



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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February 13, 2020 Regular Delegates Meeting

Pino's Pizzeria Restaurant, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:43 PM by 1st Vice President Anthony Pittore.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bernie Walker.

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

Roll Call: 21 people were in attendance, representing 18 clubs.

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on December 12, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Tom Lasko. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on January 27, 2020 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Ken Rose. AIF

Guests

Anthony Pittore presented *Dick Sandison* with a certificate appreciation for his many years of volunteering at the Junior Hunter Pheasant Hunt (JHPH) and Hunter Education classes at Camp DeBruce. Mr. Sandison thanked all for the award and encouraged everyone to help at the JHPH event, which is a great experience for the volunteers as well as the kids.

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner

Bill Conners, reporting for Penny Hickman, stated that about 90 people attended the dinner and based on the feedback, it was very well received and a successful event. He thanked Jackie & Scott Emslie for running the raffles. In the future, if anyone needs to have a whole table reserved, please make that known at the time you make the reservation. Bill stated that we did receive a complaint from NYS Assemblywoman Didi Barrett (D), who was not at the event, but apparently thought her staffers in attendance should have been better recognized. The complaint was not considered important.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Bill Conners, again speaking for Penny, reported that a little over 6000 pounds of game meat has been distributed this program year so far. Bill noted that the butchering facility is now locked and some keys distributed. Contact Anthony Pittore or Bill, for any needs or problems. The cooler is not locked, so people can still drop off deer there. A question was raised if bears are accepted. The answer is yes, as well as moose. We also receive deer from outside of the area, and from culls.

Anthony read the list of places that receive the donated meat. See the addendum at the end of this report.

Conservation Education

Scott Emslie reported that 13 kids were selected for sponsorships to the DEC camps (Only 13 applications were submitted by the clubs.) The DEC opened the registration process at 1:00 PM on 1/26. Of our 13, 10 kids are registered, 1 is on the waiting list; 1 did not apply (for unknown reasons), and 1 never responded to our communications with them. Nearly all of the camps were filled within a day, with 90% filled within 4 hours.

Fish

Ken Rose reported that 535 trout were stocked in Morgan Lake.

Anthony Pittore stated that our annual Family Fishing Day at Overlook Park will be held on April 26th. It is a free fishing weekend statewide.

Youth Trap Shooting

Tom Gannon reported that the next committee meeting will be held On Feb. 26th. Tom stated that he reached out to a contact at Our Lady of Lourdes High School, but no progress yet.

Legislation

Bill Conners stated that there is not much new to report on the legislative front. The State budget process is ongoing. Bill discussed the new deer feeding regulations and the rationale behind them.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners reported that the Council has a revamped website, but is not very impressive. Council finances continue to be an issue.

Bill stated that the 2019 Bear Harvest report is available. 24 bears were taken in Dutchess County. He will email the report to the clubs.

Bill Conners made a motion to allow the Board of Directors to make the decision to sponsor 1 woman to the *Becoming an Outdoors Woman* program. Upon a 2nd by Ken Rose, the delegates approved the motion (AIF).

Communications

Anthony read an email from Jackie Emslie thanking all who donated to the raffles at the Annual Dinner.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Contact Bill Conners to get a permit to use our parking area and access point at Upton Lake.

New Business

Tom Lasko suggested that sportsmen and sportswomen should consider participating in the Hyde Park Fourth of July parade. Organizations can march in the parade. Tom is seeking interest from the clubs.

Announcements

Various Northern Dutchess events were announced. See their web site for details.

Scott Emslie spoke about the upcoming annual Mid Hudson Friends of NRA Fundraising Dinner on April 24th. Raffle items are still available for clubs or individuals to underwrite. This helps to fund the event. Half of the funds raised at the dinner stay in NY and are distributed via a grant program. The other half goes to the NRA Foundation which funds various programs, like the Eddie Eagle and Women on Target programs.

There is a new ECO in Region 3 - Charles Eyler.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Dick Sandison.

Next regular meeting date: March 12, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary

Addendum

Recipient organizations of the game meat distributed from the Hunters Helping the Hungry program:

- Poughkeepsie Food Pantry
- Salvation Army, Poughkeepsie
- Wingdale Pantry
- Unionvale Sr. Citizens Center
- Verbank United Methodist Church
- Valley Bible Fellowship
- River Church, Poughkeepsie
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, Poughkeepsie
- To God Be The Glory Food Pantry
- Poughkeepsie Lunch Box
- Wappingers Falls Food Pantry
- Dutchess Outreach
- Millerton Food Pantry
- Community Action
- Fishkill Food Pantry
- Pine Plains Methodist Church
- Hudson River Housing
- DC Community Action, Dover Plains
- Pawling Community Resource
- Beacon Community Action
- 8 individual families in need (43 people total)