



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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June 10, 2021 Regular Delegates Meeting

Tina's Restaurant, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:41 PM by President Chris Villa

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Lucas.

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

Roll Call: 30 people were in attendance, representing 21 clubs.

Guests

Rich Guertin, candidate for the State Supreme Court running on the Conservative line, addressed the audience and spoke about his background and reasons for running for the office. He answered several questions from the floor.

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 May 13, 2021 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yaszko. AIF

There were no Board of Directors meeting minutes, since there was no quorum present.

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner

Bill Connors and several others are working on this event. Scott Emslie volunteered to follow up with Villa Borghese on possible dates, ideally in late January which is our usual timeframe for the dinner.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Anthony Pittore reported that most of the duck meat was distributed. As always, the program is seeking deer donations from nuisance permits. Anthony can be contacted at 914-755-9667.

Fish

Ken Rose stated that he will have a final stocking report in the next several months. Overall, the number of trout stocked in the county was down. Bill Connors stated that will likely be the case going forward based on the new stream classifications and public fishing access.

Jr. Hunter Pheasant Hunt

Committee chair Anthony Pittore distributed flyers and applications for the event. He noted that the flyer has the wrong date, so please correct it before passing them along. The date is Sept 25th. This will be the 27th year of the hunt. Anthony asked for help and can be contacted for information. 7 youth are registered so far. The hunt can accommodate up to 35 total.

Publicity

Ken Foster stated that it looks like the Dutchess County Fair will be held this year, but the specifics are still fluid. Given the known factors at this point, the committee is planning to run the booth as a static exhibit, with no volunteers staffing it. As a backup plan and if conditions change (e.g. less pandemic restrictions), Ken circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers (2 per time slot). Bill Conners is seeking youth hunting and fishing photos for the booth.

Bill Conners reported that he will likely have some kids coloring booklets published again, even if it is just to allow wildlife exhibit host Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club to have something to hand out at the exit point. It was noted that the fair organization will have online ticket sales only starting 6/15, but a ticket will be for a specific day, unless restrictions are further lifted.

Legislation (and other conservation news)

Bill Conners reported the following:

- A wanton waste law is being promoted, which will hopefully eliminate deer taken on DMAP/DMP permits from going to waste.
- Dutchess County still has not opted-in to the law that allows 12-13 year-old youth to hunt big game with long guns and crossbows. But progress is being made. Bill handed out a NYS county map showing which counties have already opted-in.
- Conservation Officer / Forest Ranger academies are being planned for 2022.
- The state bill to ban lead ammo ban public land looks likely to be passed, so sports men and women should plan for that in the future.

Annual Raffle

Still to be discussed by the Board of Directors.

Youth Trap Shooting

Chairman Tom Gannon stated that the committee is starting to get re-engaged.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners reported that the Council is still tight on finances, which is nothing new. Bill is not a proponent of their latest “pay a bill” fundraising effort. He feels it is better just to ask for general donations instead.

Communications

None to report.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Chris Villa stated that former Director Bernie Walker is not doing as well as last reported. He has more upcoming surgeries.

New Business

None reported.

Announcements

Jackie Emslie handed out a flyer of upcoming events, including classes, NRA Banquet, and election dates. She encouraged the delegates to consider joining Viola Rod & Gun Club in marching in the Hyde Park Independence Day parade on July 3rd. She also suggested becoming an elections inspector, which is very rewarding.

Jackie read a letter to our U.S. State Senators, opposing the person nominated to be the head of the BATF. She handed out and then collected some signed copies of the letter that she will mail.

Several shooting events were announced for Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club, Millbrook Rod & Gun, and Crum Elbow Sportsmen's Club.

50/50 raffle winner – Pete Kraayenbrink.

Next regular meeting date: July 8, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary