



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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April 14, 2022 Regular Delegates Meeting Elks Lodge, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:40 PM by Anthony Pittore

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Conners

A moment of silence was observed for Armed Services Personnel, First Responders, and Past Federation Members and a hope that peace will come to those suffering in the Ukraine. We also mourn the loss of Federation Member Dickie Decker and also say a prayer for Board Member Ralph Haffner who's in the hospital dealing with a few medical issues.

Roll Call: 21 Clubs 25 people in attendance

No Guests this evening.

Treasurer Report: moved to approve, seconded, AIF.

Minutes To Delegates Report: moved to approve, seconded, AIF.

Minutes To Board of Directors Report: moved to approve, seconded, AIF.

Committee Reports:

Annual Dinner:

Annual Dinner is cancelled. Board Member Ken Foster explored other options. The prices are the same as having the dinner at the Villa Borghese. The Board considered a BBQ . As a result the Board has opted to forego any dinner events and invite any local candidates to speak at any of our regular meetings leading up to the election. A member mentioned concern about gifts and prizes donated for Jan 2022 dinner. Jackie Emslie decided she will hold the gifts and prizes and present them at next years dinner, or you can contact Jackie Emslie to make arrangements to return gifts to the respective clubs.

Hunters Helping the Hungry:

Anthony Pittore met with Ed Berkel who picks up meat for the hungry and delivers it throughout Dutchess County. In the last two weeks Ed has picked up 858 pounds of Venison.

Bill Conners spoke with the DEC rRegion 3 Wildlife Manager and has arranged to provide him with documents about Hunters Helping the Hungry that will be delivered with Deer Nuisance Permits when they are mailed to applicants. A suggestion will be made that they donate some portion of the deer they cull to the HHH Program.

Family Fishing Day:

The Federation will be holding a Family Fishing Event on April 24 at Overlook Park in Lagrange. No fishing license

will be required and there will be no fee to participate. Rods, bait, hotdogs and soda, will be available FOR FREE! The pond will be stocked with rainbow trout the day before the event.

Fish Stocking: Pretty much done, all streams stocked except Wappingers Creek due two more stockings.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt:

Sunday Sept 24,2022. Applications distributed. Rules on Application. 20 Openings. Volunteers Needed.

Conservation Education:

Scott Emslie reports Camp DeBruce Opened for registration April 10, 2022 at 1 o'clock. 7codes claimed. Kids must have proof negative covid test.

Legislation:

DEC Lead Ammo Task Force

The NYS DEC has formed a Lead Ammo Task Force to study the problem here in New York. The Group has not yet issued a report. but the State Legislature has already introduced legislation that would restrict the use of traditional (lead) ammo on ALL STATE LANDS and on lands that have water courses that feed the NYC reservoir system. If passed the legislation will drive up the cost of both non-lead and traditional ammunition. It will very likely tighten supplies.

Assembly Bill A5728 has already passed that house and it is likely that the Senate will take it up its bill, S5058. If it passes, we can only hope that the Governor sees and appreciates the impact it will have.

Hunters and recreational shooters should reach out to their State Senators and let them know that the legislation [S5058] will have a negative impact on the state's economy at a time when we're already under the gun.

Should the legislation find its way to the Governor's desk we can only hope that she has the wisdom to veto the bill. In the meantime, hunters should be encouraging their county legislatures to allow DEC to do its job.

Opt-in / opt-out

Hunters and wildlife managers saw the opt in / opt out proviso in the youth hunting bill as an opportunity to usurp DEC's regulatory authority. It would be virtually impossible for the Legislature to resist the temptation to throw the lid open again. And, just as we feared, it has been.

Now the Legislature has decided that rather than allowing the Holiday Deer Hunt created in the Southern Zone by DEC last year, a bill has been introduced to allow each county to opt out of the Holiday Hunt held from December 26 until January 1. Turning fish and wildlife management over to county legislature will likely cause a lot of confusion and make a tough job tougher for the DEC's Division of Law Enforcement.

Senate Bill S6510 and Assembly Bill A07785 usurp's DEC's authority to management wildlife, if creates 62 additional jurisdictions for DEC wildlife managers to deal with on management issues and does nothing to reduce workload on our already over-burdened and under-staffed Environmental Conservation Officers.

It is unfortunate that the Legislature can't seem to let the Department of Environmental Conservation decide how to manage New York's fish and wildlife. For the purpose of fish and wildlife management, the state is divided into 92 Wildlife Management Units. Those Units are structured around landscape, habitat, etc., not political boundaries.

NYSCC:

The NYSCC is sponsoring a Council Cup Championship Golf Benefit on July 11, 2022 at the Seneca Falls Country Club, 2790 Route 89, Seneca Falls NY 13148. Complete details about the tourney, including a registration form go to the Council website at www.nyscc.com. A motion was made, seconded and passed for the Dutchess Federation to be a \$100 sponsor. We are encouraging clubs to sign on as sponsors, the cost is nominal and this is the first organized fundraiser of this type that the Council has done.

Communication: Anthony Pittore received a check from Dutchess County Sportsman Association Inc. in the amount of \$500.00, a donation in memory of Dickie Decker. Tom Holsopple put together a letter which states, because a few people asked that upon their passing they might, or their family might want to donate to the Federation in their memory. So, a letter was drawn up which will be sent out to all the clubs in case someone wants to donate to the Conservation Awareness Foundation.

Unfinished Business: Pete Kraayenbrink stated he's having trouble getting updated information from some of the clubs in order to update the Federation directory. Meeting nights, email addresses, Officers Updated Info. The following clubs need to update their information. Casperkill, Green Haven, Mid-County Rod&Gun, Pawling, Red Hook, Water Kill, Viola, Tiogi, Trout Unlimited.

New Business: Scott Emslie mentioned during last month's delegates meeting when invited guest Acting Sheriff Imperati mentioned he was concerned about firearm safety as well as instituting a firearm safety course in the pistol application process. Scott Emslie read Jackie Emslie's letter in which she voiced opposition to the Acting Sheriff's proposal. The letter Jackie Emslie authored will be forwarded to Tom Holsopple to be published in the Federation minutes.

Club Announcements:

Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club is sponsoring Youth Trap Night April 21, 2022 at 5pm. Needs coaches and volunteers. So far 20 kids signed up for event. Club is located at 140 Enterprise Rd, Rhinebeck NY.

NAVHDA Club is sponsoring a Clays for K9 Cancer Benefit Shoot for the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine Canine Cancer Research Fund. Sunday July 31, 2022, 8am Check In/ 10am Shoot Rain or Shine! Over \$25,000 in Prizes, Raffles, & Auctions Available. Mid-Hudson Sporting Clays 411 N. Ohioville Rd, New Paltz, NY 12561. Questions Tom Fiumarello 845 625-3151 Volunteers Needed register at hvnavhda.org/shoot

Pleasant Valley Trout & Game is sponsoring a 5 Stand Shooting Events. Guest are welcome, all skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$6.00 per round (25) clays. When: Tuesdays at 3:30 pm (starting 4/26) through Sept. 28 weather permitting. Where: 1208 Salt Point Turnpike Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Bring ear and eye protection and shells for each round you intend to shoot.

Chis Villa reported that Bernie Walker is out of the hospital and doing well at an assisted living facility. He adjusting well to his new prosthetic leg. Bernie says Hi to everyone. He's hoping to get out of the assisted living facility soon. Bernie can be reached at (845) 891-6627.

50/50 \$12.00

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58pm

Submitted by:

Dave Compton

Acting Secretary