



# Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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## MEETING MINUTES March 15, 2022: Canoga Sportsmen's Club

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Greg Wadhams @ 7:10

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call of Members

Attendance: 15 members, representing 8 clubs, two guests (Tony Drahms NYSDEC; and Greg Flood (US Forest Service))

### Minutes from February 15, 2022, Meeting

Approved.

### Treasurer's Report

- reimbursed Tony Drahms \$70 for expenses from Fall Youth Hunt
- Received and deposited dues from 3 clubs
  - Unpaid: 4-H Shooting Sports, and Waterloo Sportsmen
- Paid: Quarterly Dues for Web Hosting \$75

Motion to accept: Phil 1<sup>st</sup> motion; Norm 2<sup>nd</sup> -- motion passed

### Correspondence/Communications

Tony Drahms reported that deer season was very busy for the DEC. Youth Deer Hunt in October was the best Deer season --

Youth Deer hunt -- 24 kids; 21-22 deer harvested; Earl Martin donated as well - Youth Turkey hunt - April -- Matt Lochner is the contact for that. -- 3-day hunt; TR dinner; Sat and Sun hunt -- in Yates County

Tony was promoted in January -- Tomp/Tioga/Broome County -- no Seneca County officers anymore; Seneca waiting on being backfilled; current LT sliding over to Monroe -- most likely Kevin Thomas will be taking over for the region; has been involved for some time

Safety update of 2021 deer season -- safest on record -- one fatality in Phelps -- Thanksgiving morning 9 HRSIS just injuries; 1 fatality -- nervous about virtual hunter ed program, but no impacts seen thus far orange mandate/blaze seems to have been effective

2021 -- early season and late season --> takes will be out in April sometime; most likely early and late season will continue -- also continuing the holiday hunt; not sure if counties will have to opt-in

pushing hard on crossbow bill -- for entire bow season; getting rid of or reducing 17" minimum, planning to have academy this year (starting May 27<sup>th</sup>) and next year -- no positions were backfilled since COVID, just starting to promote and then backfill to restore staffing levels.

Requested donation for Youth Turkey Hunt -- Tony Drahms =====>>>>>>> usual donation is \$150 motion carried -- Federation to donate \$150

2<sup>nd</sup> Guest Speaker: Greg Flood - wildlife biologist -- looking for donations for youth fishing derby

Bill Preston solicits donations for youth derby --

100 kids/year; in a stocked pond

2-5; 6-9; and 10-12 --> give out prizes

next years is 25th annual

average expenditures in a given year is broken out as follows:

Donna Brewer donates \$500

Cargill Salt donates: \$500

In general around 700-1500/year for total expenditures - lunch/food/fish stocking/prizes/buy bait, etc.

on National forest -- officers go and community police; 4-5 ECOs attend; many people from Seneca County

some questions on the tributaries and fishing  
Dec/jan timeframe -- solicit donations; roughly 10-15 donations/year  
usually held 1st or 2nd Sat in May (varies based on when the day falls)

Motion made to run the program through the Federation so that donations come in and are allocated to an account specifically for this program so that the program funds can be spent using the club instead of requiring Congressional approval for disbursement of funds out of the US Forest Service Account.  
Motion approved.

Also had a discussion on vegetation and work on the area and building out stem density for the grasslands.  
Advised that Hector brought in nearly 250K in additional funds through Forest Service dollars for projects at the Forest – this is on a typical yearly basis and these funds are above and beyond Congressional dollars. Working on headcutting, trail erosion, aspen regeneration work.

#### Committee Reports

None.

#### Delegate Reports

FWMB -- meeting dates is now 1st TR; Bill has other commitments and unable to attend the meetings.  
Continuing to look for volunteers for FWMB. Bill advised he did attend the last meeting and was very impressed with the representation present and the number of topics that were covered. There was some discussion of the Duck Hunting at the head of Seneca Lake.  
Tom will provide the meeting notes after this meeting.

#### Old Business

- Greg on Doug's Fish Fry --> booked until Sept; up to club to get permission and advertise - min. \$1,000; percentage above \$1K is split
- Bill Ryan: sent SMI letter requesting funding for 4 DEC camperships -- Mark Benjamin advised will pay 3 @ 350 - 1,150 + \$500 for C. Scott Sampson scholarship -- \$1,550 in totality
- Aaron Youngs is going to send his son to DEC camp; registration now delayed until April - only 2 camps open this year; for 7 weeks, vs typical 4 camps - try to sign up very first day if interested.

#### New Business

Dieter sent emails about some bills being sponsored -- microstamping and excise tax on ammunition  
Woodburning ban due to carbon

Tony advised Open burn ban 3/16 -- exemptions for certain fires and celebratory bonfires

Gary advised pam Helming has link on her website to fight the \$0.01 penny/shell tax

Buckskin Bowmen Chicken BBQ – (\$12/each) 6/25 -- @ Lafayette park

FLCC has BBQ 3/26. pre-sale \$11/each or 5 for \$50

NWTF – Youth Day 6/11 @ North Seneca 17 and younger  
bring non-perishable food item enter a drawing to win BB gun or two; and they have door prizes  
lifetime hunting license to one youth that does not have license -- archery/ trapshooting build birdhouses, some casting with fishing group -- Ed Mitchell brought people out in the past -- last year had 74 kids

#### Motion to adjourn -- Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned @ 20:35.

Next meeting: April 19, 2022 @ Lodi Sportsmens' Club