



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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October 13, 2022 Regular Delegates Meeting

Short Hills Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:40 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: 25 people were in attendance, representing 17 clubs.

Guests

Sheriff Kirk Imperati addressed the assembly before the meeting and answered questions, which mostly centered around the newly enacted gun law and enforcement.

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on September 8, 2022 were approved upon a motion by Bob Haan and a second by Chris Villa. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on September 26, 2022 were approved upon a motion by Chris Villa and a second by Bill Conners. AIF

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner

Anthony Pittore reported that he and Chris Villa have found some possible venues for the dinner. Most venues require a 90-person minimum. They will discuss at the next board meeting.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore reported that about 400 pounds was distributed. There is another 500 awaiting distribution. We would like to get more deer donated. Please contact Anthony or Bill Conners if you have a deer to donate. Bill Conners stated that we will be securing the processing room. An organization named We-Feed-NY is taking over for the state-managed Venison Coalition program which is being discontinued. If we get funding from the new program, our facility will be more open to inspection.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore read aloud his thank-you letter to all the volunteers and participants of this year's hunt.

Conservation Education

Anthony Pittore stated that we need to consider other ways to fill our available sponsorships.

Publicity

Bill Conners stated that we need to wait and see if we will staff a fair booth next year. It will depend on Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club's plans for their exhibit next year.

Fundraising

Ken Foster reported that prior to the start of this meeting, 84 tickets had been sold and turned in. Many more are still outstanding. More ticket money was received tonight.

Youth Trap Shooting

Judy Coons, speaking for Tom Gannon, reported that the program got 4 new shooters from the signup at the Junior Hunter Pheasant Hunt. Judy extended Tom's thanks to the volunteers who help with the shoots, and to Southern Dutchess & Putnam Sportsmens Assn and 110 Rod & Gun Club for use of their trap facilities. There will be 1 more shoot this year before being suspended for the winter.

Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Conners spoke about:

- The challenges to the new law, which is now before the 2nd circuit court. He suspects that this may eventually go up to the Supreme Court. As of this meeting, the law is still in effect.
- The number of EHD cases looks to be less than previous years. But the reporting of cases is probably not very accurate.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners stated that the latest Outdoor News was published.

Communications

None reported.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Anthony Pittore reminded everyone to vote.

Anthony also stated that the Federation had to pay for 2 dinners at last month's meeting, due to reservations that were not cancelled. So Anthony reminded the attendees of the reservation policy. Final warning before we start charging for reservations not honored, if we don't meet our count that we give to the restaurant.

New Business

None reported.

Announcements

Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club will be sponsoring a blood drive on October 28th, 2:00 – 7:00 PM.

The winner of the meeting 50/50 raffle was Sal Annunziata.

Next regular meeting date: November 10, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary