



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

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### **November 12, 2020 Regular Delegates Meeting**

Crum Elbow Sportsmen's Association, Hyde Park, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:23 PM by President Chris Villa

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ralph Hafner.

A moment of silence was observed for armed services personnel, first responders, and past Federation members.

Roll Call: 18 people were in attendance, representing 17 clubs.

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on October 15, 2020 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yaszko. AIF

There was no Board of Directors meeting held since the last delegates meeting.

#### **Guests**

None

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Annual Dinner**

Bill Connors reported that he has been in contact with Villa Borghese and they would be accommodating for the dinner. However, Bill recommended that given the ongoing situation with the pandemic, we postpone the dinner.

A motion was made by Scott Emslie and seconded by John O'Donnell to postpone the dinner until conditions permit. The delegates approved the motion AIF.

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

Bill Connors, reporting for Anthony Pittore, stated that all of the meat that was in the freezers has been distributed. It was noted that there has been approximately 20 food pantry and lunch box types of organizations that have received the meat over the years.

##### **Conservation Education**

Scott Emslie reported that he has not yet received any news of the start of the camp registration process, and has not even heard if the camps will be held next year. The kids that did not attend this year due to the camp cancellations, will be given first choice for next year, if the camps are held.

## Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Connors provided a written report and highlighted the following:

- He has been following the EHD situation. There are still reports coming in about dead deer, probably because the area has not yet had an extended freeze. The last official count for Region 3 was 1100 dead deer, but likely actually higher. Bill suggested that hunters with DMP permits in the region may want to consider holding off on filling their tags to allow the deer herd to rebound.
- The public comment period has ended on the proposed extension of the deer season and it sounds like there are a wide variety of opinions about it. The proposed season dates would be from Dec 26<sup>th</sup> to Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, and would only allow bows, crossbows, and muzzleloaders. The state FWMB (Fish & Wildlife Management Board) is not taking a stance on the proposal itself, but rather has taken issue with how it was brought about, like in a very behind-the-scenes way.
- The DEC has announced that there will be no extra ECOs on duty during the upcoming deer season, as there has been in the past.
- According to CFAB (Conservation Fund Advisory Board), there were about 15% more licenses sold this year as compared to last year. Accordingly, revenue from those sales increased as well, but the actual amount is still to be assessed.

## Youth Trap Shooting

Chairman Tom Gannon reported no further progress, mainly due to the pandemic.

## New York State Conservation Council

Bill Connors reported that the Council will be closing the physical office which would help financially. But they have made other financial decisions which do not support a viable organization in the short-term or long-term. Bill recommended that the Federation and member clubs and individuals postpone sending in their upcoming annual dues until the Council can present a viable financial/business plan.

## Communications

A request was received via email from Brian Mihans (delegate from NAVHDA) to suspend the policy of not emailing minutes to the delegates. A motion was made by Bill Connors and seconded by Scott Emslie to email meeting minutes to the delegates until we can resume a regular meeting schedule. The motion was approved.

## Unfinished (Old) Business

None reported.

## New Business

Bill Connors reported Penny Hickman is not doing very well from her medical issues. Bill nominated Penny for a Director Emeritus position. Upon a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Emslie, the delegates voted in favor of bestowing that honor to Penny.

President Chris Villa polled the membership about cancelling the December meeting due to the pandemic. The consensus agreed that no December meeting will be held.

## Nominating committee

Since the December meeting was cancelled, the delegates agreed to overrule the associated By-Law and hold the election of officers and directors tonight.

Committee Chairman Tom Lasko presented the following slate of nominations:

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

Directors (3 seats with 2-year terms ending 12/2022)

Dave Compton

Scott Emslie

3<sup>rd</sup> seat open (Bernie Walker declined to run again)

Tom asked for nominations from the floor 3 times.

Upon receiving none, Scott Emslie moved that the nominations be closed and the secretary cast 1 ballot for the slate as presented. Upon a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralph Hafner, the delegates voted AIF.

### **Announcements**

Scott Emslie reported that the Friends of NRA banquet was ultimately cancelled. The entire prize set was split into 5 packages (includes a gun in each package), which will be raffled off. 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Banquet ticket holders were given 1<sup>st</sup> chance to buy tickets. Anyone who wants to purchase a ticket should contact Scott. There are also Gun-of-the-Year raffle tickets available. The drawings will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ken Foster stated that tickets are still available for Pleasant Valley's annual gun raffle.

Tom Lasko stated that Manchester Hunt Club has some openings for membership.

Next regular meeting date: To be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Holsopple,  
Secretary