



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

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### **September 12, 2024 Regular Delegates Meeting**

JB's Bar & Grill, James Baird State Park, Pleasant Valley, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:31 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: 27 people were in attendance, representing 18 clubs.

#### **Guests**

None.

#### **Financial Report and Minutes**

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on August 8, 2024 were approved upon a motion by Tom Gannon and a second by Chris Villa. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on August 26, 2024 were approved upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Don Carr. AIF

#### **Committee Reports**

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

Anthony Pittore – 3000 pounds of duck and pheasant meat was received. 1700 pounds were distributed, with some going Red Hook Responds, a food pantry. The regular guy who distributes meat donated it to about 13 different places. We are always seeking new food pantries too. About 1600 pounds remains to be distributed.

##### **Fish**

Anthony Pittore – The Stream Access committee needs to have a meeting soon. There is a new contact at DEC for this program.

The DEC stocked about 400 breeder trout in Sylvan Lake. But about 25 fish died due to weeds near the shore. It will be stocked by boat next time.

### Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore – 32 kids are registered; still need 3 more. But additional kids will not be turned away. There was a lot of paperwork to fill out this year, due to DEC changes. We always need help at this event. The 1<sup>st</sup> safety brief starts at 7:15 AM, with setup before then. We still need training help with the trap.

### Conservation Education

Dave Morrison - 6 sponsored kids attended camp. Because of less kids attending due to less camps being open, our sponsorship fund balance with the DEC has grown. We will be getting our unused funds back. We may need to consider other camp opportunities, due to the DEC opening less of their camps.

### Publicity

Anthony Pittore – Was asked a question about why we no longer have a booth at the Fair. Basically, we stopped due to Covid, and there has been no chairman to try to run it and staff it since then. The Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club exhibit is still opened every year, and there are volunteer opportunities there.

Anthony – The new website is in process of being created by Paradox Consulting. Several people will be trained to maintain the site content.

### Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon – The program is averaging 3-8 youth per week in attendance. It is slowly growing. Shoots are held Monday and Thursday evenings

### Legislation (and other conservation news)

Anthony Pittore – Attended his 1<sup>st</sup> FWMB regional meeting as the Dutchess County representative.  
Tom Gannon – Stated that everyone needs to get out and vote in November.

### **New York State Conservation Council**

No report.

### **Communications**

A memo was received about an upcoming DEC webinar on 9/18 at 1:00 PM about the spotted lantern fly invasive species.

### **Unfinished (Old) Business**

Tom Fiumarello – All spots are filled, and there is now a waiting list, for the upcoming canine first aid course. All attendees will get a full first aid kit and a field kit. Most attendees are from outside of the area. Three renowned veterinarians will be presenting. Tom thanked the Federation, amongst other groups, for sponsoring the event.

Anthony Pittore – The final paperwork for last year's NRA grant was submitted. This allows us to apply for a grant for this year. Last year's grant was used for ammo for our youth trap program.

### **By-Laws**

For the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of proposed changes from the committee, Tom Holsopple read and reviewed all the significant changes, and entertained discussion and questions. Insignificant changes, like typos, spelling, and grammatical corrections, were not read in their entirety. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be done at the next delegates meeting, after which a vote will be held.

### New Business

Dave Compton – Expressed his great disappointment of the low turnout of Federation members for Bill Conners' memorial service.

Anthony – Shared his disappointment too with the turnout, given all that Bill did for this Federation, and the sporting community at the county and state levels.

Hank Eichenhofer – Stated that Bill's wife was very appreciative of those who did show up at the memorial.

Tom Fiumarello – Suggested that we dedicate next year's clay shoot fundraiser in Bill's memory.

Dave Compton – Made a motion to have a plaque made honoring Bill. Jim Guyette seconded the motion. Motion was passed All-in-Favor. Details will be discussed by the Board of Directors.

### Announcements

Trout Unlimited is having their Stewardship on 10/4. See their website for details.

There will be a ***Tunnel to Towers*** sporting clay fundraiser on 10/17 at Mid-Hudson Sporting Clays Club in New Paltz. The cost is \$400 per person.

Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club will be holding a woods walk shoot this Sunday.

Dutchess County Sportsmen are having a gun raffle.

Neighbors Rod & Gun Club are having their Turkey Shoot on 9/22.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Next delegates meeting date: October 10, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple  
Secretary