



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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The Voice of the Sportsman since 1932

April 12, 2018, Regular Delegates Meeting

Copperfield's Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:34 PM by President Tom Holsopple

Pledge of Allegiance is Observed

A Moment of Silence: Observed for deceased law enforcement, military, and federation members.

Roll Call: 18 Clubs, 23 Members, 1 Guests Speaker: Elmer LeSuer from the Ulster Federation also on the board of directors

: **Guest:** Elmer LeSuer, serves on the Board of Directors of New York State Rifle & Pistol Association and he's involved with the Ulster County Federation asked to come and speak before the delegation to discuss an upcoming event. It's a firearms safety seminar geared towards women but everyone is encouraged to attend. The event will be held in Redhook NY on May 6, 2018 2:00pm-7:00pm. For more info on location go to www.Projectgunsafetyvillageofredhookny.cf. Mr. Lesuer also wanted to inform the delegation that New York State Rifle and Pistol has a 100% enrollment program. Any club that wants to do a 100% enrollment with NYSRP can write one check for all of its members and the general annual membership is reduced by \$10.00. The club can add the \$10.00 per member savings to their treasury or the member can save \$10.00 whichever they decide to do. More information is available on request. On June 2, 2018, there will also be a Hudson Valley Presidents Summit. The six Counties invited are Dutchess, Columbia, Orange, Greene, Sullivan, and Ulster. Each club president is invited to invite one guest. RSVP is required and the names of the attendees are required for the name badges. It will be a pancake breakfast. Doors open at 8:00am, breakfast 8:00am-9:00am, programming 9:00am-noon. Several guest speakers will be in attendance. The main goal is to unite the counties so we can network together. The event will be held at St. Mary's Hall in Kingston NY. RSVP elmer.lesuer@gmail.com

Delegates Minutes: Accepted

Board of Directors Minutes: Accepted

Treasurers Report: Accepted

Committee Reports:

Hunters Helping the Hungry: 6000 pounds of the game have been processed and distributed.

Dutchess County Fair: Volunteers are needed to staff our federation booth at the fair. From August 21st through August 26th. Four-hour time slots from 10am- 10pm. Slots will be filled on a first come first served basis. Each person is requested to volunteer at least 4 hrs. and two to three people are needed for each time slot. Please fill in the time slots. Contact Ken Foster for more info. (845) 452-8968

Family Fishing Day: April 29, 2018, at Overlook Park. Festivities starts at 9:00am – 1:00pm. Hotdogs, Chips, Water, and Soda will be provided free of charge to all participants. DEC will be coming with rods and bait. The pond will be stocked two days before the event. Approximately 800 trout will be stocked. It will be a fun day for all.

Junior Pheasant Hunt: Grounds are being prepared. More info to follow.

Conservation Camp: All slots are filled except one.

Legislation: So far the 2018 Legislative Session has yielded no benefit to the sportsmen interest.

Fish Stocking: First Round will be held on April 10 in Ten Mile area and the second round will be held on April 30 in the Fishkill area.

Outdoor Journal: Ad space pricing sheets have been distributed. All clubs are encouraged to buy at least one business card ad will pay for the cost to print the ad. Bill Connors is more than willing to assist with the layout of the ad. Call Bill Connors at 845 635-1606. Ideas for articles to appear in the Journal will be appreciated.

Legislation: So far the 2018 legislative session has yielded no benefits to the interest. Still hopeful for a positive outcome for 12 yr. old hunting bill and the 480B bill.

NYSCC: Spring Legislative Meeting at Herkimer College. The meeting starts at 9:00 am. There were a Fish and Wildlife Management Board meeting in March. The attendance was higher than usual, and the message was exceptionally well received.

Old Business: A local community group wants to put a trail through Reynolds Game Farm where we get our pheasants for the Junior Pheasant Hunt. Cornell is threatening to withdraw it's funding for community project unless it follows the rail bed the bisects the farm diagonally. The Federation will never support putting a trail through Reynolds Game Farm.

New Business: An incident involving the D.E.C where two federation members on club property were shooting unknowingly 350 ft. from an adjoining home. The D.E.C was notified. Federation officials spoke with the complainant and ensured the incident will never happen again. The owner agreed to drop the complaint. The gun club measured and marked the distance of 500 ft to ensure the incident does not repeat itself. It is recommended that all clubs measure their property lines as well as videotape their property.

The Federation has established a Facebook page. You can access the page by going to Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs. We will not accept political comments. All other comments and sportsmen photos will be accepted.

Announcements: There are four membership openings at the west Mountain Gun Club.

Pleasant Valley Trout and Game Club will host a Hunters Safety Education Course. Course dates are Sunday April 22,2018 9:00am- 5:00 pm Instructor Brad Forrest (845) 473-2309

Saturday Aug. 25, 2018 9:00am- 5: 00 pm Instructor Rob Fogg (845) 206-2451

Sunday Sept 23, 2018 9:00am- 5:00pm Instructor Ken Foster (845) 452-8968. For more info. Contact Ken Foster (845) 452-8968 or go to www.pytroutandgame.com click on Hunter Safety Training

50/50 Winner: Elmer Lesueur

Next Federation Board of Directors Meeting: April 23, 2018

Next Federation Monthly Delegate Meeting: May 10, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

David Compton, Secretary