

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

Minutes of November 8, 2017. The meeting began at 7:33 P.M. with a salute to the flag. 18 delegates were present at this meeting. Guests were DEC ECO's Cory Hornicek & Tom Koepf along with Carl & Deming Lindsley. Deming was congratulated for getting an 8 pt buck with a bow. Carl said from early reports that the bear take was low. ECO Koepf stated that the firearm deer season starts on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> and if you see any violations to please call him. ECO Hornicek answered the question, "Can one feed deer if no one is hunting on the property?" He said yes providing the feeding site is 300 ft from a road. President Danchak said the Federation encourages people to wait till after the hunting seasons are over to start feeding. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the October minutes since all clubs receive copies. Seconded and CARRIED.

### BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Treasurer Patty Lindsley presented the monthly bills. Seconded, CARRIED. There were no monthly communications.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES: Jack Danchak – 55 letters went out to sporting companies asking for donations for the coyote contest. Coyote applications will go out next week to everyone who participated in the contest for the past three years. Jack asked members to take some coyote contest flyers and pass them out.

V.P.: Hank Samyn – No report.

SEC.: Kay Danchak – Just started another round of chemo on 11/7. Tired but holding my own.

TREAS.: Patty Lindsley reported that after paying the bills, there was a balance of \$21,803.01. Motion was made to accept treasurer's report. Seconded, CARRIED.

### REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FISH: It was stated that the fall fish stocking program will take place on Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCIL DELEGATE: Bill Gaudette - No report.

SMALL GAME: Hank Samyn – Pheasants that were stocked last month are being seen but very few turkeys.

BIG GAME: Allan Schadt – Members were advised to drive their cars with caution since deer are very active right now. The bills relating to deer feeding are still in committee. Allan said he is retiring and he & his wife will be touring the United States come March in their new 5<sup>th</sup> wheel.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Krauss – Children who want to go to DEC Camp DeBruce for a week should register before January 25, 2018. Go to DEC website for information & instructions to register. If they qualify & are sponsored by a Federation club, they will get free registration. Camp will also be open for 14 to 17 years olds this year.

FWMB: No report.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch – Get your soil tested. Clover will do well with the right lime & fertilizer. Food plots are great for deer. Think about 2018 & start cutting browse.

SPORTSMAN EDUCATION: Carl Lindsley – No report.

DEP: Herb DeWitt – The city reservoirs have 133,000 acres open for recreation. (Hunt, hike, fish & trap). 678 boat tags are on the reservoirs. The DEP will be revising their rules & regulations for 2018.

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIR: No report.

YOUTH DAY: Kay Danchak – No report.

NRA: Bob Morgan – In the absence of Bob, Bruce Miller talked about the massive shooting and killings in a church in Texas.

**SWEEPSTAKES & Annual Banquet:** The ATV has been ordered for the 2018 Sweepstakes Raffle. The color this coming year will be silver gray. The annual banquet will be held on the first Saturday in October.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** No report.

**ICE FISHING DERBY:** Carl Lindsley – Will check with the Ten Mile River Boy Scouts to confirm the date & site for the coming derby. (January 29, 2018 on Crystal Lake).

**SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR:** No report.

**COYOTE CONTEST:** 2018 applications with all rules & regulations can be obtained on the Federation's website [www.SportsmensFederation.com](http://www.SportsmensFederation.com) or call Jack 845-482-4987.

**DEER FEEDING:** Wait till hunting seasons are over before starting a feeding program.

**CHESTNUT TREES:** No report.

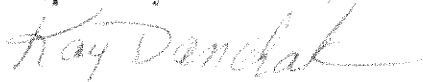
**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club will bring a knife display for your purchase at the December meeting. Richie Post from Fur, Fin & Feather Sports Shop in Livingston Manor will donate a \$100 gift certificate to both the junior & female hunter in the coyote contest who gets the heaviest coyote in their division.

**OFFICERS & TRUSTEES:** Nominating chairman Bruce Miller – Announced the nominating committees selection for officers & trustee for 2018: Pres. Jack Danchak, VP. John VanEtten, Secretary Kay Danchak, Treasurer Linda Loughrey & Trustee Keith Krauss.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:30 PM, seconded & carried. Next meeting December 13 at 7:30 PM at the Kauneonga Lake Firehouse. This is the annual holiday party meeting so bring a dish to share.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kay Danchak, Secretary

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