

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY MEETING MINUTES of October 12, 2016. The meeting began at 7:30 PM with a pledge to the flag. Honored guests were Federation regulars, retired DEC personnel Carl & Deming Lindsley. 23 club delegates were present.

Carl Lindsley talked about Deer Search Trackers. While hunting if you wound a deer or bear & would like help to track it down, call the Deer Search Trackers at 845-227-5099.

Deming Lindsley stated that Conservation Officers with the help of a K-9 dog arrested two men for hunting bear over bait. Deming also said you can sell parts of a bear but cannot sell bear meat.

Motion to accept the September minutes, all in favor, seconded & carried. Motion to pay all bills, seconded & carried.

Youngsville Fire Department is holding their 88th annual roast beef dinner on Saturday October 29, 2016 4:30 to 8 PM. Adults \$13, children 5-12 \$7 & under five years of age are free.

Received a letter from Annie Jorden who was competing for the Olympics and who we supported in the past with her shooting ability. She is resigning from competition because of ill health. She thanked us for our support.

Received a letter from DEC Captain Bernie Rivers stating he could not make our banquet & enclosed a donation for \$30. Highland Rod & Gun club also sent in a donation of \$50.

Stuart Salenger from the Philwold Hunting Club in Forestburgh sent a \$1,000 donation to the Federation & will receive a thank you letter for his extremely generous donation.

Mark Puerschner was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by president Danchak for all he does for the Federation.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

President – Our Annual Dinner Banquet held at the Rockland House, Roscoe was a tremendous success. Kay Danchak was present & when introduced, received a standing ovation. The Federation's "2016 Sportsman of the Year" award went to Becky & Harris Myers. President Danchak received a Certificate of Appreciation & a beautiful engraved knife from Alan Schadt representing the Excelsior Sportsman's Club in Eldred, for serving the Federation for over 25 years as their president. Senator John Bonacic & NY Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther presented President Danchak with Proclamation's for serving the Federation as president for over 25 years. Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislators Luis Alvarez presented President Danchak with a Certificate of Special Recognition signed by all nine Legislators for over 25 years serving as president of the Federation. Other speakers at the banquet were Judge Frank LaBuda & retired DEC Big Game Biologist Dick Henry.

Vice President – No report. Secretary – No report.

Treasurer Report – We had \$36,957.84 in our account after paying bills in September. October bills including Sweepstake club monies & bonuses & Habitat projects payments plus fish stocking payment will be presented at our November meeting.

Council Delegate – No report.

STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Fish – Chairman Tony Fello stated the fish stocking program will include: perch & large & smallmouth bass. Lakes to be stocked are Swinging Bridge Reservoir, Lake Superior, White Lake & Lake Huntington.

Pheasants – Chairman Hank Samyn stated 34 clubs qualified and released 521 pheasants throughout Sullivan County.

Big Game – Chairman Alan Schadt talked about the bow deer season, some nice bucks and bear have been taken. Dick Henry will again be ageing deer & bear this year. You can post pictures of the lower jaw on Hudson Valley Quality Deer Management website & Dick can do the ageing on line. If you get a bear take it to Dave Fulton in Kenoza Lake or Rod's Taxidermy in Callicoon, they can pull the teeth required for DEC to age the bear.

Habitat – Chairman Fred Bosch thanked all the Federation members who helped inspecting the projects. Clubs were awarded a total of \$5975 this year, a substantial increase from last year.

Sportsmen's Education – Chairman Carl Lindsley stated there are no courses in Sullivan County. Call the DEC at 845-256-3122 for nearest courses. Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club has a trapping course 10/15. Ulster Rod & Gun has a gun course 10/22, bow course 10/23 & another gun course 11/5.

NRA/PRO HUNTING – Chairman Bob Morgan reported on gun control actions. Pink is the new hot clothing color for hunting and youths 14-15 year olds have to wear pink or orange this year, at least 250 square inches.

SWEEPSTAKES – Chairman Hank Samyn reported that the Federation made a profit of \$10,074.59 this year. The increase from previous years was because we did not have to buy an ATV this year. Last year the winner took the consolation prize of \$3,000 cash.

Coyote Hunt – Applications going out in November to everyone who was in the past coyote contest.

Nolan Clark, a youngster who we sent to DEC Summer Camp this year, thanked the Federation. He said he had a great time and learned a lot.

Old Business – None

New Business – Bruce Miller will chair the nominating committee with Becky Myers, Fred Bosch, Carl Lindsley & Alan Schadt. They will submit names of officers & a trustee to lead the Federation in 2017 at our November monthly meeting. If you are an officer or trustee and don't want to run again, please call Bruce.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM, seconded & carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edna Calkin-Secretary
Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County

SULLIVAN COUNTY MANAGER

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