



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

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### **November 11, 2021 Regular Delegates Meeting**

Elks Lodge, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:48 PM by President Chris Villa.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Villa.

A moment of silence was observed for armed services personnel, first responders, and past Federation members, and especially all veterans who have served, and currently serve, this country.

Roll Call: 30 people were in attendance, representing 19 clubs.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasiejko. All-in-favor (AIF).

A correction was noted in last month's minutes: the date of the Annual Dinner is 1/22, not 1/25 as reported. The corrected minutes of the previous delegates meeting on October 14, 2021 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on October 25, 2021 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

#### **Guests**

Hank Eichenhofer introduced his son-in-law Brian and Hank spoke about the need to recruit new members into our sporting organizations.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Annual Dinner**

Jackie Emslie reiterated that the dinner will be held on January 22, 2022 at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls. The cost is \$50 per person. Advanced reservations and payments are encouraged. Please send them to Jackie at 17 Corlies Ave, Poughkeepsie NY 12601, with checks made out to the Federation. Also let Jackie of any donations for the bucket raffle, such as tickets to club events, donation of range time, etc...

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

Anthony Pittore reported that he has received several phone calls, but has not received any recent deer donations. He encouraged the delegates to consider donating a deer to this very worthwhile program.

A question was raised about Deer Search and wounded deer tracking. Bill Connors answered that hunters should call the dispatch number at 845-227-5099, after doing due diligence in locating the deer yourself and obtaining permission to access any private property.

### Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore reported that there are only a couple of follow-up items left to complete.

### Conservation Education

Scott Emslie reported that emails were sent to eligible sponsored applicants who could not attend last year due to the camp closures caused by the pandemic. Scott provided applications for clubs to submit names for any additional unallocated sponsorships. The due date to have them back to Scott is Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. At this point, the state is expecting the camps to be open next year.

### Fundraising

Chris Villa identified the 13 clubs who have not yet responded by sending back money or unused raffle tickets. The drawing will be held at the Annual Dinner, where tickets will also be available for sale.

### Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Conners reported that no legislation is moving currently. However, the DEC is talking about initiating a task force to look at the lead ammunition issue. Bill will be speaking to the commissioner about the issue.

Bill also mentioned that Cornell University is starting a study on EHD, and that we need to support them in their efforts by sending in some deer spleen and blood samples. Bill will provide more details once he has received sample kits and instructions. Deer mortality from the disease has been especially prevalent in Dutchess, Ulster, and Columbia counties.

### New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners - nothing new to report at this time.

### Communications

None reported.

### Unfinished (Old) Business

Chris Villa stated that Bernie Walker is doing well in rehab after receiving a prosthesis.

### New Business

Pat Crisci from Mid-Hudson Trout Unlimited, spoke about various upcoming planned TU activities, including a fly-tying event, stream flooding mitigation projects with municipalities, tree planting along the Ten Mile River, stream bank stabilization, and Wappingers Creek cleanup. They are also looking into holding a fishing event for veterans, and sponsorships for some kids to attend a week-long fishing camp next June.

### Nominating Committee

Chairman Tom Lasko presented the committee's following nominations for office and directors for 2022. (The other committee members are Ralph Hafner and Bill Conners.)

President	Anthony Pittore
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Ken Foster
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Ralph Hafner
Legislative V.P.	Bill Conners
Secretary	Tom Holsopple
Treasurer	Pete Kraayenbrink

Directors (2-yr terms):

Tom Fiumarello  
Kevin Haight  
Ken Rose  
Bruce Hotaling

Nominations from the floor will be accepted next month, after which the election will be held.

### **Announcements**

Green Haven is holding a cash raffle.

Treasurer Pete Kraayenbrink stated that he sent out the bills to the clubs for the 2022 dues, along with information forms for clubs to update their officer and contact information. Please fill out and return the forms, even if there are no changes.

50/50 raffle winner – Jim Guyette.

Next regular meeting date: December 9, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple,  
Secretary