

## FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC.,

minutes of May 14, 2014. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 22 delegates were present for this meeting.

Guests: Richard Sheldon, Rob Lacey & Ed Lutz of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program, also Retired DEC Deming Lindsley and Sandra Bauerfeind.

**Rich Sheldon** advised that it has taken 2 years to rebuild the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Their purpose is to educate the youth, 5yo & up on firearm safety & education. They have a big problem getting the word out on this program & are asking the clubs to assist. They are trying to get kids interested at a young age. On May 30<sup>th</sup> there will be an air rifle program & various events at Pete Deihl's Sportsmens Den (cost \$10.00 per youth or \$30.00 family – they will also accept volunteer time in exchange). The cost helps to buy ammo, etc. There is no limit as to where a class can be held. J.P.Lang is currently putting together a data base that will soon be available. Additional information & donations can be obtained at the Cornell Cooperative Extension (845-292-6180– [sullivancee.org](http://sullivancee.org)) or ([www.NYS4HShootingSports.org](http://www.NYS4HShootingSports.org).)

**Deming Lindsley** reported that the canine unit lost 2 dogs in a house fire. It takes 2 years to train a dog. Retired Lt. Duffy has been rehired as the new Director of Law Enforcement. The wording on the use of Cross Bows is still in the works by the DEC. Currently they will be used during the last 2 weeks of archery season, all of the gun season & post season. You must have a muzzle loader license. In the archery ONLY units, no crossbows may be used. Cross bows will be permissible in Sullivan County. He also reported that the turkey take is very low.

**Sandra Bauerfeind** had copies of a DVD available labeled 2A Today For the USA. The DVD is very informative regarding the history of gun use in America. Copies can be made available to any club or individual that wants one. She advised that we need to change the way people think regarding guns.

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

### BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Ray Herbert had a list of outstanding bills for youth day, internet, sweepstakes, office supplies, postage, copier ink, Grahamsville building rent & passes, trailer inspection & registration. A motion was made to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak advised that he had no communications this month.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS:

**PRES.:** Jack Danchak advised that he had met with Aaron Finley regarding the pheasants. He reported that he had a phone call from an individual from Long Island who has 111 acres for sale near Liberty - \$300,000.00 – if interested, contact Pres. Danchak. Pres. Danchak reported on the coyote meeting. The hunt is scheduled for Feb. 6-7-8. 2015. The raffle tickets will have 3 guns: 223 rifle, 12gauge shotgun, muzzle loader and cross bow w/kit. The caps & t-shirts will be black with white lettering. The WSS Fire Dept. is asking for \$13.00 per head and Chef Herb Sewall advised he would do it for \$11.00, but would need a larger facility. We are asking the WSS Firemen to prepare fresh ham, turkey or chicken and pick up the tab for the beer & soda for the \$13.00 per head cost. Will report on the outcome later. The entry fee will be raised to \$35.00 with the late fee remaining at \$40.00. This year trapping of coyotes will be allowed.

**V.P.:** Hank Samyn had no report –but advised that the trailer is ready.

**SEC.:** Linda Loughrey reported that last months minutes stated that the chestnut trees didn't need pollination. They don't get pollinated by bees – but do by the wind.

**TREAS.:** Ray Herbert advised that after paying the bills, there will be a balance of \$16,068.06. Started with \$16,011.96, added income of \$990.00, deducted expenses paid of \$933.90. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

### REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

**COUNCIL DEL.:** Bill Gaudette – No Report. Bill urged individual members to join the council. There is an application on the back of the Grass Roots News.

**FISH:** Tony Fello wasn't present. Pres. Danchak advised that the bass season opens on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. in June. The ATV is currently on Tony's trailer and Hank will get the Federation trailer so that it can be switched over. Aaron Finley advised that the Conservation Club stocked 400-11" brown

trout in White Lake & Kauneonga Lake.

SMALL GAME: Aaron Finley has been in touch with our Penna. pheasant breeder & he will be asking \$10.25 per bird this year. J.P.Lang advised that he can't handle the number of birds that we will need for this year, however, he will have available birds for individuals.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens. See attached BIG GAME REPORT 5-14-14. Also, attached is a report on the deer take from last fall.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Krauss reported that he everything is ready for the 21 children to attend camp.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette reported on the minutes of the March 26th meeting. There is improved access at the following sites: Vernooy Kill State Forest/Sundown Wild Forest; Lower Esopus Fishing Access Site; Tivoli Bay WMA; Stewart State Forest; Huckleberry Ridge State Forest; West Mountain State Forest and Catskill Interpretive Center on Route 28. These represent the first year of a continuing effort to improve access to existing state land. An additional week has been added at Pack Forest DEC for the kids. Dutchess delivered 4,000lbs of venison to food pantries. The Dutchess Federation is entering into a stewardship program for the Wassaic WMA. They are sending 14 children to Camp DeBruce. Orange County is using a facility in New Windsor to process venison for food pantries. In Putnam, the North-South Hollow will have 2 new parking areas. Additional parking will be considered for Bog Brook Unique Area. Rockland had 42 deer culled from Tuxedo Park that went to food pantries. In Ulster Co., future access at the Gill Farm is uncertain. Debra Blalock is chairing a committee with a goal of encouraging more youth and women to access the outdoors. The next meeting is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch reported that now is the time to order fruit trees – it's not too late. He recently ordered from [www.summerstone nursery](http://www.summerstone nursery).

SPORTSMEN'S EDUCATION: Carl Lindsley was unavailable. No report.

DEP: Herb DeWitt had no report this month.

NRA: Harvey Dickens. See attached NYRA Report 5-14-14.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: Kay Danchak reported that she is working on it. Currently has a "bouncing ball" for the kids.

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak reported that the club packets are ready to be picked up. If they aren't picked up by the June meeting, they will be mailed.

SCHOLARSHIP: Ray Herbert reported that he only had 2 applications. He also reported that the \$2,500.00 grant money was received. A motion was made to give the scholarship budget an additional \$1,000.00 out of the coyote contest profits. Seconded and CARRIED.

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

COYOTE : Pres. Danchak stated that the dates are set for Feb. 6-7-8,2015

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

Nothing to report. Susan Brown Otto & Cliff Horton advised that 330 trees were distributed last month.

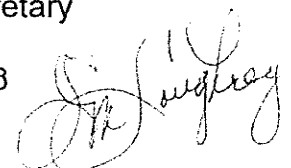
#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Pres. Danchak advised that Chrissy Schiff of the Friends of Firearms of Sullivan County may be scheduling a date to talk at one of our meetings.

A motion was made to send \$50.00 for the Cornell Coop for the 4-H Shooting Sports program. Seconded And CARRIED.

Next meeting: June 11, 2014, 7:30 PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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## BIG GAME REPORT 5-14-14

1. The total deer take for 2013 in NYS was 243,567 which includes a total adult buck take of 114,716. The adult buck take figures are for bucks of 1.5 year old and older. 48.2% of the bucks taken were bucks that were 2.5 years old and older. The percent of buck fawns in the antlerless take was 17.4 %. The yearling portion of the NYS buck take has dropped from more than 70% in 1992 to slightly more than 50% in 2014. For a full reading of the report with all the charts and graphs go to the following DEC website- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/42232.html>

2. Crossbows were approved in the state budget but the budget did not place the regulations in the hands of the DEC. The budget bill included specific crossbow use regulations that were developed by state lawmakers.

- It will only be allowed during the final 14 days of the Southern Zone archery deer and bears seasons.
- They may be used during big game seasons when rifles, shotguns and muzzleloaders are allowed.
- Once regulations are adopted they may be used to take small game including turkey (but not during the 2014 spring season).
- Crossbows will not be allowed to take waterfowl or any migratory game birds.
- Only hunters 14 years and older are allowed to hunt with crossbows.
- The setback for discharging a crossbow will be 250 feet.
- Crossbows will not be allowed for hunting in WMU 4J, 8C and Westchester and Suffolk counties.

3. The state budget also adopted loosened setback requirements for firing an arrow from longbows and compound bows from 500 to 150 feet.

4. A new regulation that was formally adopted by the DEC now prohibits hunting or trapping of free-ranging Eurasian boars in New York State.

## NRA REPORT 5-14-14

1. The NRA Annual Meeting was held in Indianapolis, Indiana from April 24-27. The exhibit floor contained 9 acres of guns and gear. The theme of the annual meeting was that firearm owners will stand and fight. The NRA urges every firearm owner to make sure that they and their family members are registered to vote in the elections this November. The NRA stated that it is imperative that the Republicans keep the House and take over the Senate to prevent the President from curtailing Second Amendment rights by using executive order. Wayne LaPierre stresses that it is not just our Second Amendment rights but we must stop this administrations transformation of our constitution. For more information on the annual meeting and to hear the speeches go to the website [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org).

2. Although the state police refuse to divulge actual numbers, early indications are that gun owners have opted to defy rather comply with the registration provision of the SAFE Act. Stephen Aldstadt the president of SCOPE stated "People are pretty much convinced once they get on this registration, the next time they'll say they've got to hand them in."

3. The US Supreme Court appears hesitant to decide whether the right to bear arms extends outside the home. The justices won't consider a challenge to a New Jersey law that restricts most residents from carrying guns in public. The case would have marked the most significant gun control case at the high court since its District of Columbia v. Heller decision in 2008 upheld the right to keep handguns at home for self-defense.

4. There were two minor rulings on the SAFE Act. An Albany judge ruled that the SAFE Act does not violate the Second Amendment and another NY judge refused to order an injunction against the SAFE Act.

The NYSRPA, in co-operation with the NRA, has filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the SAFE Act on constitutional grounds. Involved with the suit are some of the nations most experienced 2nd Amendment attorneys. They ask that no other 3rd party legal action be taken without prior consultation. They realize that this law impacts a very large number of people, but this is an extremely important case and must be handled properly with the best lawyers.



# 2013 New York State Deer Take by Wildlife Management Unit

The figures presented here are estimates. The precision of the statewide take estimate is within 1-2 percent. Figures become less precise as the size of the area considered is reduced.



WMU	BUCKS	BUCKS /SQ MI	TOTAL DEER	TOTAL DEER/SQ	WMU	BUCKS	BUCKS /SQ MI	TOTAL DEER	TOTAL DEER/SQ
1C	983	1.1	2,873	3.2	7F	1,830	2.7	5,111	7.4
3A	804	1.2	998	1.4	7H	1,271	3.6	3,362	9.4
3C	679	2.1	1,189	3.8	7J	3,037	3.6	8,303	9.9
3F	776	2.3	1,933	5.8	7M	4,757	3.8	9,045	7.3
3G	909	2.0	1,744	3.8	7P	1,321	2.7	2,353	4.9
3H	1,577	2.8	2,747	5.0	7R	2,117	2.9	5,560	7.5
3J	974	2.7	2,003	5.6	7S	2,047	3.1	3,923	5.9
3K	718	1.9	995	2.6	8A	1,189	2.8	3,257	7.8
3M	3,274	4.4	8,367	11.2	8C	150	1.1	347	2.5
3N	470	2.1	962	4.3	8F	2,980	4.1	8,121	11.1
3P	209	1.7	418	3.3	8G	2,965	4.3	8,127	11.8
3R	162	0.8	310	1.5	8H	2,835	4.9	8,104	14.1
3S	541	1.3	1,238	2.9	8J	2,355	3.3	6,186	8.7
4A	988	2.3	1,506	3.5	8M	1,191	3.9	2,790	9.1
4B	314	1.9	593	3.7	8N	1,893	6.0	5,358	17.0
4C	652	4.0	1,333	8.1	8P	1,109	3.1	2,212	6.2
4F	4,142	3.6	7,270	6.3	8R	1,660	6.1	5,138	19.0
4G	766	2.1	1,497	4.0	8S	868	3.4	1,957	7.6
4H	831	2.9	1,353	4.7	8T	1,282	3.3	2,481	6.4
4J	208	1.4	541	3.6	8W	1,273	2.9	2,330	5.3
4K	585	2.3	946	3.7	8X	1,631	4.1	3,943	9.8
4L	322	1.5	435	2.0	8Y	1,235	3.5	2,431	6.9
4O	1,702	2.2	2,741	3.6	9A	1,013	2.2	2,363	5.1
4P	770	2.1	1,447	4.0	9F	963	3.5	2,483	9.0
4R	472	1.6	872	3.0	9G	650	2.8	1,857	8.1
4S	413	1.9	791	3.6	9H	4,784	4.9	11,749	12.1
4T	356	2.7	1,039	7.9	9J	2,661	3.8	6,506	9.4
4U	326	2.6	479	3.8	9K	1,535	3.4	3,254	7.3
4W	1,014	2.3	1,856	4.2	9M	1,487	4.5	3,214	9.7
4Y	573	3.2	1,223	6.9	9N	723	3.5	1,962	9.5
4Z	629	2.5	981	3.9	9P	2,325	4.0	4,003	6.9
5A	423	0.7	646	1.1	9R	500	2.3	910	4.2
5C	581	0.5	741	0.7	9S	130	1.4	226	2.5
5F	679	0.5	945	0.7	9T	660	2.7	1,095	4.4
5G	1,023	0.9	1,483	1.3	9W	782	3.1	1,533	6.1
5H	2,498	0.8	3,230	1.1	9X	703	3.2	1,217	5.6
5J	1,074	1.6	1,597	2.4	9Y	487	3.9	1,169	9.4
5R	797	2.1	1,765	4.7					
5S	1,558	3.7	3,089	7.3					
5T	364	1.6	578	2.6					
6A	1,921	1.3	2,953	2.0					
6C	1,816	1.9	3,218	3.3					
6F	920	0.8	1,177	1.0					
6G	2,995	3.2	7,280	7.8					
6H	246	1.4	435	2.5					
6J	1,175	0.7	1,590	1.0					
6K	3,201	2.8	5,827	5.0					
6N	986	2.0	1,247	2.5					
6P	425	2.1	915	4.5					
6R	1,001	1.8	2,002	3.7					
6S	1,796	3.0	3,102	5.3					
7A	1,699	3.1	3,087	5.7					



Antlered Bucks 114,716  
 Antlerless 128,851  
 Total Deer 243,567

First column - taken from 1940, second column - 1950

Hector	369	927	Hartsville	178	381	Total	1,519	3,669	Sodus	214	819
Montour	89	147	Hornby	109	220	ULSTER			Walworth	148	376
Orange	196	374	Hornell City	2	11	Denning	115	149	Williamson	114	311
Reading	123	362	Hornellsville	165	357	Esopus	115	236	Wolcott	205	673
Tyrone	212	643	Howard	187	409	Gardiner	105	230	Total	2,681	7,299
Total	1,263	3,093	Jasper	167	410	Hardenburgh	118	156	WESTCHESTER		
SENECA			Lindley	166	316	Hurley	65	138	Bedford	55	164
Covert	89	174	Prattsburg	266	568	Kingston	20	39	Cortlandt	83	154
Fayette	84	175	Pulteney	108	312	Kingston City	2	9	Eastchester	0	2
Junius	60	137	Rathbone	125	245	Lloyd	85	160	Greenburgh	17	42
Lodi	93	226	Thurston	102	203	Marbletown	163	307	Harrison	12	23
Ovid	72	226	Troupsburg	176	463	Marlborough	86	181	Lewisboro	42	82
Romulus	256	704	Tuscarora	87	197	New Paltz	133	284	Mount Kisco	7	22
Seneca Falls	102	215	Urbana	162	372	Olive	137	212	Mount Pleasant	11	43
Tyre	109	282	Wayland	96	210	Plattekill	86	197	Mount Vernon Ci	3	3
Varick	29	56	Wayne	102	413	Rochester	175	349	New Castle	40	66
Waterloo	76	267	West Union	149	412	Rosendale	53	95	New Rochelle Ci	0	2
Total	970	2,462	Wheeler	151	322	Saugerties	119	247	North Castle	28	48
ST LAWRENCE			Woodhull	225	565	Shandaken	136	145	North Salem	58	117
Brasher	96	145	Total	4,840	10,650	Shawangunk	231	473	Ossining	25	47
Canton	194	327	SUFFOLK			Ulster	81	152	Peekskill City	4	4
Clare	105	122	Babylon	0	5	Wawarsing	259	476	Pound Ridge	26	79
Clifton	70	79	Brookhaven	290	708	Woodstock	55	80	Rye	7	11
Colton	165	228	East Hampton	153	477	Total	2,339	4,315	Somers	55	156
De Peyster	51	75	Huntington	25	47	WARREN			White Plains Ci	0	2
Dekalb	97	145	Riverhead	127	385	Bolton	51	69	Yorktown	68	171
Edwards	93	143	Shelter Island	27	159	Chester	63	85	Total	541	1,238
Fine	140	189	Smithtown	14	28	Glens Falls Cit	2	2	WYOMING		
Fowler	93	131	Southampton	207	490	Hague	39	49	Arcade	208	571
Gouverneur	88	135	Southold	140	574	Horicon	52	79	Attica	266	601
Hammond	45	60	Total	983	2,873	Johnsburg	110	146	Bennington	226	574
Hermon	98	159	SULLIVAN			Lake George	25	32	Castile	120	302
Hopkinton	134	198	Bethel	275	500	Lake Luzerne	45	74	Covington	106	297
Lawrence	58	102	Callicoon	206	414	Queensbury	44	77	Eagle	197	526
Lisbon	222	388	Cochecton	111	233	Stony Creek	63	82	Gainesville	205	553
Louisville	49	66	Delaware	163	291	Thurman	43	60	Genesee Falls	52	132
Macomb	91	110	Fallsburgh	164	266	Warrensburg	71	105	Java	244	645
Madrid	114	217	Forestburg	48	76	Total	608	860	Middlebury	332	799
Massena	32	38	Forestburg	48	76	WASHINGTON			Orangeville	217	576
Morristown	80	133	Fremont	192	333	Argyle	153	262	Perry	131	433
Norfolk	113	155	Highland	98	138	Cambridge	214	461	Pike	158	440
Ogdensburg City	9	10	Liberty	247	417	Dresden	69	93	Sheldon	239	650
Oswegatchie	115	168	Lumberland	64	81	Easton	206	528	Warsaw	280	703
Parishville	165	295	Mamakating	192	409	Fort Ann	137	220	Wethersfield	155	428
Piercefield	54	87	Neversink	238	416	Fort Edward	46	86	Total	3,136	8,230
Pierrepont	124	168	Rockland	234	345	Granville	152	236	YATES		
Pitcairn	77	111	Thompson	172	236	Greenwich	181	350	Barrington	292	793
Potsdam	215	400	Tusten	140	197	Hampton	49	80	Benton	129	358
Rossie	44	55	Total	2,544	4,352	Hartford	81	109	Italy	200	451
Russell	176	311	TIOGA			Hebron	171	261	Jerusalem	446	1,280
Stockholm	142	241	Barton	207	401	Jackson	152	283	Middlesex	253	679
Waddington	103	158	Berkshire	101	224	Kingsbury	18	26	Milo	150	447
Total	3,452	5,349	Candor	295	688	Putnam	39	53	Potter	274	808
STEUBEN			Newark Valley	171	419	Salem	197	440	Starkey	189	629
Addison	120	234	Nichols	96	177	White Creek	155	305	Torrey	57	116
Avoca	118	236	Owego	407	826	Whitehall	92	138	Total	1,990	5,561
Bath	335	581	Richford	97	240	Total	2,112	3,931	Statewide Totals		
Bradford	88	156	Spencer	144	339	WAYNE			Male Adults	114,716	
Cameron	232	489	Tioga	200	364	Arcadia	225	594	Male Fawns	22,395	
Campbell	114	193	Total	1,718	3,678	Butler	110	324	Female Adults	88,634	
Canisteo	277	533	TOMPKINS			Galen	278	709	Female Fawns	17,822	
Caton	164	336	Caroline	135	326	Huron	125	351	Total	243,567	
Cohocton	154	316	Danby	188	454	Lyons	178	457			
Corning	91	171	Dryden	284	693	Macedon	155	405			
Corning City	0	5	Enfield	117	251	Marion	156	405			
Dansville	125	284	Groton	152	383	Ontario	246	598			
Erwin	90	180	Ithaca	82	159	Palmyra	209	503			
Fremont	44	77	Lansing	208	534	Rose	148	398			
Greenwood	165	473	Newfield	198	528	Savannah	170	376			
			Ulysses	155	341						