

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

Minutes of February 11, 2015. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 32 delegates were present for this meeting.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Bob Jesse Brown.

Guest Randy Hedden from Tri-State Rod & Gun Club presented the Federation with a plaque in honor of Robert Aber for his 30 years of service & dedication to the Federation.

Carl Lindsley reported terrible trouble catching wild turkeys for tagging. His quota is 40 birds & he's only gotten 11 so far. Deer come & break the equipment & eat the corn. He doesn't know if he'll reach his quota. If you have hen turkeys at your club, call him & he will try to catch them (845-292-2151).

Retired DEC Lt. Deming Lindsley indicated that anyone needing information from the DEC should call them in Albany. The Youth Ice Fishing contest scheduled at the Boy Scouts had to be rescheduled due to the extreme cold weather & wind. The new date is Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 2PM.

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

### BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

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

Pres. Jack Danchak advised there will be a S.C. Sportsmen's Outdoor Expo at the College on March 21, 2015 from 8AM to 6PM. Adults-\$5.00; children under 12 are free.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Jack Danchak reported on the budget meeting of January 25<sup>th</sup>. The proposed budget was read. A motion was made to accept the budget. All in favor – None opposed. Seconded, CARRIED.

V.P.: Hank Samyn had no report.

SEC.: Linda Loughrey was not available for this meeting.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the bills, there will be a balance of \$21,455.42. The 4-wheeler cost \$5,295.00. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

### REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette – no report.

FISH: Tony Fello reported there was a request to stock a new lake, however, new lakes need a study of the water before any can be stocked.

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn – no report.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens-- See BIG GAME REPORT 2-11-15 enclosed.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: No report.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette – no report.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch reported that the new Habitat Applications are no available. Note that new brush piles must have a base. Regarding Apple Tree Pruning – note that the trees MUST have borne fruit to qualify. The applications also include proper planting data.

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak stated that tickets will be available in March – but only for sale at the Outdoor Expo at the college. They will be available for the clubs in May.

SPORTSMEN'S EDUCATION: Carl Lindsley reported that Camp DeBruce will have 2 weeks of archery and 5 weeks of gun. A trapping course may be given in the last week. Shotguns will no longer be used, only 22 rifles. There are NO hunter training courses scheduled at this time.

DEP: Herb DeWitt – a synopsis of his report as follows: The NYC DEP announced that more than 4,800 additional acres of city-owned property across the watershed were opened for public recreation for the first time in 2014. In addition, DEP worked with its partners to establish two new hiking trails, and worked with the state to expand hunting privileges on nearly 12,000 acres of property through deer management assistance permits. The recreational boating program at Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton and Schoharie reservoir tallied 1,182 total visits, an all-time high for the program since it began in 2012. In addition, DEP worked with the state DEC to expand a deer management program to include 11,948 acres around Ashokan, Cannonsville and Neversink Reservoirs. Deer Management Assistance Permits were issued to 280 hunters to help control deer populations on land immediately adjacent to these reservoirs.

NRA: Harvey Dickens - see NRA REPORT 2-11-15 enclosed.

ANNUAL BANQUET: Scheduled for first Saturday in October.

YOUTH ICE FISHING: Contest in rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28th – 8AM to 2PM. Workers are requested to be at Crystal Lake by 7:30AM.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: Applications must be in before June meeting.

COYOTE HUNT: There will be a meeting in March or April to discuss the 2016 contest. Kay Danchak reported on the 2015 Coyote Hunt which had 525 hunters registered. 45 coyotes were entered with the winning male weighing 48.80lbs. The average entry weighed 36lbs. with 22 males & 23 females. The winning coyote was taken in Otsego County. A profit of \$12,216.00 was netted after all expenses were paid (expenses were \$15,559.90). (full hunt breakdown enclosed). If you have any suggestions concerning the coyote contest, please attend the next coyote meeting which will probably be in April. The President suggested considering expanding the contest to include bordering Pennsylvania counties. A motion was made to give Kay & Jack \$75.00 towards a dinner of their choice in appreciation for their efforts. Seconded, CARRIED.

(Personal note - Kay & Jack will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>)

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

All clubs received the Resolution to Secure a Healthy White Tail Deer population in NYS Southern Zone. A motion was made to submit this Resolution to the DEC. In Favor-11; Opposed-14. It was decided this will be thoroughly discussed at the March meeting. Since it was not approved at the February meeting, it is too late to be submitted to the DEC this year. Members are urged to submit your input by our March meeting.

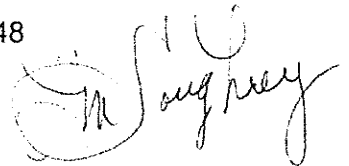
**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

Motion to adjourn at 9:55PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

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

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PLEASE REMIT YOUR DUES - \$55.00.....must be in by April meeting.

## BIG GAME REPORT 2-11-15

1. The 2014 New York hunting season closed with the second lowest number of hunting related-shooting incidents on record. A total of 22 hunting incidents occurred in 2014, including one fatality which occurred while hunting small game. New York's hunting incident rate (incidents per 100,000 hunters) has fallen by more than 75 percent since the 1960s. The past five-year average is down to 4.3 incidents per 100,000 hunters, compared to 19 per 100,000 in the 1960s.
2. The DEC sent out 7000 surveys to deer hunters across NYS. The return rate or the results of the survey have not yet been made public. New York deer hunters are clearly split on many aspects such as yearling buck protection, season length, DMP's, hunting implements and other related issues. It appears that there will be solid opposition on whatever changes the DEC makes for the 2015 Deer season.

## NRA REPORT 2-11-15

1. Republican state senator Michael Nozzolio of Seneca Falls introduced the SAFE Act repeal legislation on the first day of the 2015 session. But even lawmakers opposed the SAFE Act say that repeal is extremely unlikely because downstate Assembly Democrats would never agree to a repeal.

Another bill introduced by Republican Senator Phil Boyle of Bay Shore would modify the magazine capacity piece of the law and repeal other sections. President of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Assoc. Tom King predicted that the legal challenges to the SAFE Act will ultimately reach the Supreme Court.

The provision in the law that would create a database to track ammunition sales has yet to be implemented.

**Daily Heaviest Coyote: \$200 Coyote Hunt 2015 525 Applications**

**Feb. 6** Billie West PO Box 7 Elizaville, NY 12523

Hunting Columbia County M 46.35 Lbs. 81.0 Temp Bait 7MM-08 120 gr

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**Feb. 7** William Martin III 671 Powers Rd Conklin, NY 13748

Hunting Delaware County M 44.90 Lbs 85.0 Temp Dogs 270 Win 150 gr

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**Feb. 8** Derek Rollins PO Box 79 48 North St Edmeston, NY 13335

Hunting Otsego County M 48.80 Lbs. 88.0 Temp Dogs 223 55 gr

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**Youth Hunter:** \$100 + \$100 + Ruger 10/22 (Fur, Fin & Feather Sport Shop)

Winner: no Youth Entries

**Female Hunter: \$200 + \$100**

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**3 Day Overall Heaviest Coyote \$2000 + \$500 = Derek Rollins Edmeston, NY**

**Coyote Hunt Summary Total**

|          | Coyotes | Weight       | Avg. lbs.  | Avg. Temp | Sex           |
|----------|---------|--------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| Friday   | 16      | 566.95 lbs.  | 35.43 lbs. | 85.9*     | M = 7 F = 9   |
| Saturday | 16      | 591.85 lbs.  | 36.99 lbs. | 86.8*     | M = 11 F = 5  |
| Sunday   | 13      | 486.30 lbs.  | 35.63 lbs. | 90.0*     | M = 4 F = 9   |
| Totals   | 45      | 1645.10 lbs. | 36.01 lbs. | 87.5*     | M = 22 F = 23 |

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