

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

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

Guest: Retired Big Game Biologist Dick Henry – now with the Hudson Valley Quality Deer Management Assoc. presented a slide show regarding The White-tailed Deer Breeding Biology. The show noted things that we can control to better the deer population in overall density, adult sex ratio and the age structure of the herd. Fawns that are born in the late spring are usually a 1:1 sex ratio after a 200 day gestation period. A survey that checked the reproduction in NYS was last done in the 1970's. Limited work was done in 2009. Velvet loss usually occurs Sept. 8-9. As of 2013, there are 23 states that have antler restriction laws. In the 1990's there were over 600,000 licenses sold and less than 400,000 sold in 2008. Dick Henry has offered his services to any club that would be interested. Question & Answer period followed.

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

### BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Ray Herbert read a list of outstanding bills for postage, printer ink, ice fishing contest, internet, sweepstakes and DEC Camp. A motion was made to pay the bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak read a thank you note from Maggie Herbert who will be attending the DEC camp this summer. She is soooooo excited to be able to attend.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Jack Danchak reported on the Youth Ice Fishing event that was held on 2/28. Everything went over very well. The family of Ted Boniface would like to pay for the future expenses of the event. Pres. Danchak stated, with no objections from the membership, that future events will be named The Ted Boniface Youth Ice Fishing Derby.

V.P.: Hank Samyn had nothing to report.

SEC.: Linda Loughrey advised the membership that currently there are 19 clubs that haven't yet paid the 2015 dues and she will be sending out reminder notices to those clubs.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the bills, there will be a balance of \$23,496.38. Started with a balance of \$21,455.42, added income of \$16,994.00, deducted expenses paid of \$14,828.04 and a bad check & stop payment of \$125.00. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

### REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette – will report next month after the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. He advised that the Grass Roots New would like to get e-mail addresses so that the report can be sent that way instead by postal (will save paper & postage).

FISH: Tony Fello reported on the **tentative** stocking dates for April: (4/2-9:45AM-Bandstand in Callicoon Center); (4/10-9:15AM-Harris Post Office);(4/14-9:30AM-Beaverkill State Campsite);(4/23-9:30AM-Red Caboose in Roscoe);(4/17-9:45AM-Grahamsville Town Hall). May dates will be reported on next month.

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn advised that the pheasants have been ordered. The cost per bird won't be available until August, when the breeder knows what his feed will cost.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens-- See BIG GAME REPORT 3-11-15 enclosed. Pres. Danchak read letters from the Yulan Rod & Gun Club and the Orion Rod & Gun Club. Both had views on the Resolution that was presented to the membership last month which was voted down. Enclosed in a new Resolution to Secure a Healthy White-tailed Deer Population in NYS, Southern Zone. Item by item was discussed by the membership in attendance. Each motion in the Resolution was voted on, seconded and carried. Please have your clubs review for additional discussion/revisions at the May meeting.

CONSERVATION EDU.: Keith Krauss reported that the Federation will be sending 18 children (2 free) to the DEC camps this summer.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette – reported that many members of the DEC & DEP will be attending their next meeting & thus he will have lots to report on next month.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch reported that the new Habitat Applications are now available. Note that new brush piles must have a base. Apple trees should be pruned in March and early April. (the Makowski Wildlife Food Plots asked that we include their flyer with our minutes).

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: a Hunter Education Course will be sponsored by the S.C. Coonhound Assoc, 162 Hubert Rd., Jeffersonville, NY 12748 – April 17<sup>th</sup>-6-9PM & April 18<sup>th</sup>-8AM-4PM. Students must attend all sessions. Register at [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov) website under Education (left hand side), Sportsman's Education Classes, Hunter Ed or call 845-482-5923 only if you have trouble. Don't log in until March 16<sup>th</sup>.

DEP: Herb DeWitt – no report.

NRA: Harvey Dickens - see NRA REPORT 3-11-15 enclosed.

YOUTH ICE FISHING: Kay Danchak reported that only 25 children registered. Some donations were received from parents who want this to continue. It was 5 below zero at the start.

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

DEER FEEDING: Pres. Danchak asked that everyone continue to feed – the deer need food.

CHESTNUT TREES: Susan Otto stated that the trees will be handed out at 200 Puckyhuddle Rd., Bethel, NY on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9AM to noon.

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

The Federation will be represented at the Sullivan County Catskills Sportsman's & Outdoor Expo at the college on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The S.C. Conservation Club had prices for various items that we could have embroidered with the Federation's logo – please advise if you are interested: ¼ zip sweatshirt-\$25.00; hooded sweatshirt-\$20.00; crewneck sweatshirt-\$16.00; polo shirt-\$16.00 and t-shirts-\$13.00.

Membership application was received from the Cranberry Lake Sports Club which is located near the Liberty Reservoir on Lily Pond Road. Motion was made to waive the 30 day waiting period and welcome the club into our membership. Seconded, CARRIED.

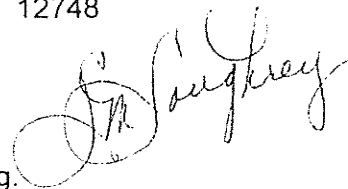
Motion to adjourn at 10:10PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: April 8, 2015 at 7:30 PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

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



## BIG GAME REPORT 3-11-15

1. The DEC will not be making any changes to the deer hunting regulations this year. DEC officials, citing a tight schedule to complete the regulatory process and to allow for public comment won't be in time for publication in the 2015-16 hunting and trapping regulations guide. Any potential changes won't come until next year.

2. This winter's heavy snowfall and below zero temperatures for most of February may take its toll on deer if the weather does not warm up in March. If clubs or individuals are feeding deer do so until the snow melts and green plants begin to emerge.

3. On another note, the 10-year draft fisher management plan is out for public review and comment through March 21. The plan if adopted would-

- Reduce the fisher trapping season from 46 days to 22 days in selected Adirondack Wildlife Management Units.
- Establish a limited 9-day open trapping season, with a one-fisher seasonal limit, in selected WMUs in Central/Western New York.
- No changes are proposed for Southeastern New York at this time because the current regulations provide ample trapping opportunity, harvest rates remain below 20 percent, and populations are stable or increasing.

The draft fisher management plan is available on the DEC website [www.dec.ny.gov/animals/9357.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/9357.html)

Comments may be submitted in writing to: NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife, Fisher Management Plan, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754 or by e-mail to [wildlife@dec.ny.gov](mailto:wildlife@dec.ny.gov) (type "Fisher Plan" in the subject line).

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## NRA REPORT 3-11-15

1. Under intense pressure from majorities in the House and Senate, the National Rifle Association's huge membership, the Obama administration has abruptly changed course and is rescinding its push to ban popular and cheap ammo used by AR-15 owners. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said 80,000 comments rolled in, many against the proposal to ban the 5.56 M855 "green tip" ammo. The NRA and the other groups still plan to flood ATF mailboxes with opposition letters just to make sure they go through with their withdrawal. "They've gone away for now. We know they're coming back and we will be ready," said Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the NRA.

2. All the anti-gun politicians the media and especially Bloomberg and Obama, are calling for mandatory background checks while admitting that the only way that will work is to have concurrent mandatory gun registration. Somehow, they believe that gun registration will help take guns out of the hands of criminals (and presumably everyone else at some point down the road). But, here's something they never acknowledge: In 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court reached a landmark decision in the case of *Haynes v. United States*. Miles Edward Haynes (a convicted felon) decided to fight his arrest for possession of an unregistered, short-barrel shotgun. Haynes' argument to the court was brief: Because registering the firearm would force him to admit to having unlawfully possessed the shotgun before it was registered, Haynes argued that registration laws violated his Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination. The Supreme Court agreed, and in an 8-1 decision ruled that individuals with a legitimate claim of self-incrimination are immune from registering their illegally possessed firearms with the government. As a result of this ruling, Congress amended the National Firearms Act of 1934 to make it apply to only those who could lawfully own a firearm. In other words, if you can't lawfully own or possess a firearm (i.e., convicted felon, etc.), you do not have to register it!

3. SCOPE (Shooters Committee On Political Education) is asking all NY firearms owners to write, call or email their state senators or assemblypersons with the following demands

- Support the full repeal of the NY Safe Act (S1193-2015) (A3943-2015) and attach these bills to the budget.

- Refuse to VOTE for the continuation of rent stabilization which is set to expire on June 15th, 2015. Restore our Rights or let their rents go up!
- Refuse to Fund any aspects of the NY S.A.F.E. Act

Contact our representatives:

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther  
 Albany Office  
 LOB 826  
 Albany, NY 12248  
 518-455-5355  
 email-[GuntheA@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:GuntheA@assembly.state.ny.us)

Senator John Bonacic  
 Albany Office  
 188 State Street Room 509 Legislative Office Building Albany, NY 12247  
 Phone: (518) 455-3181  
 Email- [bonacic@nysenate.gov](mailto:bonacic@nysenate.gov)

4. State Senator Patrick Gallivan has introduced a series of bills that would reform the SAFE Act if full repeal does not go through.

S3373- Allow a person to pass their legally possessed and registered firearms to an immediate family member through their estate.

S3374- Allow individuals to possess large capacity magazines if they were possessed before the SAFE Act.

S3375- Eliminate the registration and background checks for the purchase of ammunition.

S3376- Repeal changes the SAFE Act made to the definition of an assault weapon in relation to suspension and revocation of firearms licenses.

S3377- Would expand the definition of immediate family to include siblings, grandparents and grandchildren in relation to the private sale of certain firearms.

S3378- Amend the law that pistol permit applications are not public records and not subject to a FOIL request.

S3379- Eliminate the desertification requirement for firearms licenses which was created by the SAFE Act.

Contact your representatives listed above to support these bills.

*J. Dickerson*

**A Resolution to Secure a Healthy White-tailed Deer Population in**

**New York State, Southern Zone**

WHEREAS, the survival of any species depends upon the 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 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 16<sup>th</sup> day thereafter.
- B) The muzzle loaded and archery season shall commence for 5 days after the conclusion of the firearms season.
- C) Only one (1) antlered deer may be harvested per hunter per year.
- D) During the late muzzle loaded and archery season, units where no antlerless tags are issued, antlerless deer cannot be harvested.
- E) The regular archery season shall commence on October 15<sup>th</sup> and shall end on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Crossbows shall be the last 2 weeks of archery season.
- F) 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.
- G) The "Youth Hunting Weekend" shall comply with the policy as set forth in the Environmental Conservation Law.
- H) The harvest of antlered White-tailed Deer shall be limited to one (1) regardless of weapon used.
- I) 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) and two (2) representatives to be selected by county Sportsmen Federations.

AND

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