



Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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FL Conservation Council

National Rifle Association

NYS Rifle & Pistol

NYS SCOPE

MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2026: at Lodi Rod & Gun Club

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Greg Wadhams @ 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members

Attendance: 8 members representing 8 clubs and two guests.

Minutes from March 17, 2026, Meeting

Read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Deposits:

Annual dues from six clubs \$700.

Paid:

Finger Lakes National Forest Youth Fishing Day donation \$100.

Postage for mailing out scholarship packages to local schools \$23.20.

Report approved.

Treasurer reported that all clubs had now paid their dues.

Guest speakers: Bill McGuire and Scott Buisch who are representing "Seneca County Friends of Bruce Blakeman". Bruce Blakeman who is running for governor is a 2nd amendment supporter. The Friends are getting his name out there to as many people as possible. Most people do not know who he is. His running mate for Lt Governor is Sheriff Todd Hood he is focused on keeping New Yorkers safe. The friends have taken out full page add in the Seneca Shopper and hope to run at least three more before the November election. The adds are costly and the SCFSC cannot donate or endorse a candidate for office. The Friends are hoping that individuals who value their gun rights will step up and donate. But the most important part is we have to get out and VOTE there is no excuse not to. If all gun owners voted our gun rights would be protected.

Committee Reports: NONE

Delegate Reports: Our Delegate to the NYSDEC Region 8 Fish & Wildlife Management Board attended the March 12th meeting. He read the minutes of that meeting and some discussion occurred. Those minutes will be posted on our WEB site.

SCFSC Secretary and our delegate to the New York State Conservation Council attended their Spring meeting April 17 -19th 2026. The Secretary gave a report on the meeting that report is attached.

Old Business.

Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (SCFSC) has a website www.senecacountyfederation.com . Should you need information about the SCFSC you should be able to find it listed there.

Our President attended the SCOPE Annual meeting Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Montour Falls Moose Lodge in Montour Falls, New York. It was attended by approximately 140 people. The All-Members session included guest appearances by Bruce Blakeman and his lieutenant governor running mate, Madison County Sheriff Todd Hood. They expressed strong support for the Second Amendment. Blakeman emphasized his

backing of law enforcement and said he would use executive orders to bring New York State firearms laws into alignment with the U.S. Constitution. They spent a lot of time answering questions from the audience. The goals for the coming year include developing and implementing a social media strategy, strengthening coordination with other Second Amendment organizations across New York State, launching a Get Out the Vote initiative, continuing efforts to educate both policymakers and the public on firearms legislation, and contributing to legal efforts supporting Second Amendment rights in the state.

New Business:

A lot of discussion on all the various legislation pertaining to hunting, fishing, firearms, trapping etc. one of the ways to stay informed is to visit the NYS Conservation Council web site and click on the GET INVOLVED then Bill tracking. There you can see the status of any bill. With information for you to TAKE ACTION. Do it yourself don't figure you don't count or that someone else will do it.

There is also a great need for all members to get out there and recruit the younger generations into hunting, fishing, shooting sports and trapping.

Another factor is there are basic and huge cultural differences between rural and urban areas. This again is another reason to get out and VOTE.

UPDATE: The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will be closing on the purchase the old boy scout camp Babcock-Hovey end of April. It appears that no matter what they use it for any unused/undeveloped land would be added to the Willard WMA. Our letter did make a difference.

Make sure your club is informed on what is happening as it pertains to our interest.

Read these minutes at your meetings and ask that your members attend the SCFSC meetings.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 Host club Finger Lakes Conservation club at Waterloo American Legion 7 E Williams Street, Waterloo. Food at 6:30 pm meeting at 7 PM.

ATTACHMENT:

NYS Conservation Council two-day Spring meeting was held on April 18th and 19th, 2026.

The first day April 18th was held at Conesus Lake Sportsmen's Club Conesus, NY. Our NYSCC Delegate and the Secretary attended the day. This is their brief report and does not contain everything that was discussed or presented at the meeting. Once the council has published the minutes to the meetings, a more detailed report will be given.

Senator Pam Helming showed up and spoke about how she appreciates the council legislative watch and keep her informed on our stance on the various bills. She stayed for the morning committee sessions and visited a couple of them.

The main focus of the meeting was the review of the 14 committees. ARCHERY & BOWHUNTING, CONSERVATION EDUCATION & ANTI SPORTSMAN, FIREARMS & AMMUNITION, FISH & MARINE RESOURCES, FUR RESOURCES, BIG GAME, SMALL GAME, HUNTER EDUCATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT, LEGISLATION, PUBLIC ACCESS, HABITAT, NATURAL RESOURCES & FORESTRY, RESOLUTIONS, WATERFOWL and Credentials Committee. Each committee should consist of one member from each of the 9 NYSDEC regions. Most of them still have opening should you want to join one. Each committee gave a report on what they had done so far this year. How many times they have

met either in person or virtually.

Then each committee met and reviewed any resolutions that had been submitted pertaining to the area of that committee. There was a total of seven resolutions submitted. Results of the reviews will be submitted by May 1st. More on them in the future.

The committees were each given a list of Active Legislation that pertained to their committee for review and to recommend a position of support, oppose or none. Part of the committee's purpose is to monitor this legislation and alert the council. So that the council can put out a TAKE ACTION ALERT thru e-mails and other social media. Informing all council members to take action to either oppose or support the legislation and to forward it to all their members. The more we express our views/letters to our legislators the better.

There was also NYDEC Reports, NYS DEC K9 Demonstration, US Fish & Wildlife presentation on Fish & Aquatic Conservation, and Cornell University - Bear Harvest. All very interesting.

Second day included a private tour of the Caledonia Fish Hatchery, Visit/Observe Leroy Jr/Sr High School Trap Team at the Oatka Fish & Game Club and a visit to the Big Springs Museum.