



Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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MEETING MINUTES June 16, 2026: Waterloo Rifle & Pistol 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 7 clubs.

Minutes from May 19, 2026, Meeting

Read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Deposits:

None

Paid:

FingerLakes 1 Quartey web hosting \$75.

Finger lakes Conservation Club Kids Fishing day \$250.

Waterloo High School Trap club \$200.

Romulus High School Trap Club \$200.

South Seneca High School Trap Club \$200.

New York NWTF Hardwood Strutters JAKES DAY \$200.

Report approved

Guest speaker: None

Committee Reports: C. Scott Sampson scholarship has been awarded to Fenton Ziemba. He is about to graduate from Trumansburg High School and will attend SUNY Morrisville. His career goal is to work in conservation. He is an avid hunter and hiker. He is a Trumansburg Trap Team member; National Honor society member; Trumansburg Fish & Game Club member. There's also more in his application.

Delegate Reports: Our delegate to the NYSDEC Region 8 Fish & Wildlife Management Board attended the June 4th meeting. He read the minutes from that meeting and they will be posted on our WEB site.

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.

Ed Mitchell, Finger Lakes Conservation Club Thanked us for our continued support/donation to their 23rd Annual kids fishing day for kids and let us know there is still time to sign kids up. Pre-registration is required. Contact Bill Ryan (315) 651-8789.

Norm Ridley, New York's NWTF Hardwood Strutters Chapter president spoke of the JAKES DAY which was a huge success 94 youths participated and they did give away two lifetime NYS Hunting licenses. He thanked

us for our continued support/donation.

New Business:

Karen Burcroff, she is the delegate for the SCFSC member organization, Seneca County CCE 4-H Youth Development. She reported that she recently completed required 4-H training in archery. 4H approaches Shooting Sports in terms of a triangle with the bottom foundation being on education and safety, a smaller component on recreation, with the smallest component on competition. This allows for all youths (archery is ages 8-18) who just want to try shooting a bow and arrow all the way to those who want to really hone their skills and compete at the regional and state levels. If anyone knows of a youth who's interested, please feel free to have them contact Karen at klb353@cornell.edu or call CCE Seneca office at 315-539-9251. Additional disciplines (rifle, muzzle loader, etc) will be added as additional trainings are completed and staff are hired. Community members interested in becoming involved with Shooting Sports can reach out to Karen for more information.

Seneca County CCE will also be participating again at the 23rd Annual Kids Fishing Day! Staff member Chris Ehlers will be demonstrating how to filet a fish and will have recipes to share.

Karen is also the Chair of the Seneca County Suicide Prevention Coalition that is housed in the United Way of Seneca County. Last year the Coalition created and distributed 300 hunter safety kits through the 3 town offices that handle hunting licenses (Waterloo, Junius and Covert). Sample bags were shared with those in attendance and suggestions are always welcome on what to include, information that needs to be revised, etc. (there was some discussion about the tick-removal kit that is provided). The Coalition will be distributing an additional 300 kits this year with each kit containing a gun lock. White men are a high, at-risk group for suicide and guns are the number one means. Gun locks aren't just intended to keep children safe. Research has shown that having the lock and causing even a minute delay can allow a person to change their course of action. The Coalition also works on breaking the stigma associated with mental health challenges and promotes the use of 988 Crisis Lifeline (available 24/7, all calls answered by certified staff).

Received a letter from Lodi Rod & Gun Club they are sending three kids to the USA High School Clay Target League National Championship it is a four day event held in Mason, Michigan. It is scheduled to begin July 7. Motion made to donation \$300. Motion approved.

NYS High School Clay Target league Championship event took place at the Bridgeport Rod & Gun club in Cicero, NY on June 5th - 7th 2026. Waterloo, Romulus and South Seneca Trap Clubs all had students participate.

Waterloo Robert Pullen took overall HIGH GUN in the male novice division and Evan Morrin finished in 6th

SCFSC received 7 proposed resolutions from the New York State Conservation Council (NYSCC) which was also forwarded by email to all SCFSC member organization/clubs. These resolutions will be voted on at the Fall Convention August 28-30, 2026. SCFSC does not meet in July, August and our September meeting is after the convention. The seven member clubs present voted on the resolutions and the results will be presented to the NYSCC at the Fall Convention by our delegates, as follows:

01-2026 In Support of Voluntary Best Management Practices for reducing lead ammunition residues in wildlife.

In Favor.

02-2026 In Support of the way Tick bites are handled, re-educate doctors, testing of the tick, testing of the person bitten research. **In favor.**

03-2026 To secure proper representation for Individual salt water anglers on each of the three management bodies affecting New York's marine Fisheries. **In Favor.**

04-2026 Opposing a Ban on lead ammunition and endorsing a "Your ammo, Your Choice" model. **In favor.**

05-2026 Tax break/credit for property owners to allow clubs access for the purpose of hunting, fishing and trapping. **In favor.**

06-2026 Removal of Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 under coyotes within NYSCC positions statements, dated 9/2021. **In favor.**

07-2026 Support of a Constitutional right to hunt, fish and trap with science-based regulations by the State of New York. **In favor**

Discussion on the proposed Deer regulation changes. To Increase Harvest of Antlerless Deer.

Update: DEC Finalizes Regulations to Increase Harvest of Antlerless Deer the changes have been approved. The secretary e-mailed them to all members on our e-mail list 6/18/26.

The NYS Conservation Council Fall Convention is scheduled for August 28th, 29th and 30th At Handcock House Hotel and Catskills Fly Fishing Museum, Handcock and Livingston Manor, NY. Our Secretary and our Delegate to the NYSCC have said they plan on attending.

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 8:45 pm.

NEXT meeting: Tuesday, September 15th, 2025 which is the Recognition dinner/banquet at the Waterloo Sportsman and Conservation Club 2654 Edwards Rd Waterloo. Tickets and more information should be available at your club and on the SCFSC web site.