



Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

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June 13, 2019 Regular Delegates Meeting

Maura's Kitchen Restaurant, Millbrook, NY

The meeting was opened at 7:33 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: 29 people were in attendance, representing 24 clubs.

The minutes of the previous delegates meeting on May 9, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yaszko. All-in-Favor (AIF)

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on May 20, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yaszko. AIF

The Treasurer's Report was accepted upon a motion by Scott Emslie and a second by Adam Yaszko. AIF

Guests

ECO Deo Reed reported the following.

- No major cases to report. Things have been fairly quiet lately.
- The academy is ongoing, although some recruits have dropped out.
- It seemed like it was a short striper season this year.
- Retired ECO Hodor has not yet been replaced, and may not be replaced at all.

Communications

An email was received from a fisherman stating that he was told by neighbors that he needs a Federation pass to use our Silver Lake and Upton Lake access properties. Response was that is not true, except that Upton is closed for the time being. A person may use the Silver Lake access as a guest of the Federation.

Committee Reports

Annual Dinner

Penny Hickman stated that the Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 25th, 2020 at Villa Borghese.

Hunters Helping the Hungry

Penny reported that 6,995 pounds of game meat have been distributed so far this year. About 120,000 pounds have been processed through this program since 1998.

Junior Hunter Pheasant Hunt (JHPH)

Anthony Pittore stated that the hunt will be held on 9/28/19, and that applications are available. The limit is 35 kids, and applications received will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. As always, help is needed and greatly appreciated.

Conservation Education

Scott Emslie stated that one of the kids who went on the waiting list, was able to claim his code to attend camp.

Publicity/Promotions

Ken Foster reported that there were still 9 time slots open for volunteers to help at the Dutchess County Fair booth. The need is for 3 people per 4-hour time slot for the 6 days of the fair. Ken still needs some individuals' names for clubs that signed up. He will have the \$5 admission tickets at the July meeting for the volunteers. Bill Conners is working on the Kids Activity Booklet to hand out at the fair.

Club 36 Annual Raffle

Anthony Pittore has the raffle tickets available. Drawings start at the October meeting.

Legislation

Bill Conners reported on the following:

- Regarding the lead ammo ban bill on state land, details of the bill and support in Albany is still in flux. If it passes, depending on the end-result wording, the kids may not be able to use lead ammo at the Junior Hunter Pheasant Hunt.
- As an example of the thoughts in Albany these days, there was a suggestion of the DEC stocking trout that are resistant to climate change. Not sure how that would work scientifically.
- There was also a bill for the APA (Adirondack Park Agency) to define boundaries for private property owners to contain "sprawl" in the Adirondack Park.
- The current legislative session is due to end on June 19th.
- The Safe Storage Act exempts shooting ranges. The wording of the law revolves around "a gun is under the care and control" of an adult.

New York State Conservation Council

Bill Conners stated that the Council's Fall Convention seems to be DEC centric, which may preclude other important issues. This is the tight cash flow time of year for the Council. So Bill reminded the delegates that if their club is a Buck-A-Member supporter, to send in the monies early if possible. The number of the Council office is 315-894-3302, or call Bill at 845-635-1606 if there are any questions.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Tom Gannon, chairman of the ad hoc Youth Trap Shooting committee, reported that 4 clubs signed up so far. The committee is working on defining more details that some of the clubs have requested before signing up.

New Business

Chris Villa asked those in attendance for feedback on the new meeting venue (Maura's Kitchen).

Bill Conners polled the attendees for those who want to be on the standing reservation list. If on the list, you must call by the Monday before the meeting if you will not be attending. The restaurant will hold us to the number of reservations we make for each meeting.

Call **Anthony Pittore at 845-755-9667** or **Chris Villa at 845-226-6272** to cancel a standing reservation or to make a reservation.

Anthony Pittore passed around a sample of hats with the Federation name on them, looking for interest. Shirts, jackets, etc... can also be purchased with from the same source. A selection and price list will be emailed to the delegates. The provider can be contacted directly: Jack at 845-464-8516.

Announcements

Bill Conners stated that the wife of deceased Federation Director Joe Molinaro is very ill and to keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

The Friends of NRA committee is selling gun raffle tickets, which helps to seed the organization's events like the annual banquet. Contact Scott Emslie.

Washington Hollow Rod & Gun Club is holding a gun raffle. Contact Adam Yasiejko.

Pleasant Valley Trout & Game Club is also holding a gun raffle. Contact Ken Foster.

Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club is holding a Veterans Sportsmen day and raffle.

There will be a Trappers Education course held on July 22nd at the Millteron Rod & Gun Club. Pre-registration on the DEC web site is required.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Bernie Walker.

Next meeting date: July 11th, here at Maura's Kitchen in Millbrook.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holsopple,
Secretary