

## FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC

Minutes of December 14, 2016. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. A Moment of silence for Glenn Swendson was held. 21 delegates were present for this meeting. Guests were retired from the DEC Deming & Carl Lindsley. Carl reported the talk is a very low bear take from what had been anticipated. Deming talked about the shooting of DEC Officer James Davey. He is now in rehab after a 2 week stay in the hospital. 4 teams of green & gray patrolled the county the first 3 days of the hunting season. 78 tickets were issued & most of them were for baiting of deer & bear. The DEC Academy for new CO's begins on January 29, 2017 in Pulaski. He wants to remind anyone feeding deer they must be 300 feet from a road.

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

### BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Patty Lindsley presented the monthly bills. Motion was made to pay the bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak read letters from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther & Senator John Bonacic assuring us they will oppose any changes to the Real Property 480 A exemption on forest lands.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Jack Danchak Presented 5 blue Poinsettias to the ladies of the Federation. He reported that 48 applications have come in for the 2017 Coyote Hunt. Ads are in the NY & PA papers. He asked that all members please help by getting prizes or gift certificates for the hunt banquet. Gun raffle tickets are available for members to sell. For every \$50 sold the member gets a free ticket. Support the contest. He announced the county has allocated \$20,000 for our budget for 2017. We will be stocking more fish.

V.P.: Hank Samyn pulled the name from the 50-50 raffle held for a knife from the Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club. John Van Etten won the knife & the Federation share was \$46.00.

SEC.: Kay Danchak. She reported as of November 28<sup>th</sup> her bone marrow biopsy showed no sign of Leukemia & is in remission.

TREAS.: Patty Lindsley reported that after paying the bills, there was a balance of \$17,756.60. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

### REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FISH: Tony Fello – 6000 trout were stocked in the Neversink because they were too big to hold over. He warns anyone going onto any lake to use extreme caution. If you are fishing from a boat from November to May you must wear a coast guard approved life vest. When ice fishing you can use 7 devices & you do not need your name & address on tip-ups. They must be attended.

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette - No report.

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn - No report.

BIG GAME: Allan Schadt reported that of reported deer takes that showed an increase in Sullivan County from 2015. A drafted letter from Jack about our opposition to the ban on deer feeding regulations by the DEC was read. It was decided that the letter will be sent to the Democrat Newspaper Letters to the Editor. Please take a moment & go to [wildlife@dec.ny.gov](mailto:wildlife@dec.ny.gov) & tell them we do not need any strengthening measures to protect NY deer from Chronic Wasting Disease. We want to feed our wildlife. If they take that away, is bird feeding next?

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Kraus says the information & applications for DEC camp will be ready on the DEC web site & he will have the codes for registration on January 25. Submit names so the Federation can send youngsters to camp. Call Keith @ 932-8923

FWMB: Bill Gaudette - No report.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch - No report.

The members of the federation took a break & enjoyed delicious food at the holiday party.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: Kay Danchak – No report

YOUTH DAY: Kay Danchak – No report

NRA: Bob Morgan - No report.

SCHOLARSHIP: Twila Herbert - No report.

BANQUET: Date for the sweepstakes banquet is set for October 7, 2017. Save the date.

SPORTSMEN'S EDUCATION: Carl Lindsey reported no classes till spring.

DEP: Herb DeWitt – New acquisition of 45 acres on 1247 Kelly Road borders Chestnut Creek.

SWEEPSTAKES: Hank Samyn reported we have a 2017 4X4 450 Polaris for \$5468 on hold at M&M in Liberty. Voted on & passed to purchase the machine in the spring.

YOUTH ICE FISHING DERBY: Carl does not think the youngsters will be allowed to keep a bass this year.

COYOTE HUNT: Jack is asking for members to help distribute flyers & get prize donations for the banquet.

CHESTNUT TREES: Cliff reported the trees are \$19 & must be a minimum order of 5. Call Cliff @ 845-583-4282. Orders must be received by the end of January. 25 trees ordered so far.

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to discuss.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark Puerschner wants all members to donate a bottle for the wheelbarrow of cheer for the coyote banquet. This is a money maker. So please get a bottle to him or bring to next months meeting. Harvey Dickens says Hello to all & says hunting in Texas is rough. A letter will be sent to the Adirondack Park Agency supporting the alternative #1, so that the sporting community can have access to the Boreas Pond tract in its entirety.

ELECTIONS: Chair of the nominating committee Bruce Miller over saw the elections which had the Secretary casting one ballot each for slate of officers. Pres. Jack Danchak, V Pres. Hank Samyn, Treas. Patty Lindsley. Sec. Kay Danchak & Trustee, Harold Buley.

We will be holding a deer take survey of the clubs next month.

Bonus checks were issued to the Secretary & Treasurer.

Jack thanked the members for electing him to his 27<sup>th</sup> year as their president. He will strive to keep this Federation #1 in New York State. He acknowledged his officers & committee chairs for the excellent job they are doing & looks forward to working with them in 2017.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: January 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



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***Thank You One & All***

**This is a special letter to say Thank You to all my Family members & Friends who sent cards & made Phone calls while I was undergoing Chemo for Acute Myeloid Leukemia.**

**It was a long year with Ups, Downs & in Betweens. It was quite a Journey as I moved on my trip through both the bright & the dark days. I always knew you were out there with Prayers & Well Wishes which always helped.**

**My husband, children & grandchildren were there guiding me down the path to recovery & I know it is because of their undying love we made it to this point. I can never thank them enough. A special thank you to my daughter-in-law Lisa who nursed me through with nourishing food, clean clothes & many trips to the Doctors & hospital. To my sisters & brother, nieces & nephews thank you for the unending calls. Family is definitely everything & they surely were there for me.**

**To the members of the SC Sportsmen's Federation who kept in touch & filled my shoes while I was absent. Thank You.**

**On November 28, 2016 I got the phone call, " my bone marrow aspiration & biopsy showed no signs of Leukemia." I still have a road ahead of me but with all the love & good wishes I will keep a smile on my face. So please stop by or say Hi**

**when our paths cross. Merry Christmas**



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