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

Minutes of November 12, 2014. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 28 delegates were present for this meeting.

Pres. Danchak and Carl Lindsley gave updates on the medical condition of Deming Lindsley. Deming is home and recovering from his totally unexpected heart attack. Everyone wishes Deming a very speedy recovery. Carl said that possibly Deming would be up to attending next months meeting.

Carl reported that Sullivan County & Western Ulster County are 2 officers short for patrols. Carl & a youth went trapping and got quite a few coyotes. The coyotes were full of mange. Carl reported that this is natures way of controlling the coyotes as the disease can go down the family lines.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Ray Herbert had a list of outstanding bills for internet, pictures, potage, various ads & printed material for coyote contest. Motion was made to pay bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak read a flyer from the S.C.Catskills Sportsman & Outdoor Rec Expo to be held at SUNY Sullivan on March 21, 2015. Will discuss further as the date gets closer. Pres. Danchak also read a letter from Sen. Bonacic regarding his early printing of the hunting schedule. There was an error in the Southern Zone Muzzle loading season. The dates of Oct.1 to Oct. 9 should not be there and does not affect the current hunting season.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Jack Danchak reported that Pat Voges was in the hospital but his daughter advised that he is doing okay. The coyote hunt applications have been mailed out. Pres. Danchak stated that he has placed ads in the NY Outdoor News and will place 2 more in Dec. & Jan. plus other advertising. Enclosed with these minutes are 3 raffle tickets that Pres. Danchak requests each club to purchase. Reminder that booze, beer, etc. is needed for the wheel barrel raffle. Bring your donation to next months meeting or drop off at Hunter Lake.

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 \$10,240.04. Started with a balance of \$26,375.71, added income of \$6,269.00, deducted expenses paid of \$22,404.67. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette reported on the last meeting of NYSCC. A good summary was in the September issue of the Grass Root News. The final resolution dealing with wildlife regulations and the need to discourage legislatures from doing what professionals at DEC should do. "Therefore be it resolved that it shall be the policy of the NYSCC to continue to support wildlife, fish and land management through DEC regulations as opposed to management through legislation whenever it is in the best interest of sportsmen and the principles of sound conservation". VOTE: 50 in favor; 3 opposed. A summary of the SUNY Coyote study showed the deer/coyote incidents are increasing. There are 1.3 pairs per 10 square kilometers (9500 pairs statewide). In southern part of state – 62 deer carcasses & 24 livestock killed by coyotes. The killing of fawns is 59%, woodchucks 23% and turkeys18%. Discussion was held regarding the court challenge to the SAFE act. They also reviewed the invasive species in Lake George and noted that sturgeon are returning to the Hudson River.

FISH: Tony Fello reported that the fish stocking was completed and he finished \$1.00 under budget. Note that fishing licenses are good for 1 year from date of purchase.

SMALL GAME: People are still seeing the pheasants that were released

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens was on vacation and submitted his report by e-mail. See BIG GAME REPORT 11-12-14 enclosed.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION; Keith Krauss had no report but advised that all names need to be submitted no later than the February 2015 meeting.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette reported that the minutes still are not out. The next meeting is 12/17/14.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch advised that now is the time, while sitting out in the woods, to look around and see what can be done to improve your habitat.

SPORTSMEN'S EDUCATION: Carl Lindsley had nothing to report.

NRA: Harvey Dickens submitted the enclosed NRA REPORT 11-12-14.

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak had nothing to report.

YOUTH ICE FISHING: Carl Denman reported that it will be held the last Saturday in January. He hopes to get clearance for the youth to take 15" to 18" bass.

COYOTE HUNT: Pres. Danchak stated that applications have been mailed. We need prize donations. Also, the" booze" wheel barrel will once again be a raffle prize. Clubs are requested to make a donation – liquor, beer, glasses, stirrers, crackers, etc. Bring donations to the next meetings or drop off at Hunter Lake.

CHESTNUT TREEES: Cliff Horton reported that the quota of over 100 trees has been met.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Our Holiday meeting will be held next month. Please being snacks for all to enjoy.

The nominating committee has nominated the current slate of officers for re-election: Jack Danchak, President; Hank Samyn, Vice-President; Ray Herbert, Treasurer; Linda Loughrey, Secretary: Bruce Miller, Trustee; and Kay Danchak, Dir. of Special Events. Elections will take place at December meeting. Carl Lindsley advised that he may be doing the turkey trappings again. If Carl does do this, he will be looking for help. It will take place from Christmas through March.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30, Seconded, CARRIED.

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

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BIG GAME REPORT 11-12-14

1. The DEC announced that remaining Deer Management Permits (DMPs) in several Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) will be available to hunters beginning November 1, 2014. Applications for leftover DMPs will be accepted for the following WMUs: 1C, 3M, 3R, 3S (bowhunting-only), 7F, 7H, 7J, 8A, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8J, 8N, 8R, 9A, 9F, and 9G. Hunters may apply for up to two additional DMPs in theses WMUs on a first-come, first-served basis.

NRA REPORT 11-12-14

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- 1. Former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg spent 50 million dollars to elect gun control candidates to national office. All of his supported candidates lost. In so doing, the Second Amendment annihilated the left's relentless claim that 90 percent of Americans support more gun control.
- 2. Even though Rob Astorino lost the Governor's race due to an overwhelming NYC vote for Cuomo, the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association is taking credit for having turned the tide in the state Senate, noting the defeat of three incumbent Democrats as a result of their stance on the controversial SAFE act. The three Democratic Senators all lost re-election to Second Amendment rights candidates endorsed by groups such as the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association and the National Rifle Association. The group pointed to these and other losses for gun control candidates in legislative races statewide as a sign of widespread repudiation of gun control laws. The Republicans now control 32 of the 63 seats in the NYS Senate.

