



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

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### **May 9, 2024 Regular Delegates Meeting**

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

The meeting was opened at 7:38 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: 30 people were in attendance, representing 21 clubs.

#### **Guests**

Anthony Pittore introduced Lucas Whitten, a youth who has been helping out with the trout stocking. Lucas is working on a stream stocking project and stated that he has the permit and has some of the funds to purchase the fish. Of the \$320 total that he needs, he has already raised \$200 and needs another \$120.

On a motion by Mike Butts and a second by Jim Guyette, the delegates approved the Federation providing the remaining \$120. All-in-Favor (AIF).

Anthony also introduced Dan Bertolozzi. Dan also helps with trout stocking and is looking to get more involved with Federation activities.

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on April 11, 2024 were approved upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on April 22, 2024 were approved upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Annual Dinner**

Dave Compton discussed the information that he has at this point about a BBQ event later this year. Dates were discussed, with a possible date of October 5<sup>th</sup>. Various opinions were presented as to the place, the menu, and the type of event that we want to hold. Consensus was that it should be an all-in catered meal to minimize any volunteer work needed, even though that would cost more. More discussion will be done at the next board meeting.

### Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore stated that there will be some upcoming work done to the cutting room.

### Fish

Mike Butts reported that all trout stocking was completed, and that there were some new volunteers who helped stock.

Anthony Pittore reported that the Family Fishing Day was a well-attended event with over 400 people there and over 500 hot dogs served.

Anthony also reported that the Veterans Fishing Day was a good event too.

Anthony stated that several Federation volunteers helped at the Lagrange Muddy Hands event this past Saturday. There was a pool stocked with trout in which kids caught & released the fish. That activity was a big hit with the kids as there was always a line waiting to take their turn.

### Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore has applications available and needs kids for the hunt. So far, he has 1 kid and needs 34 more to fill all the available slots. A reminder that the kids need to be between 12 and 15 years old and have a hunting license.

### Conservation Education

Dave Morrison reported that at this point, only 5 kids are signed up to attend the DEC conservation camps. There has been no further news on additional camps opening. The state is having trouble finding staffing.

### Fundraising

Tom Fiumarello stated that 8 shooters are registered so far for the Federation Sporting Clays shoot on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Shooters can register and pay on the ScoreChaser website. Contact Tom for help registering. Pre-registration is required. We cannot accommodate people registering and paying on the day of the shoot. Help is needed to solicit donations and at the event. Donor forms and flyers are available. The cost is \$140 per shooter, which is a very good deal compared to other shoots, which all start at least at \$200.

Tom reported that 101 shooters have signed up so far for the Canine Cancer Benefit Sporting Clays Shoot on June 15<sup>th</sup>. That is low for this point in time. Tom feels that the poor weather we have had lately is a factor. He also needs people to help with that shoot.

Tom also mentioned that the Cornell facility in Stamford CT recently dedicated a room to Tom's dog Meg, who died from cancer.

Tom Gannon reported that there are still tickets available for the gun raffle that will help fund a pavilion at the Overlook Park pond. Please turn in any monies, sold ticket stubs, and leftover tickets. Tom will sell any leftover tickets at the upcoming sporting clay shoots.

### Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon stated that a kid who has been participating in the program, is going to compete in a state level shoot.

### Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Connors reported that it has been an unusually quiet legislative session lately. But there are some bills of concern:

- The range bill; Even though it's a 1-house bill so far, it has the potential to be introduced in the other house, and it could be very bad and cause many ranges to be shut down. He encouraged calls to the

Environmental Conservation committee chairmen and the governor's office to vote against the bill. Bill will try to email out talking points.

- The back tag bill: For some unknown reason, Ulster County is against the bill. We are in support, since we feel there is no reason to continue forcing hunters to display back tags.
- The 5 imports bill: bans import of legally-taken 5 Africa big game animal species.

On a regulatory note, Bill reminded all about the plain paper licenses for the upcoming season. You will need to print your own or ask the issuing agent to print them. There is concern about the durability of the carcass tags. Bill suggested that you purchase waterproof paper, which he tested and found to work well.

### **New York State Conservation Council**

Bill Connors stated that he is awaiting a legislative report from the Council.

### **Communications**

None reported.

### **Unfinished (Old) Business**

Pete Kraayenbrink reported that the following clubs never returned the club information forms that he sends out in November with the Dues invoices:

- 110 Rod & Gun
- East Hook Sportsmen
- Green Haven Fish & Game
- Mid-County Rod & Gun
- Neighbors Gun Club
- Pawling Fish & Game
- Ti Yogi Bowmen

Anthony Pittore stated that he will have copies of the forms at the next meeting.

Anthony reported that he checked out our Silver Lake property since we recently had someone inquire about buying it. He found dumped leaves and garbage on the property. He will be following up with the neighbors about the issue.

Anthony stated that we will have a Federation banner made to display at our events and events in which we participate.

Anthony also discussed the club outreach and the plan to try to have a special meeting for club presidents. Hank Eichenhofer offered his opinion that personal visits of clubs would be a more effective method.

The idea of having Federation logoed apparel is being pursued. Anthoy shared that he had created a design that looked very good embroidered on a jacket.

Mike Butts made a motion to pay Anthony for creation of the design. Upon a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Guyett, the delegates voted AIF. Anthony declined to accept the reimbursement.

### **New Business**

None reported.

**Announcements**

Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club will be holding steel plate shoots on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>.

There was no 50/50 raffle. It was discontinued by the Board of Directors because the return was not worth the extra effort and confusion it caused. So the cost is now just \$25 for the dinner.

Next regular meeting date: June 13, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple,  
Secretary