



## Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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### **November 14, 2024 Regular Delegates Meeting**

JB's Bar & Grill, James Baird State Park, Pleasant Valley, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:23 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. In commemoration of Veterans Day this week, all veterans in the room were recognized.

Roll Call: 26 people were in attendance, representing 20 clubs.

#### **Guests**

John Pollack - new delegate from East Hook Sportsmen Assn. Welcome John!

#### **Financial Report and Minutes**

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on October 10, 2024 were approved upon a motion by Chris Villa and a second by Jim Guyette. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on October 28, 2024 were approved upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Tom Lasko. AIF

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Annual Dinner**

Dave Compton discussed a proposed BBQ next year that would be in memory of Bill Connors. This event is also being viewed as a possible replacement of the Annual Dinner, where we would recognize a club and sportsperson of the year, like we used to do, and to foster comradery and community among our membership.

It will not be a fundraiser, and will not involve much work effort by members; just come and eat and have a good time with fellow sportsmen and sportswomen and family members.

The price per ticket will be about \$40, and would like to target at least 3 tickets per club, and hope to get at least 100 attendees.

It will be catered with meats and hot and cold sides and soda provided, and probably be held on a Sunday in August or early Sept. Two possible venues identified so far: the pavilion at Freedom Park in Lagrange, and at the Mid-Hudson Sporting Clays facility in Highland (where shooting beforehand may be accommodated).

A show of hands was requested to show the level of interest. The majority of delegates were in favor of proceeding.

#### Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore – Several deer were received and processed resulting in about 140 pounds of meat. About 900 pounds of pheasant and duck meat was received.

#### Fish

Mike Butts – Work on the stream access verification project will be re-engaged soon.

#### Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore – The tee shirts that were stuck in a warehouse in Newburgh and arrived late, were mailed out to all the youth who participated in the hunt.

#### Conservation Education

Dave Morrison – 6 kids were sponsored this year to the DEC camps that were open. The DEC is still having difficulty staffing all the camps, so closures are anticipated for next year too. We received the excess funds back from the DEC.

We are seeking any other youth camps that are conservation related, to which we could provide sponsorships. Just like the DEC camps, we would pay the attendance fee, but the parents are responsible for transport.

#### Fundraising

Tom Fiumarello – Due to the difficulty of getting business donations and sponsorships for 2 back-to-back sporting clay shoots, and the number of volunteers needed to staff them, the committee discussed combining the Canine Cancer and Federation shoots next year. Pros and cons were discussed, and the committee is leaning toward combining into 1 shoot. The final decision will be made soon. 1 shoot could probably handle up to 270 shooters.

#### Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon – The season is done for this year and will resume next spring, with a possible additional host club. The participation grew some this year, with about 45 cases of ammo used.

Anthony Pittore submitted another NRA grant request for 60 cases of ammo for next year.

#### Publicity

Anthony Pittore – The committee just received a preliminary, proposed revamped web site from Paradox Consulting and will be reviewing.

#### Legislation (and other conservation news)

Anthony Pittore – Plans to attend the next Region 3 FWMB meeting next month.

Tom Gannon – Provided a report of 5 laws signed by the governor that will be taking effect on January 1. These mostly affect FFL dealers.

#### New York State Conservation Council

Anthony Pittore – Planning to attend the next meeting.

#### Communications

None reported.

**Unfinished (Old) Business**

Anthony Pittore – Due to the problem of someone dumping brush and leaves on our Silver Lake property, a camera was put up and captured photos of the culprit, likely a neighbor or landscaper. The photos were provided to a DEC EnCon officer to follow up with an initial warning.

We are still awaiting the Town of Lagrange to install a concrete pad at Overlook Park, on which we can erect a pavilion. Once they install the pad, we will order and install the pavilion, hopefully before our Family Fishing Day in April.

**New Business**

**Nominating Committee**

Committee chairman Dave Compton read the list of nominations for 2025.

Officers (1 year term ending Dec 31 2025):

President	Anthony Pittore
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	Ken Foster
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.	Mike Butts
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Pres.	Dave Morrison
Legislative VP	<open>
Secretary	Tom Holsopple
Treasurer	Pete Kraayenbrink

Board of Directors (2 year term ending Dec 31 2026):

- Dave Compton
- Chris Villa

The slate will be presented again at the December delegates meeting, at which time nominations will be accepted from the floor and then the vote will be held.

**Announcements**

None reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next delegates meeting date: December 12, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple,  
Secretary