



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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The Voice of the Sportsman since 1932

October 10, 2019 Regular Delegates Meeting

Maura's Kitchen Restaurant, Millbrook, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:45 PM by President Chris Villa.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bernie Walker.

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

Roll Call: 28 people were in attendance, representing 19 clubs.

The Treasurer's Report Was accepted upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Bernie Walker. All-in-favor (AIF).

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on September 12, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on September 23, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

Guests

Sue Serino (New York State Senator) was introduced and spoke about the following:

- 50 bills were recalled at the end of the latest legislative session due to errors.
- There were a lot of bad bills introduced with no serious thought BEHIND them. Many were sponsored from NYC legislators. There are many new, young legislators.
- The Republican party is working hard to gain some seats back in the legislature.
- Sue reminded all veterans in attendance of her 2 dinners per year that she sponsors for the vets.
- Sue thanked everyone for their support and the invitation to this meeting. She then opened the floor for questions.

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner

The dinner will be held on January 25th at Villa Borghese.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore reported that there has been a recent increase in deer donated to the program. If anyone wants to donate deer, please call Anthony Pirrore at 845-755-9667 or Roger Humeston at 845-656-5013.

Junior Hunter Pheasant Hunt (JHPH)

Anthony Pittore reported that 34 kids participated in the hunt. About 150 birds were released, with about 60-70 taken. All went very well. Anthony noted that only 5 kids were from member clubs; all the others were from outside. Ralph Hafner (West Mountain Rod & Gun) gave a glowing review of the event and mentioned how well organized it was. Bill Conners stated that DEC Fish & Wildlife Director Tony Wilkinson was there and that he was very impressed. Bill stated that there were good events held throughout Region 3 during that weekend. Chris Villa thanked Anthony and all who helped, which garnered a round of applause.

Conservation Education

Scott Emslie has Federation sponsorship applications available for next year's conservation camps. Each club can submit 1 boy & 1 girl for each camp (DeBruce and Pack Forest) and applications are due back to Scott by January 1st. Since we have not filled all of our available sponsorships in recent years, the Board may consider looking at outside sources to get kids. Pete Kraayenbrink noted that he saw firsthand the disappointment in 11 year-olds at the gun hunter education classes at Camp DeBruce because they could not live fire the .22 rifles. Pete suggested that the Board, or the clubs themselves, consider raising the minimum age for our sponsorships.

Publicity/Promotions

Ken thanked all who volunteered at the fair booth. Bill Conners stated that all 5000 copies of the Kids Activity booklet were distributed.

Club 36 Annual Raffle

Anthony Pittore reported that raffle ticket sales were down this year compared to last year; about \$600-\$700 less than last year. So far this year, \$5600 has been received. The 1st round of twelve \$25 drawings was held at the end of the meeting.

Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon handed out a 1-page synopsis of this new program.

Legislation

Bill Conners reported that this year's legislative session has ended, and most legislators are now focused on re-election efforts. We will have to be diligent with monitoring proposed bills when the next session starts in January.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners reported that the Council held their fall convention, which seemed to be a success. Bill stated that he is no longer an officer in the Council and is only assisting the incoming treasurer (and remains as our delegate to the Council). The Council continues to try to address their financial issues.

Communications

A schedule of events and raffle tickets were received from the Dutchess County Sports Museum.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Mike Butts (Trout Unlimited) started that the last public meeting for input on proposed changes to the trout management plan will be held at Orange County Community College on November 4th at 6:30-8:30 PM. Please call Mike at 845-418-9092 if you have any questions or input you want to share.

New Business

Chris Villa solicited a volunteer to complete the Nominating Committee. Bernie Walker volunteered, so the committee consists of Penny Hickman (3rd year and chairperson), Chris Villa (2nd year), and Bernie Walker (1st year).

Bill Connors and Anthony Pittore are looking into another meeting venue located in the Stop & Shop Plaza in the Arlington section of Poughkeepsie. A motion was made by Pete Kraayenbrink and seconded by Chris Villa, to allow Bill to lock in the venue if it meets our needs. AIF.

Announcements

Tom Gannon read a thank-you letter received from one of the kids that we sponsored to Camp DeBruce.

Chris Villa stated that a recently retired pheasant breeder in the area has boxes for sale. Contact Chris if interested.

Chris also mentioned that West Mountain Rod & Gun Club still has several openings available.

Scott Emslie announced that the Friends of NRA will be holding their annual Winter Blast on December 8th at Villa Borghese.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Bernie Walker.

Next meeting date: November 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary