



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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The Voice of the Sportsman since 1932

April 13,2017 Regular Delegates Meeting

Copperfield's Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:29 PM by President Paul Annetts.

A moment of silence was observed for our Armed Forces Members and our friends in Law Enforcement

Attendance 16 Clubs, 22 Members, 5 Officers

Guests Speakers Linda Rohleder Program Coordinator for L.H.P.R.I.S.M, Samantha Epstein from Clearwater and Karen Feldman Commissioner of the Adirondack Park Agency. L.H. P.R.I.S.M strives to address invasive species issues through its partnerships. Their aim is to protect the rich biodiversity of the region by identifying conservation areas together they reach out to new audiences. To increase public awareness and participation they gather and share information about invasive species to support each other and to reach key people such as teachers, gardeners and landscape professionals.

Minutes From The Previous Meeting Accepted as presented.

Minutes From The Board of Directors held on March 27, 2017 were accepted.

Treasurers Report was accepted as presented.

Communications Next month will be Lt. Clayton last meeting. His slot will be filled by another Lt. in the D.E.C. Lt. Clayton will be missed and always welcome to attend our meeting in any compacity.

Reports From Officers Will be presented at May meeting.

Annual Dinner Will be updated in May.

Bylaws Committee First meeting was held prior to the Delegates meeting to examine bylaws text. Future meeting dates have been set. When completed new bylaws will be presented at Delegates meeting.

Fish Stocking Second round of fish stocking will begin on April 25, 2017. Ten Mile River, Webutuck Creek and Swamp River. April 28th. Fishkill Area, May 3rd. Wappingers Area.

Dutchess County Fair Booth Will be held on August 22 thru 27. Handouts and schedules will be provided at next meeting. The committee will be cutting back on delegate booth participation this year. Volunteers are still needed.

Sportswomen Committee Report will be presented at future meeting.

Audit Finance Report Will be updated in mid spring

Directory Will be updated in mid spring

Unfinished Business Paul Annetts spoke with DEC Region #3 Director/Attorney Kelly Turturro regarding our letter from the federation requesting “no fishing in the lower section of Wappinger’s Falls for month of March/ each year and she is working on a solution for our concerns. They also discussed effective communications with Federation and possibly a visit in the future.

Annetts have been speaking with DEC Region #3 Lands and Forest Jeff Wiegert to keep us updated on 480A concerns. They also discussed effective communications with the Federation and possibly a future visit.

New Business Do you or your club have the 2008 version of the Federation’s By-Laws? We have started a By-Laws committee to analyze current by-laws per by-laws procedure. If you need one, please inform Paul Annetts.

Appreciation was given to Ken Rose by Delegate Roy Palinkas from Chestnut Ridge Rod and Gun Club for influencing his daughters in fishing sports and activities. Ken Rose received an award of appreciation. Ken Rose will also be honored and inducted into the Outdoorsman Hall of Fame on April 29,2017. Reservations are still available. Awards Dinner and Event will be held in Canastota NY. Congratulations goes out to Mr. Ken Rose from the Federation.

Legislation Report The Governor’s budget for 2017-2018 fiscal year is complete. Everything for hunters and the sporting community has been taken out. There’s fundamental questions that there will be any actions at all on the 480A that the Federation has been pushing on. The 12yr. old Universal Hunting Age is gone! Crossbow Legislation is gone! The Federation wanted work done to enhance the laddering investment plan for the trust account for the Lifetime Licenses wasn’t in there. It doesn’t mean that it won’t make it this year. It’s will take every Delegate making a phone call to their Assemblyman or State Senator to tell them what it is you’re looking for. You can go to the NYSCC website and look for bills that’s of interest to you and call your Legislator and voice your opinion.

Announcements The 4-H Shooting Club has raised \$560.00 for .22 ammo. Another \$500.00 is needed to fulfill its goal for .22 ammo. \$600.00 is also needed for shotgun ammo. The 4-club request that any club in need of physical labor to clean their clubs contact them to show their appreciation for your generous support. The 4-H club has decided to start a website as an educational platform.

A reminder again Ken Foster mentioned at the last meeting Pleasant Valley will sponsor a Huck Finn event on April 29-30. Contact Pleasant Valley website for additional info. Pamphlets were passed out with info for Hunters Safety Class to be held at Pleasant Valley Trout and Game. Information online at Pleasant Valley Trout and Game Sign- In registration online is available. Ken Foster will have raffle tickets available at the May meeting for a Mossberg Patriot Night Train Rifle with all specs, a \$621.00 value. Raffle will be held on Sept. 5,2017. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Northern Dutchess will hold a Trout Derby, open to the public on April 23rd. Registration starts at 8:00 am and fishing will start at 9:00 am.

Delegate Bernie Walker suggested compiling a waiting list and open membership status list for clubs in the Federation to assist potential members in selecting a club to join.

Delegate David Compton announced the near future renovation of Amenia Fish and Game. The new renovations will include a underground 100 yd. shooting range with 24 hr. access with a key card. Construction set to begin in late April or early May. Enrollment presently open.

Paul Annetts announced he was contacted by Riverkeeper President /Paul Galay in which Paul is a member. They are looking help cleaning up Fishkill & Wappingers Falls Creek’s and other Hudson River tributaries on Saturday May 6, 2017. Check their site for additional information for these and other areas at sweep@riverkeeper.org or call 914 478-4501 ext. 234. Contact Jen Benson.

Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club has ½ million spent round casings in various calibers for sale at bulk price of \$0.2 per casing uncleaned. 9mm = 5000 casings per container =\$100.00, .38 cal. =3000 casings per container

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Guest List May, QDMA- Regional Representative Dick Henry, June NY Bow Hunters-Regional Representative Bob Ledrich, July National Wild Turkey Federation Regional Representative Biologist Kaylee Resha.

Paul Annetts contacted NYSCC President Chuck Parker where Paul is a member and got permission to send members a copy of grass Roots. Paul also has applications for those interested in this organization. It is important that we support this sportsman/sportswomen's organization which speaks for us. They particularly have an extensive listing of bills effecting sportsmen/sportswomen and their position on each bill.

National Wild Turkey Federation Regional Wildlife Biologist-Kaylee Resha sent Paul Annetts which is a member information on how some clubs may qualify for an NWTF biologist who may be able to provide guidance at no cost for landowners interested in creating and maintaining young forest or scrubland habitat on their land. The following New York State counties are targeted: Rensselaer, Columbia, Dutchess, Putman, and Westchester, however additional funding assistance may be available throughout New York State. Cost share funds may be available through Wildlife Management Institute's Four Year Regional Conservation Partnership Program award from the US Department of Agriculture National Resources Conservation Service to establish young forest habitat on private lands. The project is titled "The Young Forest Initiative for At-Risk Species". This means that the habitat work could be done at little or no cost to you with information regarding the program and possibly an in-person evaluation of your land. If interested you need to reply by June 5, 2017. NWTF Wildlife Biologist-Kaylee Resha 1024 State Route 66, Ghent New York 12075. (615)713-8320. Email kresha@nwtf.net

Next Federation Board of Directors Meeting April 24,2017

Next Regular Delegates Meeting May 11,2017

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Compton, Federation Secretary.

