

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

Minutes of May 13, 2015. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 23 delegates were present for this meeting..

Retired DEC Carl Lindsey showed pictures of the huge fish caught by himself & his wife on their trip to Hawaii, which they are having mounted. Carl advised that there are reports of a lot of dead deer & turkeys being found. The turkeys may be dying because of eating road salt which is toxic to their systems. Some of these dead turkeys were carrying radios.

Retired DEC Lt. Deming Lindsley advised that there are 60 vacancies in the agency. A new academy will open in February.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Ray Herbert read a list of outstanding bills for internet, sweepstakes, passes & rent for Neversink Agriculture Society, Kristt Co. & Resolution flyers printing. A motion was made to pay the bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak read a letter from Joseph Russo of the Rodfield Gun Club which is opposed to the White-tailed Deer Resolution. (Note that Rodfield Gun Club is NOT currently a member of the Federation- an application for membership will be sent).

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Jack Danchak advised that he will be holding the Coyote Hunt meeting on June 3rd at 6:00PM at Hunter Lake and requests that all involved attend. Also, reminded that the Sportsman of the Year applications must be in before the June meeting. All prior Sportsman of the Year are requested to arrive at 6:30PM of June 10th to determine the 2015 selection.

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

SEC.: Linda Loughrey noted a correction to the April minutes. The origin of the \$2500.00 grant did not come from the County. This grant was secured by the office of Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's office working with the NYS Dept. of Family & Children Services, which grant is to be used strictly for the youth programs.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the bills, there will be a balance of \$25,062.46. Started with a balance of \$26,073.68, added income of \$1,609.00, deducted expenses paid of \$2,620.22. He noted that the chestnut trees have been paid. He also advised that the \$2M United Ins. Liability policy had increased from \$535.00 to \$598.00. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette had no report.

FISH: Tony Fello thanked those who helped with the fish stocking. There are still 3 more dates for stocking – assist if you can: (5/20-9:45AM-Neversink Reservoir Dam); (5/22-9:30AM-Beaverkill State Campsite); (5/27-9:30AM-Red Caboose in Roscoe).

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn had nothing new to report.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens-- See BIG GAME REPORT 5-13-15. Harvey then went over the Resolution to Secure a Healthy/Viable White-tailed Deer Population in NYS, Southern Zone. Motion was made to send the Resolution to the DEC for consideration. Seconded, CARRIED. (2 OPPOSED)

CONSERVATION EDU.: Keith Krauss reported that everything is ready for sending the children to the summer DEC camp.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette reported on the efforts that are now being implemented to improve the access points for the disabled. It will take at least another year for all to be completed. He said that the Westchester Parks Deer Management seminar was attended by approximately 80 people.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch reminds everyone that they need to water newly planted trees at least once a week.

SPORTSMEN'S EDUCATION: Carl Lindsey advised that there are NO classes scheduled for Sullivan County & probably won't be until July or August.

DEP: Herb DeWitt – no report.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: Kay Danchak advised that she needs vendors to sit in their building. Contact Kay if you would like space (845-482-4987).

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YOUTH DAY: Kay Danchak advised that the date is set for September 12th (assistance always welcome).

NRA: Harvey Dickens - see NRA REPORT 5-13-15.

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak reported that she handed out to the delegates who were in attendance and will again hand out at the June meeting, then the balance will be mailed.

SCHOLARSHIP: Ray Herbert has scheduled a meeting for May 19th. He will present the scholarship monies to the winners before the June meeting.

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

CHESTNUT TREES: Susan Otto stated that all 110 trees were picked up. Since this offer was done 2 years in a row, it probably won't be offered next year.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing old to go over.

