



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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May 12, 2022 Regular Delegates Meeting

Elks Lodge, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:42 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 18 clubs.

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

Amendment to the previous delegates meeting minutes of April 14, 2022:

It stated that Jackie Emslie's letter to the Federation, concerning possible mandatory training for pistol permits as proposed by the Acting Dutchess County Sheriff, was to be attached to the minutes. It was not due to a secretary error. The letter will be attached to these minutes instead.

Note that Jackie is a Certified NRA instructor and conducts numerous "Women On Target" sessions and other programs. The Women On Target program is designed to help women feel more comfortable handling firearms and learning about the shooting sports. Jackie has sent her letter to the Acting Sheriff.

The amended minutes were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by John Lucas. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on April 25, 2022 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Ken Foster. AIF

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner

Jackie Emslie stated that the same Covid issues (a spike in cases) that caused the cancellation of this year's dinner may return in January of next year, when the dinner has traditionally been held. Jackie suggested that it be held in a later month. Tabled for the Board to discuss.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore reported that 250 pounds of game meat was received from the preserves.

Fish

Ken Rose reported that the final trout stocking of the Wappingers Creek was completed on Monday May 9th. Other streams only received 1 stocking. A total of 33,000 trout were stocked in the county this Spring. Ken thanked everyone who helped.

Anthony Pittore stated that there was a very good turnout for the Family Fishing Day in April, and that it was a very good day. Anthony thanked all who helped.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore stated that he has applications available and sent some out, but he has not received any back so far. The hunt is planned for September 24th.

Conservation Education

Scott Emslie reported that 7 codes claimed for the DEC Conservation Education Camps, out of the 11 sponsorship applications. (Sponsorship codes are given to the applicants to schedule their week of camp.) 3 applicants did not respond and 1 had a problem. As of this meeting, there are no openings for boys and only some for girls. Scott discussed the process and the difficulty in filling our applications.

Mike Butts stated that Mid-Hudson Trout Unlimited will be sending 2 kids to the fishing camp in the Catskills. They do not need any financial help to do so at this time.

Fundraising

Ken Foster stated that we will have a 50/50 annual raffle again this year. Ken plans to have tickets available at the August meeting, and will send out tickets to clubs. The drawing will be held in early 2023.

Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Connors spoke about the following:

- In response to a question from John O'Donnell about the state lead ammo bill, Bill stated that it passed the Assembly but had not yet passed the Senate. The Assembly bill# is A5728 and the Senate bill# is S5028. If signed into law, it would not take effect until 1/1/2023. See attached for more information.
- A gun microstamping bill was submitted again: Assembly A7926, Senate S4116.
- A bill that would ban wildlife and fishing contests, that is HSUS backed. Assembly A5746, Senate S6643.
- The DEC 2021 deer harvest report is late, with no reason given

Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon stated that 2 events were held so far, with 5 kids and 4 kids in attendance, respectively. Tom has a list of over 20 kids that may get involved. The next event will be held on May 19th at 5:00 PM at Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Connors stated that the Council will be holding a benefit golf tournament on July 11th in Seneca Falls. See attached registration form if interested. We took a \$100 sponsorship to support the event.

Communications

An email was received from Scenic Hudson about a Hudson River PCB report.

An email was received from the president of Crum Elbow Sportsmen's Association seeking some guidance in fighting a lawsuit. Bill Connors is following up with him.

Unfinished (Old) Business

A question was asked about forcing nuisance permit holders to donate any deer taken to our Hunters Helping the Hungry. In years past, the local DEC personnel supported notifying folks about donating the meat, but that support no longer exists. However, it did not seem very effective then either.

New Business

None reported.

Announcements

- A Northern Dutchess gun raffle.
- A Viola Habitat for Humanity Clay Shoot on Nov 4.
- Viola will be marching in the annual Hyde Park July 4th parade. Contact Jackie Emslie if you would like to participate.
- Scott Emslie mentioned there is a new group named Veterans Sportsmen's Association, and they are holding a raffle.
- The City of Poughkeepsie Police Athletic League will be holding a Kids Fishing event at Morgan Lake in May.

50/50 raffle winner – John O'Donnell.

Next regular meeting date: June 9, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary