



Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2019: Hosted by Waterloo Sportsmen's Club

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Dieter Kraemer at 7:02 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members

Verified quorum visually

Attendance: 15 members, representing 10 clubs; 4 guests [ECO Tony Drahms; NRA Scott Buisch; Candidate John Nabinger; Candidate's Consultant Jay Dutcher]

Minutes from April 16, 2019 Meeting

Read by Secretary Folk

Motion made to accept: 1st: Ron P.; 2nd Greg Wadhams . -- Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Ryan gave a detailed report on all accounts.

Motion made to accept. 1st: Ron P.. 2nd: Greg W. .; Motion carried.

Correspondence/Communications

Thank you letter from Finger Lakes National Forest – the FL Youth Fishing Derby was a huge success (24th Anniversary); 75 kids registered, the fishing conditions were ideal. Noted that event relies solely on generosity and support of local business owners and volunteers – hope to partner next year for the 25th anniversary.

Guest Speaker: John Nabinger addressed the club membership regarding his candidacy for Seneca County DA; following John's remarks Christopher Folk also addressed the club regarding his run for Seneca County District Attorney.

ECO Drahms: New class started – 42 ECOs, 16 Forest Rangers, some additional from Region 8. Transfer to start soon; unlikely to see changes until after deer season. Activity: a lot of fishing without a license; multiple open burns during burn ban; one interesting case – spontaneous admission when speaking with couple – wife says deer season was good and husband shot a 6 and an 8 point during regular season.

Committee Reports:

Scott Buisch advised that he is bringing NRA head litigator Chris Conte to the banquet on Thursday and Chris will be discussing the current state of affairs. Tom King from NYSRP will also be in attendance as well as another litigator that works with the NRA, Marie DeMarco

Committee Reports

Fred encourages people to obtain their tickets ASAP. --> Norm is going to help out with the door and need some assistance with setting up the Chinese auction.

Barb: reports headgear donated from Bass Pro includes hearing protection and integration with iOS/Android devices --> Barb is working on building the two prizes with the winner able to decide which prize; also working on silent auction items (Tom will develop those sheets)

Fred requests that leftover raffle tickets be brought in.

Bill reports currently 36 paid banquet tickets (update from Tom: 49 tickets paid for as of 5/22)

Bill reports one scholarship application received from South Seneca student (cutoff date is June 1st); first application appears quite impressive (going to college for Environmental Studies) --> winner will get invited to the June recognition dinner

Tom: sign committee need logos to be sent in; still hovering at 4 logos currently in-place. Some discussion, logos may have been sent directly to Keith.

Dieter requests that logos be sent to Tom and Keith – thereafter, Norm advised that clubs were individually contacted and asked to send in their logos directly.

Tom reports that Earl Martin will build the kiosk, while the club will be responsible for the cost of materials. Further discussion on whether a single-or double-sided sign makes the most sense – the sign committee will work through that.

Old Business

Drawing included all persons that had purchased raffle tickets – Butch Wells won the drawing.

New Business

- Greg discussed Finger Lakes Cons. Council phone conference --> report from that follows:
 - A lot of discussion around new and pending legislation;
 - Genesee County has a form letter to allow county legislators to adopt resolution to create “sanctuary counties” that pledge support for the 2nd amendment – this is being floated by SCOPE
 - Talk about splitting state into three economic sections based on socioeconomic factors; basis is Vermont’s split from NYS – this is legal but requires huge grassroots effort – Scott indicated nothing like this has happened since 1847 with Virginia/W. Virginia
 - NYS Cons. Council had elections: only change was alternate director (Greg) and the alternate moved up to being director and President Reynolds.
 - Dieter thanked Greg for taking on this role
- John Andrews: Region 8 FWMB Updates:
 - Bears: 2018 1,295 black bears taken; 491 in Northern Region; 804 in Southern Zone --> most taken in single day was Nov. 17th – 80 taken in the Southern Zone (6 of them were tagged and greatest distance was PA); 9% of the bears taken were by non-resident hunters and farthest away was WA state.
 - Need for all clubs to be involved – Kuneytown is promoting and trying to raise funds for 4-H Shooting Sports;
 - Assembly Bill 7627/Senate Bill S05818 --> bills which would allow 12-16 YO, those over 55 and physically unable to draw a longbow to use crossbow for entire season
 - Robin Finness new Big Game wildlife appointee;
 - Bobcat management plan set to be updated next year;
 - 6 deer in region 8 tested positive for rabies;
 - Sullivan County hosts one of the largest coyote hunting contests in NY
- Tom Grasek --> updates on 2019 meeting schedule
 - Officers & Directors: modify FWMA to FWMB; John A. is alternate; Tom G., is delegate
 - FLCC Alt: Nate Kennedy
- Barb inquired about Seneca County Supervisors attending Dinner:
 - Appears only Paul K., has purchased attendance.
 - Lisa Hochadel sent donation but unable to attend.
- Bill received application for individual membership from Bob Brannan (sponsored by Dieter Kraemer)
 - Dieter advised that Bob lives in Wayne Co., very active with Wayne Co. SCOPE and NYS-SCOPE (board of directors); has given presentation about different aspects of firearms, rules, laws, and regulations in NYS.
 - Bill made motion to suspend regular meeting and convene exec. Board meeting to approve Bob Brannan as individual member
 - Entered exec meeting; Bob’s membership approved;
 - Left exec. – re-entered regular board meeting
- Next Meeting: June 18th South Seneca Sportsmen’s Club – Member Appreciation Dinner
 - Dinner: 6:00PM; Meeting 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn 1st Ron P.; 2nd John A. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.