



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

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### **September 9, 2021 Regular Delegates Meeting**

Tina's Restaurant, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:43 PM by President Chris Villa

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Morrison.

A moment of silence was observed for armed services personnel, first responders, and past Federation members, and for those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks 20 years ago on 9/11/2001.

Roll Call: 30 people were in attendance, representing 22 clubs.

#### **Guests**

Don Meade, President of East Hook Sportsmens Association.

Judy Fiumarello, who was filling in for her husband Director Tom Fiumarello.

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on August 12, 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 August 23, 2021 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Annual Dinner**

Scott Emslie stated that he will have updated information at the October meeting.

Chris Villa encouraged all clubs to have representation at the dinner and to call Scott if you want to reserve a whole table for your group.

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

Anthony Pittore stated that the program continues to seek donated deer. He had one call recently which may result in deer from crop damage permits on a property in Pine Plains.

##### **Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt**

Anthony Pittore reported that he has received applications for 33 youth hunters, and is expecting 1 more. So 1 more application would completely fill the 35 available slots. The first hunt starts at 8:00 AM with prep work starting at about 6:30.

Help is always needed and appreciated. A committee meeting will be held on 9/13.

### Conservation Education

Scott reiterated that there are no camps this year. He will be reviewing the past 2 years' applications to determine if any are still eligible for next year.

### Publicity/Promotions

Ken Foster reported that Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club had a reasonable exhibit at this year's Fair. All 3500 of the Kid's Activity booklets were distributed by Sunday morning. Some cleanup and closing tasks will be done on our booth shortly. Tom Gannon, on behalf of Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club, thanked all who volunteered with their exhibit, especially the 6 folks from Dutchess County Pistol Association.

### Fundraising

Chris Villa has tickets available for the Federation's 50/50 raffle. The cost is \$20 per ticket. 6 tickets will be mailed to every club president, but Chris asked everyone to take additional ones to sell. If all 450 tickets are sold, then the grand prize winner will win \$4500. The drawing will be held at the Annual Dinner. This is our main fundraiser, which is used to fund our programs.

### Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon reported that the committee will be meeting soon to define a plan.

### Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Conners reported on the following items:

- EHD (Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease) has been reported in some of the deer herd. There was a large number of deaths in Madison County. 22 have been reported dead in Columbia County. It is spread by bites from midges (no-see-ums). The incubation period is 7-10 days, but then the deer usually die in about 8 hours. There is no evidence that it is spread from deer to deer or from deer to humans. Bill recommended that everyone be cautious when handling deer, e.g. use gloves. Call the region 3 DEC office if finding a dead deer.
- The Biden administration withdrew the nomination for the director of the BATF, who the gun rights community was strongly against.
- There is now a blaze orange/pink requirement when big game hunting with a firearm.
- Extended hours have been implemented (1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour after sunset).
- There is extra 9-day deer season in some WMUs.
- There is a holiday deer hunting season.
- Only 1 county, out of 42 applicable counties, has not yet adopted the 12-13 youth big-game hunting pilot program. That is very attributable to the outpouring of support from the sporting community. Bill thanked all who contacted their county legislators

### New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners stated that the Council had a recent convention. There was a mediocre turnout of about 30 delegates.

### Communications

None reported.

### Unfinished (Old) Business

Chris Villa reported that former delegate and Director Bernie Walker is doing well after his leg amputation and is in very good spirits. Bernie passes along his best regards.

Scott Emslie reported that pretty good attendance is expected for the Mid Hudson Friends of NRA Banquet on 9/17. It is less as compared to previous years, which was to be expected given the current pandemic conditions.

**New Business**

None reported.

**Announcements**

George Downing has Ducks Unlimited fundraising calendars.

Dutchess County Sportsmens Association will be holding a pig raffle.

Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club will be holding a .22 woods walk shoot.

50/50 raffle winner – Judy Fiumarello.

Next regular meeting date: October 14, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple,  
Secretary