



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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November 14, 2019 Regular Delegates Meeting

Pino's Pizzeria Restaurant, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:35 PM by President Chris Villa.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bernie Walker.

A moment of silence was observed for armed services personnel, first responders, and past Federation members.

Roll Call: 29 people were in attendance, representing 19 clubs.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasiejko. All-in-favor (AIF).

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on October 10, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Skip North. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on October 28, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

Guests

President Chris Villa recognized the following guests in attendance:

- Steve Grotzinger, new delegate for Green Haven Fish & Game Club
- Several guests from West Mountain Rod & Gun Club
- Jackie Emslie, DCPA, and NRA shooting instructor

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner

Chris Villa, speaking for Penny Hickman, reminded the delegates that the dinner will be held on January 25th at Villa Borghese banquet facility in Wappingers Falls NY. The price per person is \$45. Please make reservations by contacting Brenda Conners at 635-1606.

Jackie Emslie passed around a sign-up sheet for bucket raffle donations.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Chris Villa, reporting for Penny Hickman, stated that 3,090 pounds of game meat has been distributed so far this program year, which started October 1st.

Conservation Education

Scott Emslie stated that he has applications available for Federation sponsorships for both camps. He will be doing the drawings on Jan 1st. Scott will contact the winners very soon after the drawing, since applications for camp have to be submitted to the DEC starting Jan 26th, at 1:00 PM.

Club 36 Annual Raffle

The 2nd round of twelve \$25 drawings was held at the end of the meeting. Next month's drawings at the December meeting will include the grand prizes.

Youth Trap Shooting

Chairman Tom Gannon is still in process of canvassing clubs for interest and trap range availability. Tom has heard nothing back from several schools that he reached out to. Jacking Emslie suggested contacting several of the private schools in the county, which may be more willing to publicize the new youth program. Jackie noted that there is a large interest in western NY and they are getting NRA grants for those programs.

Legislation

Bill Conners spoke about the regulations around preventing Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in NY. They include rules about transporting deer shot out of state, where the deer meat must be boned out, no head, and only a clean skull with no brain material left on it. Whole deer may not be transported into NYS. Bill noted that NY is the only state that eliminated CWD, and the regulations are intended to keep it that way. There are no regulations about natural deer urine based attractants, as of yet. A question was raised about the crossbow 17 inch width rule – if it is still in effect. Bill will follow up.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners is planning to send a letter to the clubs to ask them to join the Council as \$30 Guardian annual members.

Communications

Jackie Emslie spoke on the following topics:

- She was a volunteer election inspector this past election and recommended that folks consider being an inspector as it is an important role to assist people to vote.
- She highly recommended early voting, for the convenience.
- The Mid Hudson friends of NRA committee will be holding their Winter Blast fundraiser event on December 8th at Villa Borghese. There are cash drawing raffle tickets available.
- She promoted the Women On Target instructional shooting classes, and encouraged the clubs to consider sponsoring the class at their facility. There is a lot of interest from beginning women shooters and all have a great time at the class. Contact Jackie for information.

Unfinished (Old) Business

An unofficial poll indicated that most everyone seemed pleased with the new meeting venue.

New Business

Nominating committee

Chris Villa (for chairperson Penny Hickman) read the committee's nominations of officers for election:

President	Chris Villa
1 st Vice Pres.	Anthony Pittore
2 nd Vice Pres.	Ken Foster
Legislative VP	Bill Conners
Treasurer	Pete Kraayenbrink
Secretary	Tom Holsopple

Directors (2 yr term): Kevin Haight
Penny Hickman
Ken Rose
Ralph Hafner

The slate of nominations from the committee will be presented again at the December meeting, at which time nominations will be accepted from the floor. After the nominations are closed, the vote will be held.

Announcements

None reported.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Bernie Walker.

Next meeting date: December 12th, 2019 at Pino's Pizzeria.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary