



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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January 9, 2025 Regular Delegates Meeting

Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:33 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: 31 people were in attendance, representing 21 clubs.

Guests

None

Financial Report and Minutes

The Treasurer's Report was accepted upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Hank Eichenhofer. All-in-favor (AIF).

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on December 12, 2024 were approved upon a motion by John Lucas and a second by Jim Guyette. AIF

There was no Board of Directors meeting since the last delegates meeting.

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner

Anthony Pittore – The Bill Conner Memorial BBQ will be held on August 24th.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore – The program has been very busy recently with 52 deer processed in the last several weeks. There was a lot of help and Anthony thanked all the volunteers. A special thanks went to Scott Gannon who replaced a light fixture.

8,239 pounds of meat was distributed last year.

The program received \$650 in donations from the family of Peter Varco, who recently passed away. He volunteered for the HHH program for many years

Grants from Dutchess County may be available. But calls to the county executive's office have not yet been returned.

Fish

Anthony Pittore – Morgan Lake will be stocked with approximately 400-500 trout in about 2 weeks, for ice fishing. He recently received some calls about Upton Lake. But we have not stocked it in years.

The Veterans Fishing Day will be held on April 26th and the Family Fishing Day event will be held the following day on the 27th.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore – The hunt will be held on September 27th this year.

He recently attended a Veterans pheasant hunt at Manchester Hunt Club and was very impressed with the event.

Conservation Education

Dave Morrison – A DEC notice about the camps was just received. Their intention is to open all 4 camps, but they may not be able to get the staff to open all of them, same as in recent years.

He has sponsorship applications available, which are needed back to him by February 23rd. Applications will also be emailed out to the clubs.

We are still seeking alternate conservation-related camps, given the likelihood of DEC camp closures.

Fundraising

Tom Fiumarello – The K9 for Cancer Benefit Shoot will be held on June 21st. The cost is the same as last year, but will increase after May 1st. It is now available to sign up on ScoreChaser.com, and some registrations have already been received. It will be a great event; bigger and better than before. A lot of help is needed. Flyers are available. Also, sponsor information packets are available to make it easier to solicit donations, for which help is needed as well. A planning/volunteer meeting will be held next Monday in Fishkill.

Youth Trap Shooting

Anthony Pittore – Still awaiting the result of our NRA grant application, for ammo for the program.

Tom Gannon – This year's meets will start in March after the time change, and are open to youth ages 12-17.

Publicity

Anthony Pittore – Additional information was provided to the vendor building our new web site, which will hopefully be ready soon.

Legislation (and other conservation news)

Tom Gannon – There are indications of 20 bills in the state legislature that are being “hidden” by the Democrats with the intent of presenting them for vote with little advanced notice. Not good.

Senate bill S9137 / Assembly bill 10052 would place restrictions on open carry of long guns.

Anthony Pittore – There was a recent article about the possible closing of Reynolds game farm, which raises pheasants. That probably won't happen, but it had been attempted in years past. There will be birds available for special private hunts (e.g. Vets, Youth), but many licenses are required.

Tom Gannon – highlights from the last FWMB meeting in December:

- WMUs 3F and 3G DMP permits were reduced, due to the EHD impact
- A \$125M bond is planned to rehabilitate the state fish hatcheries.
- CWD was found in Region 6 in a private herd; 1 positive case and 3 possible. 193 deer inside the fence, and another 100 within a 5-mile radius, were killed to contain the spread of the disease.
- There have been many complaints about the paper tags. Contact the DEC to voice your opinion.
- The deer take last year was up from 2023.

- The state is trying to purchase a large tract of land adjoining the Lafayetteville MUA. It would connect that property to the Roeliff-Jansenkil creek.
- There will be a new Regin 3 wildlife manager soon.

New York State Conservation Council

Anthony Pittore – There will be a Council meeting on March 5th, which he plans to attend.

Communications

None reported.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Anthony Pittore – Still no word from the Town of Lagrange on when they will install a pad at Overlook Park for a pavilion, which we will pay for once the pad is there.

New Business

None reported.

Announcements

Hudson Valley Sportsmens Association will start trap shooting on the last Saturday of the month, beginning on April 26th. The club is located on Daley Road, Poughkeepsie.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Next delegates meeting date: February 13, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary