

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

Minutes of August 13, 2014. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 34 delegates were present for this meeting.

Guests: Congressman Chris Gibson and County Legislator Gene Benson.

Cong. Gibson addressed the meeting for almost 45 minutes and really held our attention. He stated first off that he is proposing term limits of 8 years for elected officials. He spoke of his strong support of the Bill of Rights and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. He spoke about a number of issues including the changes that may happen in the Veterans Administration that should greatly assist all veterans. He spoke of the "Safe Act" as being a disaster and basically unconstitutional. The pipelines are stuck in limbo and of our need to strike a balance to drive down energy costs. Cong. Gibson thanked us for the invitation to attend our meeting, took some questions, and stated that it is his privilege to work for us.

Pres. Danchak asked Legislator Benson about the status of Casinos in Sullivan County. He responded that he had nothing new to report, but felt that if Orange County got the approval, it certainly wouldn't be good for S.C. 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 had a list of outstanding bills for internet, pens & tote bags for Youth Day, sweepstakes & fair expenses coyote hunt caps & t-shirts, Liberty Press and Outdoor Media for bumper stickers. A motion was made to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak read thank you notes from 3 children that attended the DEC camp this summer – Matthew Peters, Jayden Villalobos and Josef Haas.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Jack Danchak advised that the new printing of the "SAFE" act bumper stickers are available. The Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> banquet tickets are ready -\$30.00 each. The gun raffle tickets are available – 1 free for every 10 sold. Pres. Danchak advised that he spoke to the Rockland House and they have agreed to improve on appetizers and to have waitresses serve – no standing in line. The Coyote Hunt caps and t-shirts are available for purchase. Pres. Danchak has scheduled a Trustee Meeting for Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> – 7PM at Hunter Lake to discuss the habitat and pheasant ballots that were submitted last spring.

V.P.: Hank Samyn had no report.

SEC.: Linda Loughrey had no report.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the bills, there will be a balance of \$15,237.90. Started with a balance of \$14,651.72, added income of \$1,165.00, deducted expenses paid of \$588.82. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette – Reported on the 2 resolutions that will be coming up at the 9/19 meeting and asked for a vote:

#1 –Oswego County: Supports DEC's knowledge & experience to manage the State's wildlife resources. Resolved that the Council oppose any regulations that would take away the authority of NYS DEC to manage our wildlife through regulation. The Resolutions Committee opposes – believe that game management should be done by regulation but some issues may need to be brought to the membership & if passed this takes away the ability to support legislation on a case by case basis. MEMBERSHIP VOTED TO OPPOSE.

#2 –Wyoming County: Similar to above in justification resolved that the resolutions committee automatically reject any resolution that usurps DEC authority and that these resolutions not be brought to the floor. Resolutions Committee strongly opposes as it restricts members fundamental rights to submit a resolution & restricts the power of the membership to discuss & vote on issues. MEMBERSHIP VOTED TO OPPOSE.

FISH: Tony Fello reported that he has the prices for the fish and will meet later with Pres. Danchak. Toronto now has a NO SWIMMING policy.

SMALL GAME: Aaron Finley was unavailable but reported earlier to Pres. Danchak. The pheasants are doing okay. There were 2 separate broods hatched this year. (1 much later).

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens. See attached BIG GAME REPORT 8-13-14. Harvey advised that all the old bear regulations are still in effect & will cover the early bear season. He also reported that he was at Camp DeBruce and that half of the participants in the bow course were girls.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Krauss reported that everything went well at Camp DeBruce.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette reported that the Hunting and Fishing Day will be held in Rockland County on Sept.27th. They anticipate that several thousand will attend. If a club wishes to have a table, there is no cost & no firearms are allowed – contact Stan Pascoo at 845-494-6312.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch reminded everyone that the finalized applications have to be in before the September meeting. He sent out 28 applications and only has ONE back. Make sure that bills are attached & a sketch is submitted. Cliff Horton spoke of his concerns about the tight regulations regarding "foundation" under brush piles, the maximum of \$300.00 and why mowing was cut. Pres. Danchak answered that it was because of

the cut in the county budget. Just before Old Business was discussed a **motion was made** to bypass the need for the base requirement part of brush piles for this year as many clubs had already made their brush piles for submission on their Habitat Applications. **MOTION WAS SECONDED. CARRIED.**

**SPORTSMEN'S EDUCATION:** Carl Lindsley had a list of the following courses now available: **HUNTING:** (9/26 -6PM to 10PM and 9/27-8AM to 4PM at Grahamsville Fairgrounds in the Federation Bldg. Registration opens on 8/22/14. [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7860.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7860.html).) ( 8/29-6PM to 9PM and 8/30-8AM to 3:30PM- S.C.Conservation Club – pre-register at [www.register-ed.com/programs/new\\_york](http://www.register-ed.com/programs/new_york)) **BOWHUNTING:** (8/19 & 8/20- 6PM-10PM-pre-register 845-443-3068 Travis Archery) (9/16 & 9/17-6PM to 10PM pre-register at 845-443-3068 Travis Archery) (9/20-9AM to 5PM pre-register 845-557-8522 Yulan Fire House). **TRAPPING:**( 9/13-8am to 5PM pre-register ACTIVE PROGRAMS-NY- Millerton Rod & Gun) (9/10 & 9/20-8AM to 5PM pre-register at 845-496-9339 Shawangunk Fish & Game Club) (10/11-8AM to 5PM pre-register at [www.register-ed.com/programs/new\\_york](http://www.register-ed.com/programs/new_york) -Ulster Heights Rod & Gun) (9/21-8AM to –contact Carl Lindsley-to be held at Excelsior Club)

DEP: Herb DeWitt had nothing to report.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: Kay Danchak will report next month as the Fair was 8/15, 16 & 17.

YOUTH DAY: Kay Danchak reported as usual she needs help & support. Contact Kay with whatever help you can give. Remember, this is for our youth – September 13<sup>th</sup> at Grahamsville Fairgrounds – 10AM to 3:30PM. 845-482-4987.

NRA: Harvey Dickens. See attached NYRA Report 8-13-14.

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak reported that sales are slow.

CHESTNUT TREES: Cliff Horton reported that the price has been raised \$3.00 – now \$19.00 each. The requirement will be lowered to lots of 5 trees – payment will be needed by the October meeting. A minimum total group order of 100 trees is needed.

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

Harvey Dickens reminds everyone that he has discount coupons for new or renewal memberships to the NRA. He also has voter registration forms if anyone needs one.

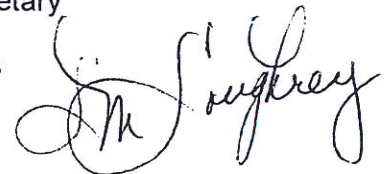
**NEW BUSINESS:**

A reminder that September is the early bird drawing, Harry Walker reported that the S.C. Archers had 18 participate in their Youth Camp last month - 6 were girls.

Motion to adjourn at 9:40, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: September 10th, 2014, 7:30 PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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## BIG GAME REPORT 8-13-14

1. The DEC adopted the Bear Hunting Season Changes for the Fall 2014. The adopted season changes are as follows:

- establish bear hunting seasons in all of upstate New York (all counties north of New York City);
- create a special early firearms season (Sept. 6 - Sept. 21) for bears in specific Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) in the Catskills and western Hudson Valley region; and
- provide a uniform start date (Sept. 13) for bowhunting and early firearms bear season in the Northern Zone.

2. Deer Management Permits have increased statewide by 17% but for WMU's 3H and 3K you will still need a preference point to have a chance at getting a DMP. WMU 3A will have no DMP's issued.

3. The Sportsman's Act failed to get through the US Senate due to too many amendments unrelated to sportsmen's issues. The bill would have improved access to federal public lands, make the Federal Electronic Duck Stamp permanent, reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through 2018 and allow for the importation of previously legally harvested polar bears among dozens of other things favorable to hunters and anglers.

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NRA REPORT 8-13-14

1. The Sullivan County Friends with Firearms is having their second annual BBQ and Gun Festival on Saturday Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 9AM - 6PM at Hanofee Park Sunset Lake Rd. Liberty, NY. There will be rides, raffles, vendors food, music and more. The event will take place rain or shine. Sullivan County Friends with Firearms is on Facebook and they can be contacted at [sayno2safe@gmail.com](mailto:sayno2safe@gmail.com).

2. Governor Cuomo can be defeated if all firearms owners and their family members are registered to vote and vote in the general election on Nov. 4, 2014. Voter registration forms are available at the office of the Board of Elections at the County Government Center in Monticello.

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You can also download a voter registration form at [www.elections.ny.gov](http://www.elections.ny.gov) and click on the box that says "Need a Voter Registration Form" and print the PDF copy of the form and send it in to your county Board of Elections. In order to vote in the general election the voter registration form has to be handed in or postmarked by Oct. 10, 2014

If Cuomo is not defeated we can expect more draconian unconstitutional gun laws in his second term.

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