



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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August 8, 2019 Regular Delegates Meeting

Maura's Kitchen Restaurant, Millbrook, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:44 PM by President Chris Villa.

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: 30 people were in attendance, representing 23 clubs.

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

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on July 11, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Bernie Walker and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on July 22, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yasiejko. AIF

Guests

None

Committee Reports

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Penny Hickman reported no change since last month's report.

Junior Hunter Pheasant Hunt (JHPH)

Anthony Pittore stated that he has 5 kids signed up as definitely attending and some more probable. He is still seeking about 18 more to fill to capacity. The kids need to have a valid hunting license to participate. Applications will be mailed out soon and emailed to the delegates as well. As always, help is needed for this event.

Conservation Education

Pete Kraayenbrink stated that in today's hunter education class at Camp DeBruce, there were 11 kids under 12 years old, so they could only use BB/pellet guns for the live-fire portion of the class.

Publicity/Promotions

Ken Foster reported that volunteers have committed to all but 3 time slots at our booth at the Dutchess County Fair. Some minor layout changes will be done on the booth and there will be a section of wall for club event advertisements. If any club has material they want to have available there, please get them to Ken ASAP.

Bill Connors thanked everyone for their response to his request for updated club contact information for the listing to be printed in the Kid's Activity booklet. Bill has the proof ready to go to the printer. Bill stated that the booth was in great shape and still very clean. We will have a slide show again this year showing pictures of the outdoors sports.

Club 36 Annual Raffle

Anthony Pittore mailed some raffle tickets to clubs whose delegates had not taken any yet. He encouraged all clubs to participate in this, since it is the only fundraiser that the Federation currently holds.

Youth Trap Shooting

Anthony Pittore announced that he set up an RSO (Range Safety Officer) class for anyone who wants to help with the youth shooters. The class will be held on 8/25 at Lloyd Rod & Gun Club in Highland at a cost of \$50 per person. Whortlekill Rod & Gun Club will be the initial club to provide ranges for the shoots, which are planned for Wednesdays and Sundays, probably starting within several weeks.

Legislation

In response to a question, Bill Connors reported that the Safe Storage Act went into effect immediately upon the governor's signature.

A new knife law was also passed and signed. It makes it illegal in NYS to manufacture, sell, or possess a knife that cannot be detected by a metal detector, like an all-ceramic knife.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Connors reported that the Council is still struggling, both financially and with effectiveness. Although due to the current state of affairs in Albany, it is very hard to have any legislative impact.

Bill discussed the free fishing on Lake Ontario and the Niagara and St. Lawrence rivers, until Labor Day. Also discussed was the internal DEC battle between ECOs and Forest Rangers. A result is that rangers (and not ECOs) will have responsibility for patrolling all state lands. There are also proposals for regulation changes regarding out-of-state deer carcass handling changes. The impacts are not yet clear..

It was noted that the new Hunting Regulations Guides are in short supply. Some town clerks have them, but most don't yet. The shortage is supposed to be rectified by Sept 1st.

Sullivan County hunter are still pursuing making it legal to feed deer. Bill Connors stated that in his opinion, there should be no activities allowed that would foster the spread of the CWD disease. Aggressive tactics have kept it out of NYS. Scott Emslie made a motion for the Board of Directors to draft a letter on the Federation's stance on feeding deer, which would then be brought before the delegates to vote on. Hank Eichenhofer seconded the motion. The motion passed AIF.

Communications

Scott Emslie announced that the NRA grant program is now open. The deadline to submit applications is 9/4. Links to the online applications can be found on www.friendsofnra.org.

Unfinished (Old) Business

None reported.

New Business

Mike Butts thanked the Federation for involving him with DEC meetings on developing trout fishing and stream management proposed regulations changes. It was noted that is has been a long time since the DEC revised their trout stream management plan.

Announcements

Scott Emslie has tickets for the Mid-Hudson Friends of NRA gun raffle.

NAVHDA will be holding a youth pheasant hunt on 9/8 at East Mountain Preserve in the Amenia/Dover area. It is geared toward youth that have little or no experience with hunting.

Ken Foster announced various events at Pleasant Valley Trout and Game Club, including trap shooting, the annual Swine & Dine dinner, and a gun raffle.

Mike Butts announced that Trout Unlimited has books on county streams available for sale. Cost is \$20.

Anthony Pittore stated that if clubs want to expand the advertising of their events, they can friend Anthony on Facebook and he will post them on the Federation's Facebook page.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Tom Lasko.

Next meeting date: September 12th, at Maura's Kitchen Restaurant in Millbrook.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary