

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

Minutes of September 10, 2014. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 42 delegates were present for this meeting. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Dan Hiebner.

Guests: Carl Lindsley & Lt. Deming Lindsley, retired DEC.

Carl indicated 11 bear were shot so far in the early bear season with one big one shot with a bow by a boy.

Pres. Danchak indicated that coyote caps & t-shirts are available now. Caps are \$10.00 & T-shirts are \$14.00. Sullivan County will be receiving 85 crates of pheasants (595 birds) to go to Wolf Brook, Basherkill and Crystal Lake.

Deming indicated there were no arrests so far concerning bear and to contact him if any problems occur.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Ray Herbert read a list of bills. A motion was made to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak read thank you letters from 2 Camp DeBruce children (Jacob Yager & Jarod Hellerer).

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Jack Danchak reported on the Trustee meeting held on 8/27 at which all trustees were present. They voted to keep all programs, as they are all very important to the Federation, despite recent cuts by the County. Programs have worked for 35 years. Will increase money spent on our programs when funds are again available. We had a \$12,779.60 profit from the coyote contest. Used \$10,470 for programs and \$1,000 for H.S. graduates. We did not have enough to put into programs we cut per the trustees. Robert Gabriel contacted Pres. Danchak and indicated he did not yet get reimbursed by the Town of Highland Justice Court for the \$225.00 fine for feeding wild deer since the case was thrown out. This case was from 12/5/12. Pres. Danchak spoke with Judge LaBuda requesting Mr. Gabriel be reimbursed and with Judge LaBuda's assistance this was accomplished. All Habitat Applications need to be in at this meeting. Our banquet will be held at the Rockland House on 10/4/14. Tickets are still available. Please call Pres. Danchak (845-482-4987) for reservations & they can be paid for at the door. Youth Fair was held 9/13 at Grahamsville. Pres. Danchak has tickets available for the coyote gun raffle. Four guns will be raffled off.

V.P.: Hank Samyn had no report.

ACTING SEC.: Edna Calkin had no report. Linda Loughrey had a death in family. Condolences were offered by members.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the bills, there will be a balance of \$13,951.50. Started with a balance of \$15,237.90, added income of \$2,052.00, deducted expenses paid of \$3,338.40. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette had no report.

FISH: Tony Fello reported that the stocking of fish will begin first or second week in October at Lake Huntington, Toronto Reservoir and Lake Superior. We are waiting until this time since hatchery indicated they will have bigger fish available for us.

SMALL GAME: Aaron Finley reported that pheasant pickup will be 10/3 and 10/4 from 9AM to Noon both days. See enclosed listing for your club pickup date & if any problems contact Pres. Danchak (482-4987). Clubs who qualified will receive 15 birds. CLUBS MUST BRING THEIR OWN CRATES. Birds cost our Federation \$10.50 each. 39 clubs qualified.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens. See attached BIG GAME REPORT 9-10-14

FWMB: Bill Gaudette had nothing to report.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch reported that 26 applications were returned. They must be inspected & turned in one week prior to our October meeting.

SPORTSMEN'S EDUCATION: Carl Lindsley had a list of the following courses now available: **HUNTING:** 9/27-9/28- Lake Huntington Firehouse, pre-register at 631-968-8210. **BOWHUNTING:** All courses are full.

TRAPPING: 2 courses in Ulster County – Ulster Heights Rod & Gun, Ellenville, NY, (10/11/14) pre-register at www.register-ed.com/programs/new_york & Rondout Rod & Gun Club, Accord NY (9/21/14) pre-register at 845-687-6440.

DEP: Herb DeWitt had nothing to report.

YOUTH DAY: Kay Danchak reported as usual she needed help & support. Was held on 9/13.

NRA: Harvey Dickens. See attached NYRA Report 9-10-14. Please Vote. Must be registered by Oct. 10th.

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak reported that lots of club have yet to turn in their tickets. Must be in before October 4th.

ANNUAL BANQUET: Will be at the Rockland House on Oct. 4th. Jake Gabriel will be present. The Sportsman of the Year will be announced.

COYOTE HUNT: Applications will be sent out in early November. Applications can be downloaded from

our web site which is at the end of the minutes.

DEER FEEDING: You can feed deer on your own property as long as it is not being hunted during hunting season.

CHESTNUT TREEES: Orders in lots of five(5) at \$19.00 per tree. Orders & money must be in by November meeting. Contact Cliff Horton.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Fish & pheasant stocking was discussed. Will be taken up at the 2015 Budget Meeting in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swan Lake Hose Co. will have a Gun, Knife & Outdoor Expo 9/20 & 9/21- 9AM to 4PM at Swan Lake Fire House. Vendors, raffles, etc. info call 845-796-6981 or 845-292-8406. Our Early Bird Raffle was held. The following clubs will receive \$20.00 each: Sioux Club, Aden Hunting Club, Frog Hollow, Pleasant Valley, Whortlekill Rod & Gun, Wolf Lake, Grahamsville Rod & Gun, Howard Beach Rod & Gun, Parkston Assoc. and Eldred Rod & Gun.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: October 8th, 2014, 7:30 PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edna Calkin, Acting Secretary

web site: sullivancountysportsmensfederationny.com

NRA REPORT 9-10-14

1. A reminder that all firearm owners and their family members should be 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 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.

2. Obama keeps calling for "Universal Background Checks" which is a code word for federal registration of all firearms. He also mentions in speeches that the United States has to adopt the same gun control measures as they did in Australia and he is threatening to act on his own if congress does not act. Australia had mandatory registration of all firearms and then the Australian government enforced a mandatory "buyback" and confiscated the firearms from its citizens.

It is imperative in the upcoming election that we elect pro gun congressmen and senators.

BIG GAME REPORT 9-10-14

1. A reminder to sportsmen that DMPs will be available at all license issuing outlets and can also be obtained by phone, internet, or mail, through close of business October 1, 2014.

2. Sportsmen have had problems with the new E-licensing system since hunting licenses went on sale last month. Lifetime licenses were delayed and license selling agents have been complaining about the cumbersome process, delays getting into the system and the new paper to print the licenses does not feed into many of the printers.

3. Within the new regulations allowing the use of crossbows there were guidelines that limit the peak maximum draw weight for crossbows at 200 pounds. The previous crossbow regulations that expired two years ago didn't have a peak draw weight requirement. Many crossbows that were previously sold and many current crossbows on dealer shelves have peak draw weights above 200 pounds that could lead to hunters getting citations.

W. Dickson

