013, 7:30PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

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## BIG GAME REPORT 10-9-13

1. The DEC wants to remind individuals who hunt deer, elk or moose outside of New York to be familiar with New York's CWD regulation regarding the importation of cervid carcasses and meat back into New York before returning home. It is illegal to bring in whole carcasses from any CWD susceptible animal taken at a shooting preserve or to bring in whole carcasses from any state or province that has had CWD confirmed in wild or captive herds. A person may only bring back the meat, hide and antlers, and certain parts must be removed before entering New York. A full list of prohibited parts can be found on DEC's website.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7191.html>

2. The SAFE Act bans firearms on any land owned by colleges or universities. Tracts of land owned by colleges off campus or in the state forest preserve that always allowed hunting with firearms in the past can no longer be hunted with firearms under the new law.

3. Last month, DEC's deer managers outlined a decision making process that will almost assuredly lead to some regulations changes by the 2015 season with a likely focus on yearling buck protection. Some changes being looked at include

- Mandatory antler restrictions for the entire deer season.
- Mandatory antler restrictions for all of the archery season through the first week of the regular deer season.
- A one buck limit for deer hunters.
- A shortening of the firearms season by one week in the southern Zone and two weeks in the Northern Zone.
- An active promotion of voluntary antler restrictions
- No regulatory changes at all. (Although it is doubtful the process will end with no changes.)

DEC officials state that yearling buck protection is more of a social issue than a deer management issue and ultimately the decision making process will blend DEC's management objectives with hunter desires.

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## NRA REPORT 10-9-13

1. Secretary of State John Kerry signed the U.N. Arms Trade Treaty for the Obama administration which the NRA refers to as the U.N. Gun Ban Treaty. Specifically, Article 8, 12 and 15 of the treaty would create international pressure for signatory nations to “compile records of all gun owners who purchase firearms imported into their country and then supply that private information to governments of exporting countries. The Obama administration lies when it states that this treaty will not affect the Second Amendment rights of U. S. citizens. Make no mistake, the U.N’s driving mission is to accumulate power at the expense of the sovereignty of individual nations and fundamental individual rights.

Call your U.S. Senators and tell them to vote against the U.N. Arms Trade Treaty

Senator Schumer- 202-224-6542

Senator Gillibrand- 202-224-4451

2. Be aware, there is a new **phony** gun rights group founded on July 4<sup>th</sup> named the “American Rifle and Pistol Association.” They claim that the NRA only represents the firearms industry and that they are the independent voice of firearms owners. It was learned that the founders of this group have been vocal supporters of Mayor Bloomberg’s gun control group.

3. Governor Cuomo is in a public showdown with many of the state sheriffs. He stated that sheriffs have to enforce the laws of the SAFE Act which have been criticized by sheriffs across the state, many who have no intention of enforcing the law. The NYS Sheriffs Assoc. and five individual sheriffs have joined a court effort to block enforcement of new bullet limits for magazines and firearms restrictions that target semiautomatic guns mandating their registration.

4. As an American citizen, jury nullification is your right, defended by America’s Founders. It is your personal veto against bad laws from corrupt politicians such as gun control laws. If a law violates any human rights, as a juror, you *must vote no* against that law by voting “not guilty.” Judges will not tell you about your power to veto corrupt laws and you cannot be punished for your verdicts. For more information go to the Fully Informed Jury Association at [www.fija.org](http://www.fija.org).

*B. L. Duckens*