



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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June 8, 2023 Regular Delegates Meeting

Short Hills Restaurant, Washington Hollow, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:32 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: 26 people were in attendance, representing 20 clubs.

Guests

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on May 11, 2023 were approved upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Hank Eichenhofer. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on May 22, 2023 were approved upon a motion by Jim Guyette and a second by Hank Eichenhofer. AIF

Committee Reports

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore – No new donations received; the cooler is empty. Anthony is still planning a cleanup day for some time in the next 1-2 weeks hopefully. He will enlist some help when the time comes.

Fish

Ken Rose – The City of Poughkeepsie PBA did not hold their tentative Kids Fishing Day. Morgan Lake is fairly weed-choked by now.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Anthony Pittore – Has applications available for the hunt, which will be held on Sept 23rd. 1 application has been received so far. Anthony asked the delegates to distribute the applications as much as possible, since we like to have a full complement of youth participating.

Bill Conners – He is not sure yet if the state will have birds to provide. Even if they don't, we will supply birds, since we supplement the number of birds anyway. Although this year, it may be chukars in case we cannot get pheasants.

Conservation Education

Anthony Pittore - Only 2 kids are signed up to attend the Pack Forest camp, which was confirmed per the accounting by Treasurer Pete Kraayenbrink. A discrepancy was raised from Neighbor's delegate Bob Haan about a 3rd kid that used one of our sponsor codes. Anthony will follow up with Scott Emslie.

Fundraising

See Old Business.

Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon – 5 youth attended the last shoot and 3 attended this week's shoot (tonight). Several are regular attendees who are very good shooters. One will be attending an upcoming national competition.

Anthony Pittore - Commended Tom for his efforts with this program.

Bill Conners - Recommended that the Federation purchase a flat of ammo to support the program. Upon a motion by Hank Eichenhofer and a second by Tom Fiumarello, the delegates approved the recommendation AIF. Three other individuals offered to donate 1 flat of ammo each as well.

Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Conners – The State Senate session is now over, but the Assembly still has session a few more days. Based on his review of outstanding bills of importance to the sporting community, and that the Assembly could possibly vote on, none seemed to be detrimental.

The lead ammo bill seemed to have stalled, and the current law allowing 12-15 year old youth to hunt big game, seems to be safe for now too. But you never know given the strange legislative process in Albany.

Bill noted that Kevin Haight is still working on getting the county legislature to approve the use of straight wall rifle cartridges for big game. Those calibers are allowed in other counties and states in areas that have shotgun only regulations.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners – There is a meeting in August. The Council may use the Legislative Guide that Bill provided for us, as a template for their purposes.

Communications

A Thank-You card was received from Lagrange Parks & Recreation Dept thanking us for our participation in their Muddy Hands Festival.

A flyer was received from West Mountain LLC for several upcoming NYS Pistol permit courses.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Anthony Pittore – provided flyers, registration forms, and sponsor forms for the *Federation's 1st Annual Best of the Valley Sporting Clay Shoot* on July 15th at Mid-Hudson Sporting Clays facility in New Paltz. He encouraged all to post the flyers at clubs, businesses, etc...

Event chairman Tom Fiumarello - It should be a great day with good food, gun raffles, other raffles, good targets, and comradery. Sponsors are needed. So far about 5 teams have signed up. Individuals are encouraged to sign up too and will be assigned a squad. However, while non pre-registered persons showing up the day of the event is OK, it is not encouraged due to planning the amount of food and activities. Please pre-register. If someone wants to attend the meal only, the cost is \$40 per person.

Bill Conners – Since this is in part a fundraiser, it is a great opportunity to use it in lieu of the annual raffle ticket fundraiser. But the level of participation will determine that, so he strongly encouraged the delegates to spread the news and solicit a lot of participation from the clubs.

Tom Fiumarello – Reminder of the upcoming Canine Cancer Sporting Clay Shoot fundraiser on June 17th at the same Mid-Hudson venue in New Paltz. The funds raised will benefit Cornell canine cancer research and facilities, which many dog owners have utilized for their ailing canines.

New Business

None reported.

Announcements

110 Rod and Gun Club will be holding a Sporting Clay Shoot on June 25th as a fundraiser to support 2nd Amendment gun rights. The cost is \$60 per shooter. Registration starts at 8:00 AM with the shoot starting at 9:00 AM. All proceeds will be donated to New York State Rifle & Pistol Association.

Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club .22 Woods Walk shoot on June 18th.

50/50 raffle winner – John Lucas, who donated the winnings back to the Federation.

Next regular meeting date: July 13, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary