



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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June 13, 2024 Monthly Delegates Meeting

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

The meeting was opened at 7:38 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 21 clubs.

Guests

Kieran Reed was introduced. He is an ambassador for the 4-H shooting programs. Their goal is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge and with exploring leadership opportunities. The program works through county chapters and is in 47 out of 50 states, with about 500,000 kids involved. There are 27 shooting disciplines that the kids can compete in at the local, state, and national levels. The contact for the local chapter is Robert Jenks who can be reached at 845-656-6466,

ECO Deo Reed spoke on several topics. The latest ECO academy has started. There have been ECO transfers into and around Region 3. Striped Bass regulations changed, so the slot size limit is now 23-28 inches.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Adam Yaszko. All-in-favor (AIF).

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on May 9, 2024 were approved upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Adam Yaszko. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on June 3, 2024 were approved upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Adam Yaszko. AIF

Committee Reports

Annual Event

Anthony Pittore, speaking for chairman Dave Compton, stated that the tentative date for the BBQ is Sunday Oct 6th, tentatively at Freedom Park in Lagrange. Tentative ticket price will be about \$60, which will include 2 barbequed meats, several hot and cold sides, and soda and water. More to come at the next delegate meeting.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony reported that 1 deer has been received, and will be processed soon.

Fish

Tom Gannon reported that almost all tickets are in for the gun raffle, the proceeds of which will help fund a pavilion at Overlook Park in Lagrange where our fishing day events are held

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore reported that 3 kids have registered so far for the Sept 28th hunt. He will be sending out applications. He will also be sending out a letter to previous hunters to solicit more help at the event.

Conservation Education

Dave Morrison reported that 1 more kid signed up to attend Pack Forest camp. That brings the total to 6 kids that the Federation will be sponsoring. Dave noted that the state will officially open Camp Colby this year.

Fundraising

Tom Fiumarello reported that we are starting to get shooters for the Federation Clay Shoot fundraiser on July 27th. But one problem is that clubs will send a check for 1 or 2 squads, but provide no names. We need the names, which makes for a much easier registration the day of the shoot. Sponsor forms are available. We also need items for the bucket raffle.

Tom stated that 217 shooters are registered for the Canine Cancer Research Sporting Clays fundraiser this coming Saturday. Help is needed.

Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon reported that 6 shooters attended the last meet. One kid who has been a regular shooter, won several state events. Pleasant Valley Trout and Game has offered the use of their range on several weekday nights. Flyers are available.

By-Laws

The committee held its 1st meeting to review the By-Laws and propose changes.

Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Connors thanked everyone for their thoughts and well wishes for his wife who is recovering from an auto accident. Bill also spoke on the following:

- There are some new rules for applying to get pheasants for special hunts, like youth hunts. They plan to make more birds available, and will be doing more advertising of special hunts.
- The proposed law to eliminate the back tag requirement will likely be signed into law.
- As mentioned in previous meetings, the state will be converting to plain paper sporting licenses. Agents can charge a \$1 fee for the cost of materials. There is a commercially available water-resistant paper that seems to work well, if folks would want to print their tags on that themselves.
- Three new members have been appointed to CFAB. All three are minorities.

New York State Conservation Council

No report.

Communications

None reported.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Lucas Witten, the youth to whom the Federation donated money to stock some fish, thanked the Federation for our donation.

Anthony Pittore reported the purchase of a Federation banner that can be displayed at our events.

Some hats embroidered with the Federation name will be provided to Board members. Once we see how they come out, more hats and other apparel will be considered.

Anthony cleaned up our Silver Lake access property of brush and leaves. He will be putting up signs to prevent further dumping there and asking ECO Reed to help with enforcement.

Hank Eichenhofer suggested engaging a club in that area to help maintain the property.

Regarding getting up-to-date club contact information, Anthony made available club info forms. The secretary will email out the latest Directory within the next month, so that clubs and delegates can confirm the information and then provide any updated information.

Hank Eichenhofer re-iterated his opinion that in-person visits to clubs will help get more involvement.

New Business

Geroge Herman of Ti Yogi Bowmen club is seeking help with an open house at the club on August 3rd. He is looking for things like demos, displays, exhibits, etc... The event is intended to get new members in the club. It is a bow-only club. George can be reached at 845-656-7375.

Anthony Pittore created a Facebook page specifically for the CAF.

Announcements

None.

Next regular meeting date: July 11, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary