



Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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MEETING MINUTES March 16, 2021: North Seneca Sportsmen's Club

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Greg Wadhams at 7:08 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members

Verified quorum visually

Attendance: 14 members, representing 9 clubs, two guests (Tony Drahrs & Lt. Tim Fry NYSDEC)

Minutes from February 16, 2021 Meeting

Read by Secretary Folk.

→ Motion made to accept: 1st: Dieter; 2nd Phil -- Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Mitchell provided the Treasurer from Bill Ryan and gave a detailed report on all accounts.

Paid Quarterly web hosting (\$75); received dues from 4 clubs all deposited.

1 club paid on 3/15; leaving 7 Clubs still unpaid

Motion made to accept. 1st: Ed 2nd: John; Motion carried.

Correspondence/Communications

[This is both correspondence as well as old business: Mr. Youngs addressed the group at the beginning of the meeting since he was pressed for time]

Keith Youngs addressed the membership with respect to the NYSCC and the TRCP and the ongoing dialogue.

Mr. Youngs advised that the discourse has been divisive and the NYSCC and the Federation need to work together along with all of the other federations to show unity and to help to maintain cohesion and project strength and resolve as both organizations continue to try to represent and fight for sportsmens rights.

Mr. Youngs went into detail on the statements and advised that there was no endorsement or implied agreement with any other statement by the government or any other entity.

Mr. Youngs agreed that communication on this was an issue and an oversight and we all need to take steps to increase our level of communication and continue to work together for the good of all concerned.

Dieter spoke as well and recapped the meeting that Chuck Parker attended where he discussed the NYSCC and TRCP. Dieter re-iterated that the climate statement as written is far too open-ended and this is all very concerning with the new administration and the way things are headed.

Kuneytown Resolution was discussed, and Keith provided an overview of the resolution and its implications.

There was a lengthy discussion and initially we planned to hold until next meeting so that we could determine what the level of club support might be. Keith indicated that this is actually somewhat timely, and it would be important to get a response in the next couple of days to make it into this years cycle. Next meeting to discuss resolutions is 2nd week in April.

Dieter requested that a minor change was made in the language of the resolution – wanted it clarified that the training would be free → Keith agreed.

A straw poll was taken and the majority of delegates votes in favor of supporting this resolution.

Ed volunteered to contact all member clubs and respond by the end of the week with the outcome. Ed also advised that phone numbers continue to be an issue as many of the delegates use club numbers and when the club isn't staffed no contact can be initiated.

Thus: just to reiterate, please provide your direct numbers when completing the delegate sheets and if you didn't provide a number send an updated number to the secretary and we will get these proper contact numbers in place for the future.

Due to the timeliness of this, we agreed to say yes tentatively to this resolution and to re-engage with Keith by the end of the week with a final tally. On 3/17, Ed reported back that he had contacted all eight of the clubs that did not have a delegate at this meeting, and they all voted "yea" (Lodi could not be reached). Greg advised that the Federation had passed this, and Keith was so informed.

Another discussion ensued about the resolution process and the timelines. Dieter suggested that resolutions get to council as soon as possible and before the annual meeting. Keith indicated that there were some issues with face-to-face meetings which delayed the usual process.

Keith did speak briefly on the NYSCC and TRCP issues and advised that the council exists to represent the voice of the sportsmens clubs of the state of New York and communication is of paramount importance. Keith advised that as VP he can state unequivocally that this situation will not arise again and the clubs will be part of the process and will be informed of what is going on. Keith said Grassroots News is going out and if you aren't receiving it let Keith, or someone know.

Keith also indicated that the Council has been doing auctions for fundraising and the Council relies on and appreciates the support from the Federations.

Dieter asked about the Council and its fundraising programs and wanted to see if we could get an update. Keith volunteered to attend meetings and provide council updates.

NYS DEC report: Tony Drahrs indicated catching up on deer cases; had a few exciting things. Operation Backroad targeting decoy shooters. Had four or five guys one morning and one guy on another day that shot a real deer and then also shot the robodeer.

Youth Turkey hunt in April.

Introduced new Supervisor – Lt. Tim Fay; originally from Adirondacks and spent first fourteen years on Long Island. He covers Ontario, Wayne, and Seneca. Advised that the DEC is here for the sportsman and being embedded and part of the community is key. Continue to focus on poachers but then education and outreach programs.

Matt Lochner runs the Youth Turkey Hunt and funds typically go to him. Greg advised that North Seneca typically donates and the club likely will do so at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Delegate Reports

None.

Old Business

Outlined above – mixed into Correspondence/Communications.

New Business

None.

- Next Meeting: April 20th @ Lodi Sportsmen's Club
 - Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
 - Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Motion to adjourn -- Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.