



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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December 8, 2022 Regular Delegates Meeting

Short Hills Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:37 PM by President Anthony Pittore.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anthony Pittore.

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.

Guests

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on November 10, 2022 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Ralph Hafner. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on November 28, 2022 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Chris Villa. AIF

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner

Anthony Pittore reported that the Board decided not to hold a formal annual dinner this year, after himself and others visited a lot of venues but could not find anything suitable at a reasonable cost. Another factor was the apparent lack of support for a formal costly event. Instead, we will consider holding a casual BBQ in the summer, possibly at one of the club facilities.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore reported that the program received about 7 deer in the last 3 weeks. About 350 pounds of game meat is ready to be distributed. We also received about 600 pounds of duck and pheasant meat from the local preserves.

Fish

Ken Rose intends to have Morgan Lake stocked with about 275 trout in late December.

Conservation Education

Scott Emslie stated that he has Federation sponsorship applications available for the DEC Conservation Camps next summer. Each club can submit applications for up to 1 boy and 1 girl for each of the 2 camps. Completed applications should be mailed or emailed to Scott as close to January 1st as possible, since at this time, the DEC opening date for registrations is unknown.

Mike Butts of Trout Unlimited stated that TU will once again sponsor kids to attend a youth fishing camp in Roscoe NY next summer. The cost is \$700, of which TU will pay half up front. The parents are expected to pay the other half up front, but will be reimbursed by TU after the kid attends.

Youth Trap Shooting

No report. The program is paused during the winter.

Fundraising

Ken Foster reported that \$3800 in raffle tickets receipts have been turned in so far, not counting tonight. Ken mentioned his disappointment with the 11 clubs that have not responded at all, even after being personally contacted. In order to avoid the last minute rush at the January meeting, Ken asked that money and unsold tickets be mailed to him before that meeting.

Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Conners presented handouts regarding state bill S6510, which would allow counties to ban the southern zone “Holiday Hunt” for big game between Dec 26th and Jan 1st. As written, it would ban all hunting for any game during that period in that county. In addition, it sets a bad precedent for taking hunting season management away from the DEC. The bill is awaiting the Governor’s signature to be signed into law. Bill encouraged everyone to call the Governor’s office to request that she veto this bill.

Bill mentioned the upcoming academy graduation of 18 ECOs, along with 39 Forest Rangers.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners reported that the Council is still trying to survive financially.

Communications

None reported.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Nothing reported.

New Business

Bill Conners stated that since the use of QR codes to direct people to internet web sites and communications has greatly increased recently, he generated a QR code for the Federation’s website. It may have some good use for the Fair booth, to avoid the need to staff the booth. We could post various flyers at the booth with QR codes, along with any flyers that clubs would like to post, to direct fairgoers to information. More information to come in 2023.

Nominating committee

Committee chairman Ralph Hafner presented the following nominations for the officer positions, the 3 expiring Director positions, and the 1 vacant Director position, for 2023. (The other 2 committee members were Bruce Hotaling and Mike Butts.)

President	Anthony Pittore
1 st Vice President	Ken Foster
2 nd Vice President	Ralph Hafner
Legislative V.P.	Bill Conners
Secretary	Tom Holsopple
Treasurer	Pete Kraayenbrink
Directors (2-yr terms):	
	Mike Butts
	Dave Compton
	Scott Emslie
	Chris Villa (currently Director-at-Large for 2022)

Ralph solicited nominations from the floor 3 times.

Upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Ken Rose, to close the nominations and have the Secretary cast 1 ballot for the slate, the assembly voted AIF.

Announcements

Brian Mihans stated that he has Ducks Unlimited raffle calendars available for \$50.

The winner of the meeting 50/50 raffle was Jim Guyette.

Next regular meeting date: January 12, 2023 (which will be considered the Annual Meeting).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary