



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

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### **August 12, 2021 Regular Delegates Meeting**

Tina's Restaurant, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:35 PM by President Chris Villa

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Lucas.

A moment of silence was observed for armed services personnel, first responders, past Federation members, and anyone personally close.

Roll Call: 29 people were in attendance, representing 21 clubs.

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on July 8, 2021 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on July 26, 2021 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

#### **Guests**

None

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Annual Dinner**

Scott Emslie reported nothing new at this point. More details to follow in October.

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

Anthony Pittore stated that the committee is continually seeking deer donations from crop damage permits. Incoming donations have been very slow so far this year. New information cards are being made and available soon.

##### **Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt**

Anthony reported that he has received 22 applications so far, with another 6 expected. The hunt can accommodate 35, so still need some more. Delegates were encouraged to canvas their clubs for more kids to participate.

### Publicity/Promotions

Ken Foster reported that the Board decided to not have volunteers staff our booth this year, so he reached out to those who had already signed up to inform them. It will be set up for a static display at the front of the booth so that no one can enter it, with handouts available on the doors.

Ken stated that exhibit host Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club needs help staffing their exhibit, so he encouraged delegates to consider helping them this year. Contact George Bolde 845-464-0238.

Bill Conners handed out samples of the Kids Activity Booklets, which will be provided to Northern Dutchess to hand out at their entrance. Bill asked for some carpentry help in setting up the booth in the coming week.

### Fundraising

Chris Villa provided a flyer for the 50/50 raffle that we be running this year as our annual fundraiser, instead of the Club 36 raffle. Ken Foster is assisting. The drawing will be held at the Annual Dinner in January. Contact Chris for tickets, which he will have available at the next month's meeting.

### Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon reported that he has received some feedback from the county Boy Scout Council and some from individuals, who are interested in the program. So, a little progress is being made.

### Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Conners commended the delegates for contacting our county legislators on the youth hunting opt-in vote, which was passed by unanimous consent. We really made a difference. Of the counties that can opt-in, there are only 3 left in the state to do so. This hopefully will prove to the state legislature the significance of the sporting community in the state. Bill reminded everyone that this is a 3-season pilot program, for now. A round of applause was given for Bill for his efforts in this initiative.

Bill provided a summary report, which along with the youth hunting pilot, included these topics:

- EHD in deer is back again this year, and earlier than last year. But hopefully the deer kill volume will be lower this year.
- There is evidence that deer can contract the Covid virus, but there is no evidence that it kills them, and no evidence that it can pass to people. Take the usual precautions when handling deer.

The DEC Director of Fish & Wildlife Tony Wilkinson is retiring. Any impact of this is not yet known.

### New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners stated that the Council will be having a Fall Convention in western NY, but he will not be attending in person. They are still plodding along functionally and financially.

### Communications

None reported.

### Unfinished (Old) Business

Chris Villa reported that he recently spoke with Bernie Walker, who is doing well and sends his regards.

### New Business

Scott Emslie reminded everyone of the upcoming Mid Hudson Friends of NRA banquet on Sept 17. They are still running their 3-pistol raffle, and tickets are also available for the banquet pre-event "Kill It, Chill It, and Grill It" raffle. (Need not attend the banquet to enter the raffle.) They are also still seeking underwrites for the various banquet prizes.

**Announcements**

Several club events were announced.

Chris Villa, speaking for Tom Fiumarello, reminded everyone about the Sporting Clays Benefit Shoot for canine cancer research this coming Sunday at Mid-Hudson club in New Paltz.

50/50 raffle winner – Bill Advocate (Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club).

Next regular meeting date: September 9, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple,  
Secretary