



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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The Voice of the Sportsman since 1932

September 12, 2019 Regular Delegates Meeting

Maura's Kitchen Restaurant, Millbrook, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:34 PM by President Chris Villa.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Lucas.

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

Roll Call: 22 people were in attendance, representing 19 clubs.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted upon a motion by Brian Mihans and a second by Skip North. All-in-favor (AIF).

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on August 8, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Ken Rose and a second by Skip North. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on August 26, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Ken Rose and a second by Adam Yasjejko. AIF

Guests

None.

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner

Chris Villa reiterated that the Annual Dinner will be held on January 25th, 2020.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Chris Villa, reporting for Penny Hickman, stated that 1400 pounds of game meat has been distributed so far this program year.

Junior Hunter Pheasant Hunt (JHPH)

Anthony Pittore reported that 33 kids are registered and he is waiting for another 5 to confirm. The hunt is scheduled for September 28th, and Anthony encouraged all to come and help or just enjoy the event.

Anthony commented that he helped at the recent NAVHDA youth hunt held on a preserve. 15 kids of ages 12-17 of all skill and experience levels participated.

Conservation Education

Pete Kraayenbink reported that all camps are now done.

Publicity/Promotions

Chris Villa, speaking for Ken Foster, thanked all the volunteers who helped at the fair booth.

Club 36 Annual Raffle

Anthony Pittore reported that ticket sales are ongoing. The first round of drawings will be held at the next regular meeting in October.

Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon reported that several people took the recent RSO (Range Safety Officer) class. It was less than hoped, but probably just enough to help with startup of the program.

Legislation

Anthony stated that Bill Connors was attending a meeting about Striped Bass. Anthony passed along Bill's warning of the upcoming legislative session and that it does not bode well for sportsmen.

Chris Villa encouraged all clubs to become active in calling and mailing legislators in order to put on a united front and at least to ensure our voice is heard.

New York State Conservation Council

No report.

Communications

A question was asked about the letter received from the Town of Clinton about Silver Lake as noted in the Board of Directors minutes. Tom Holsopple stated that it was just a letter informing us as a neighboring landowner, that a neighbor in the community (but not adjacent to our property) was requesting a zoning variance.

Unfinished (Old) Business

A letter stating the Federation's position on deer feeding is still in progress.

Anthony Pittore reported that he and Bill Connors met with the complaining neighbors at Upton Lake and their lawyer. Another meeting with them will be held to come to an agreement, but our fishing access is still closed for now until a resolution is reached.

New Business

None reported.

Announcements

None reported.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Anthony Pittore.

Next meeting date: October 10th at Maura's Kitchen Restaurant in Millbrook.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary