

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY INC.

Minutes of February, 8, 2017. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 21 delegates were present for this meeting. Jack & Hank were wished Happy Birthdays. Guests were retired from the DEC Carl & Deming Lindsley & introduced by Lt. Mike Bellows were new to the county ECO Thomas Koepf C: 845-612-6009 & ECO Travis McNamara C: 845-346-6961. Carl mentioned that yearling bears have been spotted out of dens. Another good sign of spring are skunks out & about. Deming will be teaching at the academy next month. Lt. Bello asked for help with extra eyes to spot 35 yard tandem trucks that are coming to the county from the city at night & dumping "Dirty Dirt". If you notice anything please get in touch with the DEC.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Patty Lindsley presented the monthly bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

PRES: Jack Danchak told about the meeting Jan 21st at Sorello's Pizzeria. At 1 PM Officers & Trustees met for the budget meeting & proposed a 2017 budget of \$78,400. Extra money was added to different programs. At 2 PM the sweepstakes committee met & there were no changes to sweepstakes for 2107. The four wheeler has been purchased from M&M Ford. At 3 PM the Habitat committee met. A change this year will be rejuvenating existing food plots & clear cutting will allow Oak tree to remain standing. Extra money was added to the program. Jack answered every e-mail that came in with the 2017 coyote application. He added 222 extra names to the e-mail list. Coyote contest has 643 in the contest. 135 over last year. Coyote committee will meet at the firehouse on Sunday to set up tables for raffles & eat before doors open at 1 PM.

V.P.: Hank Samyn – Asked for help at weigh-in on the 3 days if you want to help call Hank @ 985-2548.

SEC.: Kay Danchak read a letter from Darder Hunting Club. They will not be renewing membership as club disbanded. Clubs that have not paid their dues just a reminder they are due by the April meeting. We have 57 clubs paid for 2017.

TREAS.: Patty Lindsley reported that after paying the bills, there was a balance of \$35,685.40. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FISH: Tony Fello - No report.

COUNCIL DELEGATE: Bill Gaudette - No report.

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn will check with the pheasant breeder later in the spring & place our order.

BIG GAME: Allan Schadt says the DEC will have the bear & deer harvest results soon. Sullivan County did have the most bear complaints. The deer feeding bills from Senator Bonacic bill S1927 & Assemblywoman Gunther bill A00238 have been written & submitted to committee & introduced in January.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Kraus announced that the children wishing to be sponsored by a Federation member club for the DEC DeBruce summer camp must get registered. Call Keith @ 845-932-8923. Children ages 11 to 13 are eligible to go for a week. We only have 9 children at this time. We sent 22 last year.

FWMB: No Report

HABITAT: Fred Bosch says now is the time to think about clubs 2017 Habitat projects. Now is the time to cut browse, make brush piles & hinge cut apple trees. Go to internet (Hinge Cut for Deer) for info.

SPORTSMAN EDUCATION: Carl Lindsley says no courses listed.

DEP: Herb DeWitt announced the accusation of 45.4 acres on Kelly Road off Chestnut Creek. Herb has been the delegate for 20 years. Congrats Herb.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: No report.

YOUTH DAY: A new date is set for September 23. Plans will be made forthwith. If you can PLEASE start cutting out any type of bird houses for the children to assemble. Lumber is available. Contact Jack @ 845-482-4987 for info.

NRA: Bob Morgan talked about a day old Raise & Release program for pheasant chicks. For info (<http://www.outdoornews.com/2017/01/26/raise-release-pheasant-chicks-new-york-state/>) Bob is waiting for paper work to become a NRA membership delegate.

SWEEPSTAKES: Meeting was held & sweepstake prizes were set.

SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship applications should be available in all SC School guidance offices.

ICE FISHING: Carl reported the Ice Fishing Derby was cancelled due to unsafe ice & muddy parking lot from all the rain prior. A new date is set for Feb 25th if weather permits.

BUDGET: We have a new 2017 budget.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: Start thinking about someone deserving to be considered for this prestigious award. Applications needed before the June meeting.

COYOTE HUNT: Let's hope for a good fundraiser. We desperately need booze for the sled of cheer. Contact Jack.

DEER FEEDING: Awaiting for the Senate & Assembly bill results.

CHESTNUT TREES: Cliff Horton has 40 trees ordered so far. If you or your club is interested, call Cliff @ 845-583-4282 & Order before Feb. 18.

REPORT OF OTHER COMMITTEES:

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: Orange County Friends of the NRA 25th Annual Banquet will be held on March 25th at Kuhl's Highland House in Middletown. For tickets or info call 845-610-3858. For info on the NYYSRPA (rifle & pistol) 146th Annual Meeting for the Sportsmen's Expo to be held on May 20th from 10am – 5 pm contact Maria Mann the gunlady92@gmail.com or call 845-551-9265. Discussion was held about the Blight affecting the Beech Nut trees. Youngsville Fire Dept. will be having a pancake breakfast on Feb. 12th.

NEW BUSINESS: Gun raffle tickets are still available and prizes are needed for the contest.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: March 8, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kay Danchak Secretary

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