

- Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc., minutes of October 14, 2015 meeting. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. There were 25 delegates present. Guests: Gene Benson, S.C. candidate for Legislature; Louis Alvarez, S.C. candidate for Legislature, District 6; Carl Lindsley, DEC and Deming Lindsley, DEC. President Danchak thanked Edna Calkin with a plaque for accepting the secretarial position for the Federation once again after serving for 17 years. Carl Lindsley presented a plaque to the Excelsior Club for their support to the DEC with their trapper courses. Carl Lindsley received approval from the DEC and received the Fur Bearer Health Seal as an agent in Sullivan County. Help is needed for our Fishing Contest at the Scouts in 2016. The bear count for 2015 is about 25 % lower than the last 5 years, probably because the apples and acorns are extremely plentiful this year. The count for the September bear season is not in yet. Carl spoke about the possibility of a Women in the Outdoors Program which the Federation may want to discuss having at the Scouts. We will need insurance for this and he will look into it further and we can discuss in the future as to whether or not we want to pursue this. Deming indicated DEC will have 5 DEC officers in Sullivan County for the first 5 days of deer season. Any problems call 1-800-DEC. Motion to accept September minutes. Seconded, approved, CARRIED. The youth of Cherokee Club thanked the Federation for the pheasant. Thank you letters received from Judge LaBuda, Chris Gibson and the NRA for the dinner invitations but they had other commitments and could not attend. Judge LaBuda reminded us there will be no deer feeding during deer season. Chris Gibson sent a Certificate of Special Congregational Recognition for Fred Bosh, Sportsman of the Year. Aileen Gunther sent a certificate to honor Fred Bosch also. Due to Ray Herbert's passing, Patty Lindsley is Acting Treasurer and regarding the signature card for the Sullivan Co. Federation of Sportsmen's Club's checking account and CD accounts the following people's names will be removed from the signature card: Ray Herbert and Edna Calkin and the following people's names will be the names on the signature card: Jack Danchak, Hank Samyn and Patty Lindsley. The monthly statements and any banking paperwork will be changed for the address to be mailed to Patty Lindsley's mailing address. Austin Fulton, the youth we sent to Camp this summer, thanked us in person for sending him.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

President: Certificate of Appreciation presented to Edna Calkin. Saturday 10/3 pheasant went well. Let's hope we can have dinner at a different day than the pheasant pick up. Banquet 10/3 at Rockland House, we had an excellent dinner. Fred Bosch is the 210015 Sportsman of the Year. Woods Pond Hunting club won the ATV and opted for the \$3000 cash. We will keep the ATV for next year. Banquet had 125 people and it cost us \$239.82 after deducting dinner ticket cost, raffles, etc. You will receive 3 raffle tickets with these minutes. Please contact the Federation for more.

Vice President: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: As of the end of September we have a balance of \$31,341.39.

Council Delegate: Grass Roots News will now be quarterly instead of monthly.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FISH: Stocking beginning. Fish put in several lakes.

SMALL GAME: 33 clubs received 530 birds.

BIG GAME DEC reports lower deer take. There is a problem with moose and wolves in Minnesota. Groups are trying to reduce numbers of each to be taken.

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CONSERVATION EDUCATION. FWMB: No report.

HABITAT: Chairman thanks inspectors for their excellent job.

SPORTSWOMEN'S ED., DEP. : No report.

YOUTH DAY: Cost us \$3,883.16 and was an excellent day for the kid.

NRA: No report.

SWEEPSTAKES: We did not sell a lot of tickets but had a profit of \$5,927.74.

COYOTE HUNT : Applications will go out in November. Pike, Wayne and Susquehanna counties in Pennsylvania will be in our hunt next year. Trapping will be allowed.

DEER FEED: No deer feeding during deer season.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS : ATV won by Woods Pond but took consolation prize of \$3,000. Motion to hold ATV for next year. All in favor, seconded, CARRIED. Motion to adjourn 9: 10 p.m. Seconded. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Calkin, Secretary

2015 Sweepstake Winners

1. Polaris 4X4 -Winner = Woods Pond, PO Box 422, Woodridge, NY
2. Cortland Fly Rod - FFF Sport Shop, Livingston Manor, NY
Winner = Frank Shaver, 4 Alder Creek, Livingston Manor, NY
3. \$100 GC - Cochection Mills, Cochection, NY
Winner = Leo Cecil, 740 Sackett Lake Rd. Monticello, NY
4. Canoe/River Trip – Landers River Trips, Narrowsburg, NY
Winner = Paula Ryan, 56 Carpenter Rd, Neversink, NY
5. Fishing Trip for 2 – Hunter Lake, Bethel, NY
Winner = Buck Ridge, 86 Miller Rd, Callicoon, NY
6. Custom Knife – Harold Buley, Grahamsville, NY
Winner = Kevin Smedman, 209 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY
7. \$50 GC – DV Agway, Callicoon, NY
Winner = Glenn Hermann, 167 Cushetunk Rd, Narrowsburg, NY
8. \$50 GC - Sportsmans Den, Callicoon, NY
Winner = Fur Fin Feather Sport Shop, Livingston Manor, NY
9. ½ gal. Maple Syrup – Muthig Farms, Parksville, NY
Winner = Neil McGrath, 13 Little Ireland Rd, Livingston Manor, NY
10. Dinner for 2 – Rockland House, Roscoe, NY
Winner = Margaret Fowler, PO Box 318, Ferndale, NY
11. \$20 GC – Tom's Bait & Tackle, Narrowsburg, NY
Winner = Buck Ridge, 86 Miller Road, Callicoon, NY

BIG GAME REPORT 10-14-15

1. The DEC is expecting a lower whitetail deer take for the 2015-16 hunting season. Biologists are saying that the winter mortality in several areas of the state combined with an overall reduction in DMP's all point to a lower harvest.

2. Some archery hunters are complaining with the antlerless only restrictions in some DMU's during the Oct. 1st-15th part of the archery season. The antlerless only restriction will also be in effect during the late archery and muzzleloading seasons. If these current restrictions which include increased DMP's do not reduce the deer herd in these select unit's the DEC will implement an early muzzleloader season in these DMU's.

NRA REPORT 10-14-15

1. On Oct. 1 Obama invoked Australia and Great Britain – what he called “countries like ours” – as models for the U.S. gun laws. What Obama is really proposing, despite some platitudes to the contrary, is the end of private firearm ownership for self-defense – which is essentially what happened in Australia and the U.K.

There is no constitutional right to keep and bear arms in Australia and Great Britain. If you want to own a firearm in either country, you must first obtain the government's permission, and you must prove to their satisfaction that you need it. Self-defense is neither a sufficient nor even legitimate reason to own a gun.

The most popular firearms in America are banned in Australia and Great Britain, no matter what a person's reasons for owning them. Australia bans AR-15s and other semi-automatic rifles. Great Britain bans handguns.

After the bans were enacted, both countries forced residents to surrender prohibited guns to the government.

When the president complains that America refuses to enact “common-sense gun-safety laws” don't be fooled, confiscation is what he really has in mind.

2. When Hillary Clinton said “the Supreme Court is wrong on the Second Amendment,” she was making clear her opposition to our individual right to keep and bear arms. A Clinton presidency will allow governments at every level to strip us of this right without restriction.