

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC., minutes of March 12, 2014.

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 24 delegates were present for this meeting.

Guests: Deming Lindsley, Retired DEC & Carl Lindsley, Retired DEC.

Carl reported that he has completed the regional allocation for hen turkeys. The quota was 40 – he has banded 49 – some with transmitter packs, however, bearded hens have no radios. He had a hard time finding birds in Sullivan County, but he will still be looking for another 3 weeks. Carl said that the deer are in tough shape. It has been a bad winter for them. If there is loss of bone marrow in the young, they will die. Bear have been spotted on the NJ border. They are leaving the den & are on the move. Carl said that the last 3 years of spring reproduction of young turkeys has been bad. Turkeys have a normal life span of 4 years. There is a turkey disease in the Southeast, so blood samples taken are checked for this in our area – nothing showing up yet.

Deming advised that there will be a new Dir. Of Law Enforcement named for our area. Due to retirements, etc. there will be 45 vacancies to be filled. As of 9/1/2015 it will be illegal to possess wild pigs. Currently they cannot be imported or bred. In 1990 Deming reported that he made a video on deer jacking – quite informative and entertaining. If any clubs would like to see the 38 minute video, contact Deming – he would love to show it.

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 postage, internet, labels, Kristt Co.(sweepstake related material, coyote hunt material), newspaper articles, new 4-wheeler (\$5,350.00) & chestnut trees. Also, \$50.00 donated to the Bruce Papa rally. A motion was made to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak reported that Cong. Chris Gibson is up for re-election & his opponent is a co-founder of facebook, who is not a friend of gun owners. This is for your information as it is the Federation's policy not to support any particular candidate. A thank you was read from the S.C. Trail Assoc. for our donation to the Bruce Papa rally. Pres. Danchak reported that he has the material from the S.C. Legislature regarding our allocation and will complete & file ASAP.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES: Jack Danchak reported that it was a quite month. He will be setting a date to meet with the coyote committee next month. We still have Repeal Safe Act bumper stickers. He will be taking them to the college on Mar. 22nd for the Sportsman Expo show.

V.P.: Hank Samyn had no report.

SEC.: Linda Loughrey stated that approximately 30 clubs still haven't paid their dues & that she will be sending reminder notices with the minutes.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the bills, there will be a balance of \$26,883.66. Started with \$20,882.30, added income of \$18,700.00, deducted expenses paid of \$12,698.64 (Coyote Dinner-\$3,102.00; Payments to hunters \$7,700.00). Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette – No Report.

FISH: Tony Fello has the list/dates from the State on the Fish Stocking. April stocking dates are: 4/1/14-9:45AM-Bandstand in Callicoon Center; 4/8-10:00AM-County Rt.43 Bridge at Mongaup Falls Reservoir; 4/9-9:15AM-Harris Post Office; 4/10-9:45AM-Grahamsville Town Hall; 4/17-9:30AM-Beaverkill State Campsite and 4/22-9:30AM-Red Caboose in Roscoe. The May dates will be reported next month.

SMALL GAME: Chad Phillips – No Report.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens. See attached BIG GAME REPORT 3-12-14.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: No report.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette – Bill reported on the Dec. 18, 2013 meeting. A recent addition of 360 acres to the Cranberry Mtn WMA brings the total to 1055 acres. The **Dutchess Co.** report advised that Sylvan Lake had 8 to 12lb. brown trout. Helping the Hungry delivered more than 6,000lbs. of game as of 10/1/13. **Orange Co.** reported that access at Highland Lakes State Park is improving. **Putnam Co.** reported that the DEC is doing a good job with habitat & pheasant stocking. **Ulster Co.**

reported that the NYC DEP opened additional land at the Ashokan Reservoir. Colony Farm access is still an active issue & they are actively working with corrections. **Westchester Co.** reported that over 6,000 acres are now open for managed hunting. Women & Youth in the Outdoors was addressed. With encouragement from Bill Nichols of Putnam County, a committee will be formed at next meeting. Pres. Danchak congratulated Bill Gaudette on being elected Chairman.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch reported that he has had requests for 18 applications.

DEP: No report.

SPORTSMEN'S EDUCATION: Carl Lindsley had a list showing a Hunting Class at the Sullivan Co. Conservation Club – 3/28-3/29 – you must pre-register. The S.C. Coon Hound Club will have a course on April 11-12. Check the DEC web-site for further information at www.register-ed.com/programs/new_york.

NRA: Harvey Dickens. See attached NYRA Report on the back of the Big Game report. Harvey reported that there wasn't enough interest to book a bus from Sullivan County. Elmer LeSuer is booking the Ulster County bus. (elmer.lesuer@gmail.com ---914-466-5940).

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak reported that the sweepstake material has been ordered and she will have it to take to the college show on March 22nd.

