

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

Minutes of January 14, 2015. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 27 delegates were present for this meeting.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Bob Aber. Mr. Aber was a member of the Tri-State Rod & Gun Club, The Cahoonzie Club, a former trustee of this Federation & formerly chaired the Sportsman Education Program.

Retired DEC Lt. Deming Lindsley advised that Carl Lindsley has begun trapping & tagging turkeys. He advised that he recently met with Officers Wood & Baker regarding the moose that was shot. No charges will be filed against the youngster that shot the moose and it was determined that the moose had "brain Worm". The family was allowed to keep the meat. There is still no Lieutenant for Sullivan County.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Ray Herbert had a list of outstanding bills for postage, NYS Conservation Council dues, secretarial supplies, Fur Fin & Feather, Everyday Apparel, Outdoor News, Kristt Co. and various items for the coyote contest. A motion was made to pay the bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak read a flyer from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School which is having a Pasta Dinner on January 24th in Middletown. If interested call 343-8836 for tickets.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Jack Danchak reported that the Youth Ice Fishing contest is ready to go on Jan. 31st at Crystal Lake. Jack & Kay gathered the names of the people who have volunteered for the weigh-in at the coyote contest. Kay also listed the people who will work for the contest – reception, table raffle tickets, wheel barrel of booze raffle tickets & 50-50 sales. Banquet workers are requested to report to the WSS Fire House by 11:00AM on Sunday, Feb. 8th. Pres. Danchak then stated that there will be a budget meeting to be held on Sunday, January 25th at his residence at Hunter Lake. All officers and trustees are requested to be there. Budget Meeting will start at 1:00, followed by Habitat at 3:00 and immediately followed by Sweepstakes.

V.P.: Hank Samyn reported that the 2015 4-wheeler has been ordered from M&M of Liberty.

SEC.: Linda Loughrey had no report.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the bills, there will be a balance of \$18,257.04. Started with a balance of \$8,815.71, added income of \$12,430.00, deducted expenses paid of \$2,988.67. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette wasn't available.

FISH: Tony Fello reported that the ice is plenty thick for the Ice Fishing contest. He will have 2 enclosed heated buggies there and also have some bait fish.

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn has accepted chairmanship of Small Game. No report.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens was unavailable. See BIG GAME REPORT 1-14-15 enclosed.

Deming Lindsley reported that the numbers aren't out yet as the Long Island season is still open.

PLEASE READ THE ENCLOSED RESOLUTION THAT HAS GONE THROUGH 4 DRAFTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION. YOUR CLUB'S IMPUT AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING IS VERY IMPORTANT AS THIS RESOLUTION HAS TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE THE MARCH DEADLINE.

Is the season too long-- Archery season overlaps when the youth are small game hunting. Deming Lindsley stated that some date changes would need legislative action.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Krauss reported that he has only 11 children signed up. Rollment can start on January 21st. Please supply him with names before end of the month. We have room for 10 more.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette was unavailable.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch advised that you should now start to gather material for brush piles.

NRA: Harvey Dickens submitted the enclosed NRA REPORT 1-14-15.

YOUTH ICE FISHING: Contest will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31st – 8AM to 2PM. Workers are requested to be at Crystal Lake by 7:30AM.

CHESTNUT TREEES: Cliff Horton reported that the order & deposit have been mailed. The trees are scheduled to arrive in April (much the same as last year).

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UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing was discussed.

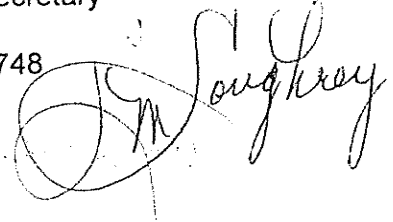
NEW BUSINESS:

A check for \$60.00 will be sent to the S.C. Community College for our spot at the March 21st Outdoor Expo.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: February 11, 2015 at 7:30 PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
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PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES - \$55.00.....

BIG GAME REPORT 1-14-15

1. The DEC is moving forward with the decision making process on some regulation changes for the 2015 Southern Zone deer hunting season focusing on the protection of yearling bucks. Several options are being looked at, among them:

- Mandatory antler restrictions for the entire season.
- Mandatory antler restrictions for the archery season and the first week of the regular season.
- A one buck limit for deer hunters.
- Shortening the firearms deer season by one week in the Southern Zone and two weeks in the Northern Zone
- An active promotion of voluntary antler restrictions.
- No changes at all and maintaining the current regulations.

The DEC is also in the process of establishing "WMU aggregates" which will be used in the decision making process. The Southern Zone WMU aggregates which have not yet been revealed are expected to be divided into the following areas- Southeastern/ Southwestern Fingerlakes/ Lake Plains and Central New York/ and Mohawk Valley areas.

NRA REPORT 1-14-15

1. Since the Republicans have taken over the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives the NRA will focus on passing a National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act. If this act is passed it will allow concealed carry pistol permit holders to bear arms across state lines so long as they are in compliance with the laws of their home states.

A Resolution to Secure a Healthy White-tailed Deer Population
in New York State, Southern Zone.

WHEREAS, the survival of any species depends upon successful procreation,

AND

WHEREAS, successful procreation in the wild kingdom depends upon a well balanced and unique environment so as a species is allowed to seek, find and achieve copulation and thus reproduction,

AND

WHEREAS, White-tailed Deer are one among many valuable natural resources in New York State, we must do diligence to guard and protect their survival,

AND

WHEREAS, in order to provide for said survival, we must promote an environment in which said healthy White-tailed Deer population shall be assured,

AND

THEREFORE, to assure that both a healthy environment and population of White-tailed Deer may be encouraged, we must understand and then provide for an environment based upon the following biological facts:

A) In New York State, White-tailed Deer commence the reproduction cycle during the Fall and early Winter season of each year.

B) During said reproduction cycle (commonly referred to as the "Rut") the female comes into estrus once every 30 or so days, wherein, said female ovulates and is then receptive to mating for 24 to 48 hours of each estrus period until impregnated. Biologically (in RARE CASES) un-impregnated females may continue said estrus cycle as late as July.

C) During said "Rut", outside forces such as human activity within the "Rut" area places unnatural pressure upon both the breeding males and females thus interfering with the already stressful process of said "Rut".

AND

THEREFORE, to ensure a more natural environment for the "Rut" and thus a healthy White-tailed Deer population in the Southern Zone

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation shall promulgate the following management policy for the Southern Zone as it shall relate to the hunting (harvest) of White-tailed Deer.

A) The firearms (to include the Muzzleloader and Cross Bow) hunting season for White-tailed Deer with the exception of the Youth Hunting Weekend shall commence on the Monday before Thanksgiving in November and shall end on the fourteenth (14th.) day thereafter.

B) Said season shall exclude the harvest of antlerless deer during the first seven (7) days of said season.

C) The taking of said White-tailed Deer shall be harvested by means of high powered rifle, "slug" shotgun, muzzle loaded firearm, hand gun, bow and arrow (archery) and crossbow of which each weapon of choice shall comply with the rules and/or regulations as set forth by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

D) The Archery/Bow and Arrow (excluding the Crossbow) season shall commence on the Monday preceding the opening of firearms season in November and end seven (7) days later (on the Sunday preceding the opening of the firearms season).

E) The harvest of the male and/or antlered White-tailed Deer shall require a minimum of three (3) points of one (1) inch or more on at least one side of the rack.

F) The "Youth Hunting Weekend" shall comply with the policy as set forth in the Environmental Conservation Law.

G) Some Wildlife Management Units in the Southern Zone may require additional adjustments and/or restrictions so as to meet the needs of unique White-tailed Deer populations and conditions such as male to female population imbalance. Said special rules, regulation and/or restrictions shall apply only to specific DMUs in Delaware, Sullivan and Ulster Counties and only to specific towns within said WMUs. Examples: In WMUs 3A and 3H, towns of , , and , the harvest of White-tailed Deer shall be severely restricted and/or suspended until a healthy herd of White-tailed Deer have been restored. The harvest of antlered White-tailed Deer shall be limited to one (1) regardless of weapon used. Said rules, regulations and/or restrictions shall be promulgated after study and recommendations by a White-tailed Deer Management Committee/Board to include on said Committee/Board four (4) representatives from the DEC (2 field and 2 enforcement), two (2) representatives to be selected by county Sportsmen Federations and two (2) representatives from the general public who shall possess a valid/current hunting license and shall submit a letter of interest to participate on said Committee/Board with said public representative being selected via a lottery.

AND

THEREFORE, be it resolved that this Resolution shall be submitted for appropriate consideration by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.