

Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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November 9, 2017 Regular Delegates Meeting

Whortlekill Gun Club Hopewell Junction, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:36 PM by President Paul Annetts.

Attendance: 22 members, 17 clubs, 2 guest

Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence

Guests Speakers None

Minutes of the previous meeting: Accepted

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting: Approved

Treasurer's report: Accepted

<u>Communications/ Legislative:</u> Paul Annetts received a letter from Andrew Zammikiel ,one of the kids that attended Camp Debruce on a scholarship in 2016. Andrew went on to credit the Federation for allowing him the opportunity to certify to hunt in New York along with many other fun things he enjoyed at camp.

1st V.P Anthony Pittore discussed the 2018 Budget which will be discussed in detail at the next meeting. Bill Connors reported at problem in on a State property called West Mountain on the Dover/Beekman Town line where there's 830 acres. There's a informal shooting range on the property. The range is legal, but it is being misused by a term called "promiscuous shooting". However, along with the recommendation of Bill Connors, the range has been shut down.

Bill Connors also mentioned a Second Amendment Case may be taken up by SCOTUS concerning excluding the most popular semiautomatic rifles and magazines from the Second Amendment protection and (2) whether they may be banned even though they are typically possessed for lawful purposes, including self-defense in the home. State Dems introduces Bill to ban Bump Stocks.

As far as the Borius Ponds issue, no decision has been made.

Reminder was made to inform all member to certify their handguns with before the end of the year.

Committee Reports

Hunters Helping the Hungry: The distribution of Game Meat this year has been very successful. Now that we're starting a new year 350 Lbs. of game has been distributed.

Dutchess County Fair: Nothing to report.

Junior Pheasant Hunt: 35 kids attended. Amazing day for all who attended. Lots of kids got birds.

Conservation Camps: Conservation Camp applications are out and must be turned in by Dec 31, 2017

Federation Dinner: Dinner will be held at Villa Bourghese on Jan. 27,2017. 5:30 cocktail hour, 6:30 will be dinner. More Info. Coming. Jackie Emslie and Scott will handle the bucket raffle again this year, and they're asking all clubs to donate please contact Jackie at jslie@earthlink.net

Nominating Committee report The 2017 nominating committee report was read at this meeting and the slate stands as Officers: President Tom Holsopple, 1st V.P Anthony Pittore, 2nd V.P Robert Pascocello Legislative V.P Bill Connors, Secretary David Compton, Treasurer Peter Kraayenbrink.

Directors: Ken Foster, Kevin Haight, Penny Hickman, Ken Rose, **(Tom Holsopple), Vacant

(Adam Yasiejko). Next month nominations from the floor will be accepted should a delegate want to place a mane in nomination. We will call for nominations (3) times and then close the nominations. The Nominations Committee will then ask if the delegates wish to vote for individual positions for officers and directors or would you prefer that the Secretary cast a single ballot for the slate as presented. If a nomination has been made, the balance of the slate could be addressed by a single ballot and an election held for any seat that has been challenged.

New Business None

<u>Announcements</u>: Mid-Hudson Friends of the NRA Winter Blast will be held on December 3, 2017 Sunday from 4pm - 8pm. \$35.00 per person, plenty of food and CASH Bar, silent auction, and bucket drawings. For more info. Contact Jackie Emslie at 914-475-4901

50/50 Winner:

Next Federation Board of Directors Meeting November 27, 2017

Next Federation Monthly Delegate Meeting December 14,2017

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM

Respectfully Submitted
David Compton, Federation Secretary.