



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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October 14, 2021 Regular Delegates Meeting

Tina's Restaurant, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:37 PM by President Chris Villa

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Lasko.

A moment of silence was observed for armed services personnel, first responders, and past Federation members, especially George Downing, Harold Coons, Penny Hickman, and Sheriff Butch Anderson.

Roll Call: 29 people were in attendance, representing 21 clubs.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted upon a motion by Tom Fiumarello and a second by Ralph Hafner. All-in-favor (AIF).

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on September 9, 2021 were approved upon a motion by Brian Mihans and a second by Skip North. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on September 27, 2021 were approved upon a motion by Ralph Hafner and a second by Skip North. AIF

Guests

None

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner

Jackie Emslie re-iterated that the dinner will be held on January 25th 2022 at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls, with social hour starting at 5:00 PM and dinner starting at 6:00 PM. The cost will be \$50 per person, and payment in advance is preferred. Checks can be made out to the Federation and mailed to Jackie at 17 Corlies Ave, Poughkeepsie NY 12601. Items for the bucket raffle are needed. Contact Jackie if you have items to donate.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore reported that only 2 deer have been donated so. This is way down compared to last year. So any game donations would be greatly appreciated. Contact Anthony.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore reported that 41 kids participated in the hunt, and they had a great time. Based on the positive comments received, it was a big success. It was noted that our hunt seems to be the premier youth pheasant hunt in the state. There were a lot of new volunteers, which was greatly appreciated. The new county ECO Wamsley was there, along with former ECO Deo Reed. Anthony thanked all who helped.

The DEC forester was there with his son who participated. He was so impressed, that the DEC wants to be much more involved when getting ready for next year's hunt. As always, we are looking for suggestions how to make the hunt even better, One suggestion that was received, was for Anthony to have assistants to help with specific tasks. Appreciation was shown to Anthony by a round of applause.

Conservation Education

Jackie Emslie, speaking on behalf of Scott Emslie, stated that the DEC has not yet announced if the camps will be held next year. But Scott is going forward with planning, on the assumption that they will and that we will sponsor our usual 14 kids to attend. He will check with the kids who did not get to go the last 2 years and they will get preference if still interested and still of age. Then he will seek to fill the remaining slots from clubs. Each club can submit 1 boy and 1 girl for each of the 2 camps.

Publicity/Promotions

Ken Foster reported that some changes have been made to the booth, and will soon be ready to be closed for the winter. Bill Conners stated that exhibit host Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club seemed to do OK financially this year. All of our Kids Activity booklets were handed out long before the end of the Fair. Bill is considering using a device and software to automatically count the number of visitors through the exhibit in the future.

Fundraising

Chris Villa reported that 50/50 raffle receipts are being received in good numbers so far. But, only 6 clubs that were sent tickets have returned them. He asked the delegates to follow up with their clubs to ensure that eventually their clubs either return the ticket money, or return the unused tickets. He plans to have more tickets available at next month's meeting. We will also be selling them at the Annual Dinner, at which the winning tickets will be drawn

Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon reported that so far, 14 kids have expressed interest. That is enough to facilitate several teams.

Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Conners reported that the DEC is considering changes for the use of lead ammo. This is especially bad timing due to supply issues. It is big issue with no easy answers and we will need monitor closely.

The specifics and status of any upcoming Forest Range/ECO Academy are still unknown. There is a current shortage of about 60 ECOs across the state.

At the moment, no legislation is moving at the state level.

Concerning EHD, as of 10/7, there have been 330 dead deer reported in Dutchess County and 525 reported in Ulster County, with a total of 1757 in the state. There were a lot reported in the Lake Ontario region as well. The DEC is planning to assess harvest reports from this year, for future DMP adjustments. Eventually the deer herd will rebound. EHD is not transmissible to humans, nor from deer to deer. Symptomatic deer will display a white froth around the mouth & nose. Bill email the report to the members.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Connors stated that the next Council Grass Roots Newsletter will have an article about our Junior Hunter Pheasant Hunt.

Communications

None reported.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Chris reported that Bernie Walker is doing well.

New Business

Jackie Emslie provided information about early voting and explained the process. She encouraged all to vote in the upcoming local elections, since a small number of votes can determine outcomes, and therefore possibly impact policies that affect the outdoors sports and gun rights.

Mike Butts stated that the new DEC fishing regulations are not accurate on the DEC web site. Please refer to the fishing regulations booklet for the correct information.

Anthony Pittore stated that our current meeting venue, Tina's Restaurant, is closing. Anthony proposed the Elks Lodge in Poughkeepsie for our next meeting. It is not too far from our current venue and the cost is only \$1 more at \$23 per person (plus the usual \$1 for the 50/50 raffle.)

Upon a motion by Ralph Hafner and a second by John O'Donnell, the delegates voted to hold the next meeting at the proposed Elks Lodge. We will try it and see if it fits our needs going forward.

The address is: 29 Overocker Rd, Poughkeepsie NY 12603

Announcements

Several club events and raffles were announced.

50/50 raffle winner – Brian Mihans.

Next regular meeting date: November 11, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary