



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

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### **October 12, 2023 Regular Delegates Meeting**

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

The meeting was opened at 7:36 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: 22 people were in attendance, representing 17 clubs.

#### **Guests**

None.

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on September 14, 2023 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasjejko. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on September 25, 2023 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasjejko. AIF

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Hunters Helping the Hungry**

Anthony Pittore - 1600 pounds of game meat was distributed. There is about 600 pounds left to be distributed.

##### **Fish**

Anthony Pittore – The DEC stocked approximately 450-550 trout in Sylvan Lake on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. They were the larger breeder fish, and were released from a boat.

Next year's Veterans Fishing Day event is planned for April 24<sup>th</sup>, the day before the Family Fishing Day. We have 2 guns left over from the clay shoot and they are being considered as prizes for a possible raffle to fund a pavilion at Overlook Park, where the fishing days are held.

### Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore - 33 kids participated in 37 hunts. Several were doubled up since they didn't get birds the first time out. 4 kids cancelled, but 4 showed up. Despite the weather, it seemed to be the most birds ever taken. The kids shot very well. There were 2 ECOs and a Ranger in attendance. Anthony thanked everyone who helped. Pictures are on the Federation facebook page named: *Federation of Dutchess County Fish & Game Clubs Inc.* The DEC plans to put an official parking lot at the top field next year.

### Conservation Education

Scott Emslie – 14 sponsored kids did not get to attend camp this year due to the Camp DeBruce closure. So they will get first preference next year for our sponsorships. Since Scott will soon be moving out of the area, Dave Morrison volunteered to be the chairman for this program next year.

### Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon - Neighbors Gun Club has offered to host skeet shooting for the youth program. There are 2-3 kids on average attending the shoots. Tom approached the Hyde Park School District board, who (surprisingly) will allow us to place flyers at the school.

### Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Conners:

- 3 seats were finally appointed by the Governor to CFAB (Conservation Fund Advisory Board), but 2 of the 3 people who were replaced will be sorely missed. Impact to the Board remains to be seen.
- A new licensing system will be coming next year, due to the current vendor getting out of that business. The system may not have physical carcass tags. Many questions surround how that will work, although it was noted that some other states use a tag-less system.
- Cornell University was asked to conduct a study on the actual real impact of lead ammo on eagles.
- A new ECO academy is coming. It could graduate 40 ECOs, but may not compensate for the number of retirements and attrition.
- 1900 special crossbow permits were issued so far. This is due to the state rules being changed to meet ADA compliance.
- License sales are down, but not below pre-covid levels.
- Pittman Robertson federal funds are also down a little, but still above the 10 year average.
- There is a movement afoot that would require permits for fishing contests, like BassMasters derbies.
- In response to some questions, it was noted that the state's CCIA law rules are still in effect, even as lawsuits are still ongoing.
- Some legislators penned a letter to discontinue the state's new firearm and ammo background check system and move back to using the Federal NICS system.

### New York State Conservation Council

No report.

### Communications

A solicitation was received from the Dutchess County Sports Museum to participate in their annual raffle. Upon a motion by Bill Conners and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Emslie, the delegates approved the Federation purchasing the 5 raffle tickets that were included with the letter.

### Unfinished (Old) Business

Anthony Pittore – The Secretary will be sending out an email asking the club presidents and delegates to provide a club email contact, to forward Federation emails to club membership, if there is a better one to use than is currently on our email distribution list.

Bill Conners – Clubs can reply back to the Federation News email address if there are questions or comments about any communication sent from that address. That email inbox is monitored regularly.

**New Business**

Hank Eichenhofer (Chestnut Ridge delegate) stated that he feels more club members need to step up to serve on Federation committees to further continue and enhance the good work that the Federation does. There was a lot of subsequent discussion on how that might be accomplished. The consensus seemed to be that this information needs to be passed back from the delegates to club leadership to club membership, with the club leadership encouraging the membership to participate.

**Announcements**

None reported.

50/50 raffle winner – Ralph Hafner, who donated it back to the Federation.

Next regular meeting date: November 9, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple,  
Secretary