NEW BUSINESS:

The secretary suggested that a change be made to Article 3, Section 2 of the Constitution and By-Laws which in part states "No minutes of any meeting shall be forwarded to any club whose dues are in arrears for **one (1) year**". A motion was made to amend the by-laws to read: "Any member who hasn't paid their dues by the June meeting will no longer receive the minutes and no longer be a member of the Federation". Seconded, CARRIED. Article 7, Section 4 states that this motion be read at least twice, so this will again be addressed at the June meeting. The following 8 clubs still haven't paid their membership dues: Cliff Lodge Hunting Camp, Fox Hollow Gun Club, Hagen Hunting Camp, Hi-Lo Hunting Club, Highland Waterfowlers, Howard Beach Rod & Gun Club, Patton Hunt Club and Peta Lodge.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: June 10th, 2015 at 7:30 PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
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BIG GAME REPORT 5-13-15

1. The DEC announced that more than 2,400 white-tailed deer were tested in the 2014-15 Big Game season in New York State and none tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease.

2. New York bear hunters took 1,628 black bears during the 2014 hunting seasons, setting a record harvest for the Southern Zone. Hunters took a total of 1,110 bears in the Southern Zone, an increase of approximately 13 percent from 2013 and surpassing the previous harvest record of 983 bears taken in 2011. A total of 177 bears were taken during all seasons in Sullivan County. For the full report with all the maps and charts go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/42232.html> and click on 2014 bear take summary.

3. New York deer hunters harvested approximately 238,670 deer during the 2014-15 hunting seasons, slightly less than the statewide take the previous year of 243,567. The estimated deer take included 130,068 antlerless deer (adult females and fawns) and 108,604 adult bucks (1.5 years or older). Sullivan County had a total buck take of 2,355 an antlerless take of 1,736 for a total of 4,091. For the full report with all the maps and charts go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/42232.html> and click on 2014 deer take summary.

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NRA REPORT 5-13-15

1. NYSRPA statement on the election of John Flanagan as Senate Majority Leader

ALBANY, NY (05/11/2015) The election of Senator John Flanagan as the the leader of the New York State Senate Republican Caucus is a divisive blow to the freedom loving people of New York and should send a chill down the spine of every gun owner since the new leader voted in favor of the so-called SAFE Act.

What this says is the Republican Party cares nothing about the hardworking, God-fearing and 2nd Amendment loving residents of New York State. While paying lip service the concerns of their core constituency, they elect a leader who will continue the status quo. The Senators who cast their vote for Senator Flanagan must pay for this breach of trust in the next election.

2. Paloma Capanna, legal director of the Shooters Committee for Public Education a Rochester-area lawyer specializing in Second Amendment issues has won her lawsuit against the state seeking to find out how many people have registered their assault-style weapons with the State Police under the SAFE Act gun control law. Acting Supreme Court Justice Thomas McNamera's decision, dated April 30 and received by the plaintiff's counsel on Monday, directs the immediate release of 15 categories of information related to the state registry, including detailed geographic breakdowns and the number of applications as opposed to actual registrations. The suit sought no personal or otherwise identifying information about owners. She said the state had three options: comply with the decision (which is effective the minute it's received by the State Police), appeal or do nothing. Ms. Capanna stated that if this information isn't promptly supplied in full accordance with the judges decision, we are ready to file a motion for contempt against the superintendent of the New York State Police.

3. The ammo background check system remained stalled due to technological challenges in creating the statewide database for the background checks. The ammo background check system was supposed to be operational in Jan. 2014.

4. Documents obtained in a FOIA request revealed that the Obama administration was planning to have the Drug Enforcement Administration

use license plate readers to track people who attended gun shows. So far it is not known if the plan was implemented.

5. NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre is warning firearms owners not to be fooled by the Obama administration's recent decision to back off from its proposed ban of the M855 5.56 ammunition. BATFE Director Todd Jones has suggested that all 5.56 ammunition should be banned and congressional Democrats are urging Obama to move swiftly on the ban. The AR-15 and the 5.56 ammo are the most popular rifle and ammo in America and if Obama can set a precedent by banning AR-15 ammo he will be able to ban all ammunition. The administration is also working with the EPA on banning all lead ammunition under the guise of hazardous materials. The plan is to force shooters to use all copper ammunition and then the BATFE will classify copper ammunition as armor piercing and will subsequently be banned.

B. Dickens