



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

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### MEETING MINUTES January 17, 2023: MacDougall Sportsmen's Club

#### Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Greg Wadhams @ 7:05

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call of Members

Attendance: 8 members and 2 guests, representing 8 clubs.

#### Minutes from December 20, 2022, Meeting

Minutes approved. VP taking minutes as the Secretary not present.

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer not present VP read his e-mailed report.

Paid: NYSCC annual dues \$250.00 and Buckhorn Sportsmen "Shoot for Hope" donation \$100.00

Set up a separate checking account for the Finger Lakes National Forest Youth Fishing Derby.

Report approved.

#### Guest speakers

ECO Lt. Matt Lochner reported that there have been no hunting related personnel injuries so far this season in Region 8. There was a dog shot in Schuylar County and a house was hit by a bullet in Livingston County. Deer processor's have said that they are busier than last year. ECO's did a spot light enforce action in Steuben County that resulted in an across the state pursuit into Pennsylvania and an arrest. Also, during a CWD check along the NY/Pennsylvania boarder there was an arrest for drug possession. There has been a nice rack white deer taken outside the Deer Haven Park fence but still on their property that is under investigation. The possible reason that white deer are not being seen along the Deer Haven Park fence on 96A is that there is 120 acres of corn planted and the deer do not need to go to the mowed fence area to eat. Matt also extended an invite to the Federation to help with next years Youth deer hunt.

ECO Tim Brown said that so far in Seneca County he has issued four violations for various deer tagging issues. Not much going on, which is a good thing.

Correspondence/Communications None.

Committee Reports None.

Delegate Reports None.

#### Old Business

Buckhorn Sportsmen "Shoot for Hope" donation of \$100.00 has been paid.

The President got in touch with Bill Stewart the Wildlife refuge manager to consider updating the hunting policy. To allow black bear hunting as NYS already has a season for black bear state wide. Mr. Stewart stated that the refuge sets hunting seasons based on resident populations of game and that there is no resident population of black bear on refuge property. The black bear that was illegally taken was passing thru. So, for now there will be no change. He stated that he would be willing to come to one of our meetings and give a presentation to us about the refuge. We will be contacting him to set up a date.

No update on Senate Bill S-9601 sponsored by Senator Shawn Ryan. There is no House bill so it will most likely go nowhere.

Again, a reminder to check your pistol permit recertification date. It is now every 3 years. Your date is being changed without them notifying you.

Printed copies of the 2023 meeting schedule was available.

#### New Business

The New York State Conservation Council is in need of financial as well as personnel help. There are vacant positions that need to be filled. It was suggested that they can do a gun raffle as a fund raiser.

Election of Officers was held this year's officers are: President Greg Wadhams. Vice President Norm Ridley. Treasurer Bill Ryan. Secretary Tom Grasek. New York State Conservation Council delegate VACANT. Alternate delegate Bara Wells. NYSDEC Region 8 Fish and Wildlife Board Delegate Tom Grasek Alternate delegate VACANT. Finger lakes Conservation Council Delegate Greg Wadhams. Alternate delegate VACANT. The three Directors at Large are Norm Ridley, Ron Pesta and Gary Brewer.

#### Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 21<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the Kuneytown Sportsmen's Club. Food will be served at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7 pm.