SCHOLARSHIP: Ray Herbert had nothing new to report.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: Nominations have to be in by the June 2014 meeting.

DEER FEEDING: Jack Danchak stated that he hopes you are feeding – 300' from the road.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Susan Otto stated that the chestnut trees will be shipped mid-April, together with planting instructions. Cliff Horton will be contacting those who ordered them – pick up date of April 26th. Pres. Danchak advised that we will be at the Sportsman Expo show at the College on March 22nd. The 2014 Club Survey regarding pheasants are coming in. If you want your Club's opinion to count, please return the survey. After much discussion, a motion was made to turn the surveys over to the Trustees for their review and recommendations. Seconded, CARRIED.

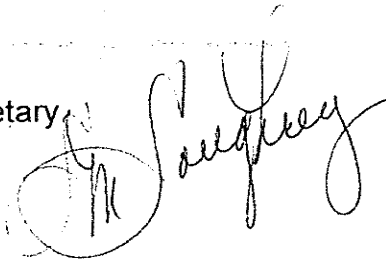
NEW BUSINESS:

Pres. Danchak thanked Aaron Finley for making the updates to our web-site. Pres. Danchak also stated that Ethan Morgan was supposed to be present at the meeting to discuss his new venture with the Make a Wish for the Youth of Sullivan County. Maybe he will show up at our next meeting. Pres. Danchak reported that with the support and help of Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, the Federation has received a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: April 9th, 2014, 7:30 PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
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2014 Membership Dues must be in before the April meeting. – ALL CLUBS - please complete the form so records can be updated.

Note DUES are now **\$55.00** annually.

BIG GAME REPORT 3-12-14

1. The 2013 New York hunting season had the lowest number of hunting related shooting incidents on record. New York's hunting incident rate (incidents per 100,000 hunters) has fallen by more than 70 percent since the 1960s. The past five-year average is down to 4.3 incidents per 100,000 hunters, compared to 19 per 100,000 in the 1960s. A total of 19 hunting accidents occurred in 2013, down from 24 in 2012. 2013 accidents included two fatalities and fourteen of this year's accidents were self inflicted.

2. The NY State Senate passed legislation that would do away with the regulation requiring Southern Zone hunters to display their license on their back. The bill has been forwarded to the Assembly environmental conservation committee. 48 states no longer require the use of back tags.

3. Anti-lead ammunition, animal rights groups are again using faulty science to demonize the use of traditional lead ammunition for hunting. Lead ammunition ban proponents like the radical Center for Biological Diversity claim that 10 million people are endangered by spent lead ammunition fragments in game shot by hunters. Despite these inaccurate claims, human health risks concerning lead toxicity from traditional ammunition have been proven false. The NY Department of Environmental Conservation has confirmed that there are no "reported human illnesses related to the consumption of wild game shot with lead ammunition." Further, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tested blood lead levels of 738 North Dakotans who consumed wild game meat harvested with lead ammunition and found that their blood lead levels were lower "than the overall population average in the U.S." For further information visit the website huntfortruth.org.

1. S.C.O.P.E. is organizing a rally against the S.A.F.E. Act in Albany on Tues. April 1, 2014. The Federation of Sportsmen;s Culbs of Ulster County will be running a bus from the Walmart parking lot in Ellenville.
IF WANT TO BOOK SEATS ON THE ULSTER COUNTY BUS:

Send a check for \$20 per person to:
2014 Bus Trip
C/O Elmer LeSuer
PO Box 3873
Kingston, NY 12402

SULLIVAN COUNTY MANAGER

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-Make Check Payable to: FSCUC

-Include the name, phone number(s) and email address for each person who will attend... The phone number is needed to contact you in case of last minute change or in case you are missing... So please give a cell phone number if you have one, and if you dont give the best number to get in touch with you... The email address will also be used exclusively to dispatch info/updates regarding this trip only... The email address will not be retained or recorded anywhere unless you specifically ask to be added to my personal and private email list for sportsmen related issues.

-One last step that would help in organizing the bus trip is to send me an email confirming what you sent in the mail to elmer.lesuer@gmail.com. That way I don't have to wait for the mail service and can stay on top of the reservations...

-Also please note where each passenger will board their bus... Walmart Parking Lot in Ellenville, Accord Fire Hall, Or Macy's Parking Lot In Kingston...

2. Obama's pick for Surgeon General is Dr. Vivek Murthy. He has a history of promoting gun control, of slamming the Second Amendment and has publicly called guns a "healthcare issue" and public health threat and he would use the office of Surgeon General to further his preexisting campaign against gun ownership. The NRA is strongly opposed to the nomination and is urging its members to contact their Senators.

Senator Schumer 1-202-486-4430

Senator Gillibrand 1-202-224-4451