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FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY INC.

SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Minutes of May 10, 2017. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. 23 delegates were present for this meeting. Guests were Carl & Deming Lindsley. Carl reported there are a lot of bear reports already. He advises to take down bird feeders. Carl went to see Cliff Horton and reported he is progressing. He is in Harris hospital rehab. We wish him speedy return to home. Before his stroke he had cut out bluebird & wren house kits for our youth expo day in September. Hope some other members are doing the same. Wood is available, call Jack @ 845-482-4987 for details. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the April minutes since all clubs receive copies. Seconded and CARRIED.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Patty Lindsley presented the monthly bills. Seconded, CARRIED. A thank you was read from the Museum for the donation in memory of Ray Muthig.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

PRES: Jack Danchak – Coyote meeting will be held May 15 at Sorella's in Kauneonga Lake at 6:30 PM.

V.P.: Hank Samyn – Pheasant report next month. Sweepstake tickets passed out.

SEC.: Kay Danchak - Clubs that have not paid their dues gets a final notice & will no longer receive minutes till paid. We welcome back the Whippoorwill club after a short absence.

TREAS.: Patty Lindsley reported that after paying the bills, there was a balance of \$34,454.01. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FISH: Tony Fello – No report. Members report a good shad run. Go fish for them. It is an exciting challenge.

COUNCIL DELEGATE: Bill Gaudette - No report.

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn – Pheasant report next month.

BIG GAME: Allan Schadt – Read a letter from Senator John Bonacic stating Assembly Bill A. 2260 has not reached the Senate. He said, "If such a bill were to come before me, as a strong supporter of the second amendment, be assured, I would vote against it." The bear harvest report is out go to [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov) for the summary. Nothing is on line for the deer feeding ban. Deer take summary for 2016 is not ready yet.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: We are sending only have 10 children going to DEC summer camp.

FWMB: No Report

HABITAT: Fred Bosch - Applications are ready call Fred @ 845-557-8030. If you are planning spring food plots he highly recommends getting a soil test. It is worth the small fee to know what the soil needs for what you plan on planting. Certain plants are going to require different fertilizers.

SPORTSMAN EDUCATION: Carl Lindsley has no new classes to announce. Go to NYSDEC web site.

DEP: Herb DeWitt – Boats are allowed on the reservoirs west of the Hudson from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. The pilot program allowing trolling motors on the Cannonsville Reservoir is in the 4<sup>th</sup> year. Consideration to allow on other NYC Reservoirs is being discussed. A discussion on the inability for handicapped fishing on the reservoirs will be taken back to the DEP for review.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: No report.

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

NRA: Bob Morgan – Be aware of Ticks. Poppyseed size spots are the nymph of the ticks carrying lyme disease so please check your body closely after being outside. Trump is easing gun restrictions from the Obama era. With Republicans in control of the White House & Congress, gun rights groups are on the offensive for the first time in years, aggressively looking to push a series of new laws on Capital Hill & regulations in various federal agencies to ease restrictions. Bob is a recruiter for the NRA. He can renew or sign a new member. He will have his application forms at the monthly meetings.

SWEEPSTAKES: They are ready & will be distributed at the May & June meeting then mailed. If you wish them sooner or to reserve the 4X4 for an event call Kay @ 845-482-4987 or Hank @ 845-985-2548.

SCHOLARSHIP: No report.

ICE FISHING: No report.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: Start thinking about someone deserving to be considered for this prestigious award. Applications needed before the June meeting. Meeting to choose the 2017 Sportsman of the year will be held at 6:30 PM at the firehouse before the monthly meeting. All past sportsmen are encouraged to attend.

COYOTE HUNT: 2018 meeting will be held, May 15 at Sorella's Pizzeria in Kauneonga Lake at 6:30 PM.

DEER FEEDING: No report.

CHESTNUT TREES: All 50 trees were delivered. Cochection Mills has potted chestnut trees for sale.

REPORT OF OTHER COMMITTEES:

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Youth pheasant hunt on September 23, 2017 co-sponsored by the Orange County Federation of Sportsmen & the DEC at the Stewart State Forest will start at 7:30 am. Ages 12-15 and be registered by August 31<sup>st</sup>. For inform & to register call Jim Torcivia @ 845-294-5038.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: June 14, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kay Danchak Secretary

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