

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC., MINUTES OF June 8, 2016. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for a deceased member. There were 27 members present. Captain Martin Townley of the DEC out of New Paltz was present as was Carl and Dennis Lindsley. Keith Paciga and Amber Herbert of Sullivan West High School were also present. Both Keith and Amber received a \$1,000. scholarship award from us. Keith will major in Medical Engineering in Binghamton and Amber in Wildlife Management at Cobleskill. Keith sent us a very nice thank you note for his award. Carl Lindsley is once again working for the DEC specializing in turkeys. He found 2 nests of tagged turkeys. One went 14 miles. Carl indicated he will be at the Boy Scouts doing bear work for the next 3 months. Matt Merchant of the DEC will be handling bear complains for our area so if you have any bear complaints contact him. Motion to dispense with reading last month's minutes. All in favor. Seconded, CARRIED. Motion to pay all bills. All in favor, Seconded, CARRIED. Hon. Frank Labuda is having a "Meet and Greet" on Wednesday July 13. Pres. Danchak cannot attend because we have our meeting on that night. It will be held at the Crossroads Restaurant in Yulan at 6pm, cost \$20. per person. Call 845-557-3816. Letter received from Jeremy Hurst, Big Game Unit Leader, DEC, indicating we should improve habitat quality on the lands our clubs manage by harvesting trees and increasing the amount of young forests, planting trees and shrubs and maintaining forest openings with native forbs. This will result in increased deer weight, increased antler development and higher productivity among young fawn and yearling dose and greater overwinter survival. We received two letters from Sen. Bonacic, one indicating he will support the bills for lowering the age for universal hunting licenses from 14 years old to 12 and also relating to crossbows. He also indicated the DEC is accepting public comments on proposals for hunting black bears and white tail deer and for fisher and general trapping regulations. For a more detailed explanation on these proposals or instructions on submitting comments go to DEC website www.dec.ny.gov. Comments on bear and deer must be received by June 25 and trapping by June 10.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: On Wednesday May 18th, 7pm we had our coyote meeting and came up with our 2017 rules and regulations for our contest. We opened it up to 5 counties in Pennsylvania: Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne, Lackawanna and Monroe instead of 3 counties. Our caps and t-shirts will be safety green with black lettering. Announcements regarding this contest will probably be mailed next month. Last year we had 50 hunters enrolled from Pennsylvania and they killed 2 coyotes. Our contest will be February 10, 11 and 12, 2017. Sportsman of the Year Committee met and our new Sportsman of the Year will be announced at our October 1st dinner at the Rockland House. Banquet tickets will be ready next month. This will be a full course prime rib dinner at \$30. Questions about numbering tickets came up and will be discussed at our next meeting.

VICE PRES.: No report. SECRETARY: No report.

TREASURER: We had expenses of \$883.17 last month and have a current balance of \$27,651.17. Motion to accept. All in favor, Seconded, CARRIED.

COUNCIL DELEGATE. We have 8 resolutions and will review at our July meeting, will vote at Sept. mtg.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES;

FISH; Bass fishing really good and our program is really working.

SMALL GAME: Pheasants ordered, \$600. Down payment. Cost should be the same as last year.

BIG GAME: See attached.

CONS. ED.: Carl Lindsley indicated more girls were doing archery. He also indicated more volunteers are needed at the DEC for their summer program. Call him if you can help for days, times, etc.

FWMB: No report. DEP: No report.

HABITAT; Applications are available. Clear cutting really helps with habitat.

SPORTSMEN'S ED.: Sullivan Co Conservation Club will have classes JULY 8, 9 and 10. Call 794-6756 for more info.; BOWHUNTING CLASSES: S.C. Conservation Club 6/25, Sat. 8am-4:30 p.m. Bowhunting Class 8am-4:30pm, 140 Kortright Rd., Ferndale 12734. Must pre-register.; Bowhunting Class: Northern Dutchess R & G, 140 Enterprise Rd., Rhinebeck 12572 Sat. 8/27 9am-5pm. HUNTING CLASSES: 8/20 8:30 A.M-5PM PVTG -1208 Salt Point Tnpk. Pleasant Valley 12569 Must pre-register.; 9/10/16 Sat 8:30 am.-5:p.m. 1208 Salt Point Tnpk. Pleasant Valley 12569 Must pre-register.: 8/20 Sat. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Pleasant Valley Trout & Game Club, 1208 Salt Point Tnpk., Pleasant Valley, NY 12569, Must pre-register. 8/27-9am-4pm, Walden Sportsman Club, 1823 Rt. 52, Walden, NY 12568 Motion to donate \$200. to Sull. Co. Archers for their July educational course. All in favor. Seconded, CARRIED.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: We will need lots of help selling tickets on August 19, 20 & 21. Sign up at our meeting next month.

YOUTH DAY: Motion to cancel for this year and look forward to having it next year.

NRA; See attached. NRA officially endorsed Donald Trump. Both of his sons are hunters.

Contests; Bass Fishing Derby sponsored by Beaver Dam Club, 6/19/16, Father's day, 6am-noon, adults \$15. For more info. Call 985-7461 or 985-7197. Beaver Dam Club & Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club 6/26/16, 10am-2pm Beaver Dam Lake for more info. Call (845)985-7461. Sportsman's Flea Mkt, 7th Annual, 9/17 & 18, 9am-5pm, table space \$15. Info. Call (845)798-53152 or 798-5723 sponsored by Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club.

UNFINIHED OR OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: We have several clubs getting minutes but do not have the club name on the e-mail list. Please, if you are getting the minutes without the club name call the secretary (845) 932-8929 and let her have the club name as well as the name on the e-mail so we can correct our mailing. These are only the people getting their minutes by E-mail. Thank you.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Edna Calkin, Secretary,

SULLIVAN COUNTY SPORTSMENS FEDERATION

NRA REPORT 6-8-16

1. Donald Trump received the official endorsement for President of the of the United States by the National Rifle Association at their Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY on May 20, 2016.
2. With Democrat Todd Kaminsky winning the seat of former Republican majority leader Dean Skelos in a special election, the NYS Senate majority could end up being shifted towards the Democrats. Republican Chris McGrath lost the seat by less than 1,000 votes and a court challenge is possible that would delay any possible power swing to the Democrats before the legislature adjourns. If the Democrats take control of the NYS Senate in the upcoming November elections, Cuomo and the downstate Democrats will be able to pass every gun and ammunition restriction they desire.
3. It is imperative that the Republicans retain control of the US Senate in the upcoming November elections otherwise New York Senator Charles Schumer will be in line to take control of the Senate. Wayne LaPierre executive vice president of the NRA stated that "When it comes to the Second Amendment Schumer is possibly the most rabidly aggressive ruthless and spiteful enemy of the right to keep and bear arms ever to serve in congress." Schumer also wants to pass legislation that will give congress the power to regulate the First Amendment by creating endless fine print alterations that would destroy the guarantee of free assembly and free speech. Schumer's version of the First amendment would begin the process of banning grassroots communication expenditures for political speech. Schumer labeled the NRA's use of contributions to get their message out to voters "the poisoning of our political dialogue" and he would outlaw the NRA's ability to do so. For political convenience Schumer, like Hillary Clinton glibly claim to embrace the Second Amendment, but always with escalating infringements on the right to keep and bear arms.
4. Hillary Clinton was interviewed by George Stephanopoulos on Sunday June 5th and when questioned about an individual right to keep and bear arms Hillary responded that for most of our history until the decision of the late Justice Scalia, localities, states and the Federal government had a right as we do with every amendment to impose reasonable regulations. Hillary also stated that she was for comprehensive background checks, closing the gun show loophole, closing the online loophole, and closing the Charleston loophole and passing a law that would make manufactures and sellers of firearms liable for any misuse of a firearm. Hillary also didn't rule out a tax on firearms and ammunition and referred to the San Bernardino terrorist attack as the San Bernardino gun violence.
5. On June 28th there will be a Republican and Democrat primary in the 19th Congressional District. Republican John Faso is the only candidate running that has received an "A" rating from the NRA.

B. Dickerson

BIG GAME REPORT 6-8-16

1. The legislation to lower the minimum big game hunting age to 12 sponsored by Assemblywoman Gunther and Senator Gritto will likely not see any movement until the end of the current legislative session.
2. The DEC has temporarily halted a regulatory proposal to ban deer urine until further review involving the Department of Agriculture and Markets.
3. A regulatory package announced by the DEC includes a proposal to expand the state's youth deer hunt to include black bears as well. This will allow 14 and 15 year olds to harvest a bear as well as a deer during the 3 day hunt.
4. A group called the NYS Whitetail Management Coalition has criticized the DEC's decision to encourage voluntary restraint on harvesting yearling bucks and continues to push for mandatory antler restrictions across the state.

J. Duckens