

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

Minutes of July 8, 2015. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 20 delegates were present for this meeting.

Retired DEC Carl Lindsey advised of the courses at Camp DeBruce which are outlined under Sportsmen's Education. Currently there is no deer biologist in our area. Kevin Clark has moved to Young Forest Biologist. The bear complaints are building up. Currently there is no game bird biologist in Region 3, so possibly there will be no further research done on turkeys. The fall turkey season is being restricted to 2 weeks during the deer hunting season and only one (1) bird per hunter will be allowed.

Retired Lt. Deming Lindsey advised that there are currently 60 vacancies in the department. An inquiry was made about salt licks and Deming stated that it is not legal in Sullivan County to put out salt licks for deer.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Ray Herbert was unavailable. Bills were presented by Kay Danchak- internet, coffee, sweepstakes, Kristt Co., copy paper & toner, deposit of \$600.0 for pheasants, purchase of a crossbow and reimbursement to Carl Lindsey for WFMB meetings. Motion was made to pay the bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak had no communications this month.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Jack Danchak reported that the coyote hunt application has been prepared & is ready for mailing. Last year there were 525 mailings, however, this year the mailing list will be cut short by the 300 e-mail addresses that were supplied -- great savings in postage. Bob Morgan of the Wounded Warrior Program is looking for veterans to participate in his annual deer hunt. If you have anyone who would be interested, let the Federation know.

V.P.: Hank Samyn reported that he needed \$600.00 deposit for the pheasants which will cost \$11.25 each.

SEC.: Linda Loughrey had nothing to report.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert was unavailable. Kay Danchak reported on the info that she was given that after paying the bills, there would be a balance of \$23,312.15. There was added income of \$220.00, deducted expenses paid of \$1,635.57. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette read the 2015 Resolutions currently before the Council:

#1-Erie County Federation -- That the NYSCC pursue legislation to amend the NYS Crossbow Law to change the requirements for crossbow use from the muzzleloader privileges, and to require archery privileges for lawful hunting with a crossbow, and to provide youth hunters age 12 & 13 the same opportunity to hunt big game with their parent, legal guardian or qualified mentor as they have with compound or recurve bows, while strengthening revenue into the NYS Conservation Fund. FEDERATION VOTED TO **APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION** -- 2 OPPOSED.

#2-Yates County Federation -- That the NYSCC seek to change legislation to move the Southern Zone, 9 day late muzzleloader and late bow/crossbow season from its current dates on or about Dec. 8th to the 16th to a new season of on or about Dec. 26th to Jan. 3rd in order to give late season hunting opportunities to sportsman and to meet the deer management goals of the NYSDEC. FEDERATION **OPPOSED** -- 4 IN FAVOR.

#3-NYS Muzzleloaders Assoc. -- That the NYSCC support a change to Environmental Conservation Law to allow crossbow hunters to be able to use either a Muzzleloader Privilege tag or an Archery privilege tag instead of being limited to the current "Muzzleloader" tag allowing more flexibility for tag use and not making the muzzleloaders choose between taking a deer with a crossbow OR taking one with a muzzleloader. In addition, this resolution in no way proposes to change the existing season structure or dates, only the tag structure for use of the crossbow. FEDERATION **OPPOSED**.

#4-Erie County Federation--That the NYSCC pursue legislation to amend the NYS furbearer hunting regulations to extend the coyote hunting season from its' current Oct. 1st-Mach 31st time frame to an Oct. 1st-May 31st timeframe, thereby creating additional protections from predation for our white-tailed deer herd and wild turkey flocks and creating additional opportunities for hunters to harvest a coyote. FEDERATION **APPROVED**.

#5-Delaware County Federation -- That the NYSCC pursue the necessary legislation and regulations to develop and implement a spring bear season in New York State. FEDERATION **OPPOSED**.

#6-Onondaga County Federation- That the NYSCC support legislation to amend the NYS Environmental Conservation Law, section 11-0907, relating to allowing the use of centerfire rifle for hunting big game in the County of Onondaga. FEDERATION **APPROVED**.

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn advised that the pheasants look good.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens gave the following report: The DEC's survey of 2,700 deer hunters showed a continued split among hunters especially on the issue of yearling buck protection. The DEC is expected to release the full survey and any proposed regulatory changes sometime this month. Legislation that would allow the use of crossbows during the Columbus Day weekend youth deer hunt remained stalled in committee. This legislation would also tie crossbows into the bowhunting privilege instead of the muzzleloader license. The legislation would not change the crossbow season dates but would clear up the current crossbow language in the regulations. Sporting license sales this year declined by \$7 million compared to the previous year. The DEC only expected a \$2 to \$4 million decline with the restructuring of the license. All categories of fishing, hunting and trapping licenses declined, some by double digit percentages. Rifle use for big game

hunting will expand to several more counties this year. Recently passed legislation expanded rifle use in Seneca, Genesee and Schenectady counties and rifle use will become permanent in Ontario and Wayne counties. Senate Bill S.4961, which relates to creating a tax credit for instructors of hunting education courses remained in the Senate Investigations and Government Operations Committee and did not come to the floor for a vote. Senator Bonacic said he would support the legislation if it came before him for a vote.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Carl Lindsey reported that there are NO courses for gun or trapping in S.C. Carl is currently targeting a date of 9/20 at the Excelsior Club for a trapping course. Travis Archery has the following dates for bow hunting classes – 7/21 & 7/22 plus 8/18 & 8/19 - call 845-443-3068 to pre-register.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette reported that the June minutes aren't yet ready. Dan Atcheson reported on the Westchester deer management symposium which about 80 people attended. At the next meeting, Sept. 16th, Kelly Stang, the Outdoors Woman, is expected to attend. The Dutchess County Federation donated money for the "Guest Fund".

HABITAT: Fred Bosch advised that only 23 clubs have picked up applications.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: Key Danchak reported that she is still looking for volunteers to help. Some of our members are assisting in doing some remodeling inside the booth so that some material can be left there. So far the Lions Club for Child ID and Carl Lindsey with his honey are the only committed vendors. We are especially looking for someone in the taxidermy field and hope that Herb DeWitt will be able to come with his turkey calls.

YOUTH DAY: Kay Danchak stated that we need 75-100 bird house kits prepared and that her prior sources are unavailable. Ray Otto has volunteered to see what he can do to help in obtaining the needed wood cutters.

NRA: Harvey Dickens gave the following report – The NYS Senate approved changes to the SAFE Act but the chances of the bill reaching the Assembly floor are considered slim to none. The Senate bill included the following: Repeal on background checks on ammunition purchases; Repeal the prohibition leaving certain firearms to family members; Remove pistol permit applications from being considered public records not subject to the FOIL request; Handgun re-certifications would be given to county clerks and taken out of the control of the state police; Clarify and simplify provisions concerning mental health reporting; and Require statistical data on firearms registrations and re-certifications be made public. A move supported by gun rights advocates. A lawsuit that has forced NYS to release data on the number of firearms classified as assault weapons under the SAFE Act show that few firearm owners are complying. Of the estimated one million firearms classified under the SAFE Act as assault weapons only about 5% or 44,485 have been registered. "Many people have been calling for a full repeal of the SAFE Act. It would appear the people have just bypassed the Legislature and simply repealed it on their own," stated Tom King, President of the NYS Rifle and Pistol Association. Finally, Obama is using every opportunity to try to destroy the Second Amendment meanwhile his Department of Homeland Security has released more than 195,000 convicted criminal aliens throughout the United States.

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak reported that sales are still way down.

BANQUET: Pres. Danchak advised that he should have tickets available at the next meeting.

SPORTSMEN'S EDUCATION: Carl Lindsey reported that he would need help at Camp DeBruce for the following course dates: Week #2, 7/9 – Gun; Week #3, 7/16 – Bow; Week #4, 7/23 – Gun; Week #5, 7/30 – Bow; Week #6, 8/6-Gun and Week #7, 8/13-Trapping. Please contact Carl if you can help or just show up. Breakfast is ready between 7:30 & 8AM.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

The proposed change to Article 3, Section 2 of the Constitution & By-Laws was again read - "No minutes of any meeting shall be forwarded to any club whose dues are in arrears for **one (1) year**". Proposed change 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". This is the third reading to change this Article. Motion was made to make the change. Seconded, CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

A membership application was read from the Silver Fox Sportsmen's Association. Motion was made to waive the waiting period and accept this new club into the Federation and thank them for their donation. Seconded, CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn at 8:43PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: August 12, 2015 at 7:30 PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
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