



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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June 9, 2022 Regular Delegates Meeting

Elks Lodge, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:47 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.

Bill Conners mentioned another recently deceased sportsman, David Corr, who was a very active supporter of sportsmen at the state level, including CFAB.

Roll Call: 28 people were in attendance, representing 21 clubs.

Guests

ECO Deo Reed was in attendance and discussed the following:

- An ECO/Ranger Academy is ongoing.
- Dutchess County is down 1 ECO due to a promotion.
- The effect of EHD this year on the deer herd is still an unknown at this point. We will probably know better by the end of summer.

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on May 12, 2022 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasjejko. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on May 23, 2022 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasjejko. AIF

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner

Anthony Pittore inquired about pre-season prices at Villa Borghese and found that there are 2 dates available before the prices go way up for prime season: February 25th and March 4th. Upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a 2nd by Adam Yasjejko, the members voted to hold the dinner on February 25th. AIF.

A discussion ensued on how best to exempt this likely one-time date change from By-Laws rules. This was tabled for Board consideration.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore reported that about 250 pounds of game meat is awaiting distribution and he anticipates that will happen next week. He has HHH information cards available to anyone who wants them.

A concern was raised about donating potentially diseased deer. Bill Connors responded that experts have stated that EHD cannot be transmitted to humans, and that there are currently no known cases of CWD in NY. Contact Anthony Pittore at 914-755-9667 if you have any questions

Fish

Ken reported that about 60 kids attended the recent City of Poughkeepsie PAL Kids Fishing Day event at Morgan Lake. Some trout were caught.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

The hunt is scheduled for September 24. 1 application has been received so far.

Conservation Education

Scott Emslie stated that there is nothing new to report.

Fundraising

Ken Foster will have the annual raffle tickets available at the August meeting. It will again be a 50/50 style of raffle.

Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Connors reported on the following topics:

- The NY bill to outlaw hunting contests did not get passed.
- There are a number of gun related bills that were passed, or will likely be passed in NY, as listed in a summary report that Bill handed out.
- One included a strange bill that related to the "Firearm Violence Research Institute".
- There is a current Federal bill that would allow a tax deduction for taking a firearm safety course. This should be supported by the sporting and gun rights communities.

Youth Trap Shooting

In addition to meeting every other week at Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club, Tom Gannon stated that shoots will be held on June 16th at Southern Dutchess & Putnam Sportsmen's Assn. at 6:00 PM, and on June 30th at 110 Rod & Gun Club. Tom handed out informational flyers.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Connors mentioned that the Federation took out a sponsorship for the Council's Golf Tournament. But the status of that event is unknown at this point.

Communications

None reported.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Chris Villa reported that former Director and delegate Bernie Walker is doing well and now walking with a cane. Bernie will be looking for an apartment in the area, preferably a month-daughter type of arrangement. Contact Chris Villa at 845-226-6272 if you know of a suitable apartment.

New Business

Anthony Pittore reported that the Elks Lodge is now charging \$28 per person for the cost of our dinner here (an increase from the current \$25), starting tonight. The change was not communicated in a very good way. There was a lot of discussion about various factors including, meal value for the price, applicability and consistency of the venue, lack of comparable centrally-located venues, the benefit of even having a meal at meetings, etc... Due to the short notice, the Federation will pay the extra \$3 tonight.

It was decided to hold next month's meeting here, at the new price, while suggested alternatives are considered, or a new more-binding agreement can be reached with the Elks Lodge. \$2 for the 50/50 raffle will also be considered, to round up the amount to \$30.

Announcements

On June 23rd, Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited will be holding a fishing day at Whortlekill Rod & Gun Club for Veterans. The attendees are already established, but help is always welcome.

50/50 raffle winner – Scott Emslie.

Next regular meeting date: July 14, 2022 (at the current meeting place – the Elks Lodge).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary