

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULIVAN COIUNTY, INC. MINUTES OF March 9, 2016. The meeting began at 7:30 with a salute to the flag. There were 27 members present. Guests: Aileen Gunther, S.C. Assemblywoman, Chairperson of Sportsmen's Courses; Dan Ryan, Staff Sergeant, Army Resources; Carl & Deming Lindsley, DEC. Dan Ryan indicated he works with veterans; answer questions and helps them receive services. His office is at 18 Anawana Lake Rd., Monticello. Carl indicated they placed radios on 8 turkeys so he reached his quota. There is a \$100 reward for the band on the turkey and if you find one call the DEC to get the reward. It costs the DEC \$2,500 for each radio. Carl indicated there are lots of bears that did not den up. Lt. Clayton of the DEC would like you to call him (256-3098) if you see any bears and know where their dens are. He indicated the DEC is offering low cost trees and shrubs and a school seeding program. Call (518)587-1120 weekdays between 8am & 4:30pm. He reminded anglers to remove their fishing shanties by March 15. DEC has 54 recruits enrolled for their basic law enforcement training, coming from 26 counties across New York State. The DEC now has the proposed 2017 freshwater fishing changes now available for public review. Feedback will be accepted through March 31. To view these proposed changes and provide input visit the DEC website. Hard copies of the list of changes being considered as well as instructions on how to submit feedback by regular mail can be obtained by contacting Shaun Keeler at NYSDEC, Bureau of Fisheries, 625 Broadway, Albany NY 12233-4753. He also indicated DEC arrested two poachers in Washington Co, who killed 8 bucks leaving the heads cut off by their barn. Motion to approve the February minutes. Seconded, CARRIED. Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Pres. Danchak read a note from Kay: "A special heartfelt thank you for the absolutely gorgeous flowers, they definitely brightened my day. As of March 1st I am cancer free and awaiting a bone marrow donor and then the next phase of my treatment begins. I am feeling fine and plan to be back harassing you all very soon. Love, Kay." She will be at the Robert Woods Johnson Center of New Jersey for a month once the bone marrow is done. Coyote Hunt Statistics: Method of Hunt; Dogs, 11, Bait-13, calls-27, trapping-14: CALIBER OF GUN USED: 222-5, 223-10, 7mm.08-2, 22.250-7, 12 GA.-6, .17 CAL-6, 204-3. 243-2, .22 CAL.-2, 22 MAG-1, 6MM-5, 20 GA, 1, & .280-1. TIME COYTES TAKEN: Day-49, Night 22. COUNTIES TAKEN: Sullivan-22, 2. Delaware-18, 3. Dutchess 9-4. Otsego-7-5. Ulster 7, 6. Wayne, Pa.-2, 7. Susquehanna, PA 1-8, Schoharie - 1-9. Greene -1, 10. Cortland 1-11, Columbia 1 & 12. Orange -1. MORE THAN ONE COYOTE TAKEN- Jeffrey Schmitz - 3, Jim Kerwin-3, Andrew Kiraly-3, Casey Miller-3, Bruce Tucker-2, Shane Bailey -2 & Al Spence-2. See attached for the 2016 coyote hunt results. Please note that our website is now updated.

VICE PRES.: We have 105 clubs in our Federation and 62 have not paid their dues so far. They are due by the April meeting.

TREASURER: February balance was \$18,655., our income was \$28,423.; expenses were \$17,837.91 and our current balance is \$31,241.01, Motion to accept report. Seconded, CARRIED.

SECRETARY; COUNCIL DELEGAE; No report.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FISH: Walleye in the Hudson River and Roundout Creek should not be eaten. They are full of PCB. Stocking: April 5, Callicoon 9:45; April 7, Harris PO 9:15; April 15, Beaverkill Campground 9:30. Please help if you can. Just show up.

SMALL GAME; FWMB; DEP; No report.

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BIG GAME: (See attached.) Also read article indicating that a 25 to 35% kill will reduce the population by aprox. 25-30%. DEC has a new deer biologist who will be at our April meeting.

CONS. ED.: We have enough male campers but need one more female. Call Keith Krauss.

HABITAT: Budget increased by \$1,000. Have increased payment on some items.

SPORTSMEN'S ED: Only 2 courses available so far. Call Carl Lindsley 292-2151.

NRA: (See attached) Harvey Dickens has \$10. Off coupons available at meetings for joining NRA.

SWEEPSAKE: Tickets now being printed. Weill be available at April meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Scott and Twiler Herbert will be new members on this committee, with Twiler being the chairperson. There is \$2000. allocated for this committee and the application is being reviewed updates and changes.

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


COYOTE HUNT: There will be a meeting in a month or two.

CHESTNUT TREES: Trees will be delivered by the end of April.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BIUSINESS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE. Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:40p.m. Seconded, CARIED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Edna Calkin, Secretary

SULIVAN COUNTY SRTSMEN'S FEDERATION

BIG GAME REPORT 3-9-16

1. In 2015 New York hunters had one of the safest seasons on record with 23 shooting incidents and no fatalities which is a first. Of the 23 incidents last year 10 were self-inflicted and 13 were two party incidents. One of the self-inflicted incidents occurred in Sullivan County. The victim was squirrel hunting when he discharged his .22 rifle into his foot.

2. A multi-year study by the DEC to guide buck management in New York State found deer hunters prefer to harvest older bucks and that further expanding mandatory antler restrictions is not warranted at this time. Instead, the state will encourage hunters to voluntarily pass up shots at younger bucks as a management method to best serve the interests of deer hunters across the state. Antler restrictions will remain in place in the DMU's that already have them.

3. The NYSCC is trying to get rid of antler restrictions where they exist. This position of the NYS Conservation Council was established through the resolution procedure at its annual meeting. The resolution of "ALTERNATIVE DEER HARVEST STRATEGY" is as follows:

1. The New York State Conservation Council opposes all forms of Mandatory Antler Restrictions Regionally and state wide.
2. The New York State Conservation Council supports and shall seek to amend the present antler restriction laws to a NYS voluntary antler restriction only.
3. The New York State Conservation Council opposes legislation on Antler Restrictions that would take away the authority of the DEC to manage our wildlife through regulation.

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NRA REPORT 3-9-16

1. Three "Assault Ammunition" bills, are moving in the Codes Committee in the Assembly, when taken together, appear to be moving towards a system of licensed and restricted ammunition purchases. These poorly crafted bills could impact nearly ALL ammunition purchases by firearms owners of ALL types.

A-9341 would require dealers to verify that a person is authorized to possess a particular firearm before selling ammunition to that individual.

A-9340 would limit owners of registered "assault weapons" from purchasing more than two times the capacity of the firearm every 120 days. Take these two bills included with A-1747, which would restrict the sale of ammunition to only those with a valid handgun license.

Write, call or email Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Senator John Bonacic and tell them to oppose all bills that restrict the purchase of ammunition.

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GuntheA@assembly.state.ny.us

Senator John Bonacic 509 LOB Albany, NY 12247 Phone: 518-455-3181 bonacic@nysenate.gov

2. Be aware that Democrat Zepyyr Teachout who is running for the Democratic nomination for Congressman Chris Gibson's Congressional seat is currently saying that she now has some reservations about portions of the SafeAct. It is convenient for her to now change her position because she wants to run for Congress in a conservative district. But don't forget that when the SafeAct was passed she was quoted by the Syracuse Post Standard as supporting the SafeAct only being critical of the way it was enacted.

3. Five year, life and higher members of the NRA are urged to vote to reelect New York State Rifle and Pistol Association President Tom King to the NRA Board of Directors.

4. Two Monticello residents are urging the Sullivan County Legislature to adopt animal abuse legislation that would prohibit anyone convicted of animal abuse from owning an animal and have their name on a public registry. They are asking that the law include "all animals". We have to be careful that if any law is adopted by the county that it cannot be applied to people who hunt, fish or trap. This proposal will be discussed at the Public Safety meeting on April 7 at 9:15 a.m..

