



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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Delegates Meeting Madison's Restaurant December 13, 2018

Meeting called to order by Tom Holsopple at 7:40pm
There were 25 members and 21 clubs in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance; Led by Anthony Pittore followed by moment of silence for members of the military and law enforcement and first responders. Tom Holsopple asked that we remember longtime delegate from the Staatsburg and Neighbors Gun Clubs, who passed away recently.

Communications: None

Guest (s): There were no guests present, however, as a followup to last month's report by ECO Deo Reed of DEC Division of Law Enforcement (DLE), Bill Connors reported that, at the December CFAB meeting in Albany, the board was informed that the boat detail on the Hudson River at the Tappan Zee Bridge will continue beyond the end of the year. In November's report, ECO Reed had said that the detail was originally scheduled to wrap up in October, but would continue into December. Construction debris was falling into the river's east traffic channel and the Governor ordered the detail to protect commercial and recreational river traffic. There are 2 ECO's per 12-hour shift, 7 days a week. We have no estimate on the O.T. cost for the continuing operation.

Minutes of previous meeting: motion to approve by Scott Emslie; vote was unanimous

Minutes of last BOD meeting: motion to approve by Scott Emslie; vote was unanimous

Treasurer's Report: motion to approve by Emslie (again); vote was unanimous.

Note: Seconds were offered by Chris Villa and Bernie Walker.

Communications: None reported.

Conservation Education: Scott Emslie reminded delegates that the cutoff date for summer camp application to him is December 31. If there are more applications than slots, a drawing will be held and letters will go out to the winners. The registration process through the DEC website will kick off towards the end of January. Date to be announced. To communicate with Scott regarding camps use his email at lonewolf37@earthlink.net or mail applications to him at 17 Corlies Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

If an individual would like to sponsor a child directly through DEC it will be necessary to set up an account with DEC. Contact Emslie for instructions.

Hunters Helping the Hungry: Penny Hickman reported that we have distributed 4,000 pounds of game since October 1. There is meat waiting pickup at the Clove and there could be four to five hundred pounds at Rogers. Last year's distribution was about 6300 pounds.

Penny said the we need to contemplate the need for few drivers to distribute the meat when the two (non-affiliated) volunteers are not available. Her point was that we should be planning ahead. Holsopple asked that we have current distribution lists to that newvolunteers would know where todo drop-offs.

Annual Dinner: Penny Hickman reminded delegates that the dinner will be held January 26, 2019 at Villa Borghese. The cost will remain \$45 per person. Social hour will start at 5:30 PM, buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Dinner reservations are to be made through Brenda Conners at 845-635-1606.

Penny requested donations for the bucket raffle and other prizes for card drawings. To make a donation please call Jackie Emslie at 914-475-4901. Donations for prizes can be items or gift certificates.Reach out to Jackie if you have questions via her email at jslie@earthlink.net . We encourage each club to offer an item for the raffles.

Legislation: The Legislative Agenda for 2019 has not appeared but it is not likely to address the issues we would like to see resolved. Committee and leadership assignments for both houses of the legislature are usually not announced until after the start of the new year.

Conservation Council: The financial situation for the Council continues to stabilize, but the sporting community ia going to have to step up and provide the funding necessary to maintain an NYSCC presence in Albany. No one should have to contribute a lot, but everyone should conbrite at least something. This is a theme that is not likely to go away. As conners previously reported, we have suffered “dramatic losses in Congress and the State Legislature we all better recognize that we are in the battle of our lives and your financial support will be needed.”

CFAB: Bill Conners provided every delegate with a copy of the NYS Conservation Fund Advisory Board’s 2019 Sportsmen Initiatives. A copy of the report will be emailed to the entire Federation email list.

Fish Committee: Ken Rose reported that the final stocking for the years sould be done within the next few weeks.

Budget Committee: Holsopple presented the budget proposal. He said that we have trimmed back by previous years to reduced what has to come from reserves. There was discussion of using grants to offset some costs for both the Federation and CAF. Motion to adopt made by Bill Conners and Second made by Scott Emslie, passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee: David Compton of the Nominating Committee coordinated elections for the coming year. Compton presented the following candiates for the 2019 slate:

President, Chris Villa, First V.P., Anthony Pittore, Second V.P., Ken Foster, Legislative V.P., Bill Conners, Treasurer, Pete Kraayenbrink, Secretary, Tom Holsopple. The following were nominated for Directors, Scott Emslie, Bernie Walker and David Compton.

A motion made by Scott Emslie to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot for the slate as presented. The motion passed with no discent.

Club 36: the last 12 of the \$25 drawings were held, as were the drawings for the major prizes. Winners will be notified.

Old Business: None discussed

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: made and accepted at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully,
Bill Conners, Secretary Pro Tem