



Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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National Rifle Association
NYS Rifle & Pistol
NYS SCOPE

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MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2019: Waterloo American Legion – Finger Lakes Conservation 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: 23 members, representing 11 clubs; 1 guests [Keith Levanway (DEC)]

Minutes from June 18th Meeting

Read by Secretary Folk → Motion made to accept: 1st: Barb.; 2nd Norm -- Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Ryan gave a detailed report on all accounts. Expenses: Recognition dinner; donation provided to McDougall Hunting/fishing; NYSCC fall convention.

Youth hunting program is now up and running; recv'd donation from NYSCC officers association.

Motion made to accept. 1st: Norm. 2nd: Greg.; Motion carried.

Correspondence/Communications

Bill Ryan: annual dues notification from NYS Scope \$50; move to renew; motion carried

Dieter: advised that four articles appeared in FL Times related to anti-gun rhetoric. The Federation/Dieter submitted rebuttals to the paper. Dieter passed out copies of the letters that were sent.

Keith (DEC) guest speaker: some transfers coming through but no actual staffing changes to Seneca County – currently in the “calm before the storm” prior to the advent of hunting season. Advised that Tony wants to get continued financial support from the Federation for the Youth Deer Hunt (10/11 – 10/13 @ the Depot). There is a dinner for the kids on 10/11 as well as a guest speaker along with a tracking dog demonstration.

20 children signed up this year; last year was 13; 15% success rate last year.

Pheasant hunting at Audubon Center @ Montezuma; also supporting waterfowl hunt the weekend before @ the Audubon Center.

Motion made to make same donation as last year – motion carried (1st Ed; 2nd Mike).

William D: had question on the habitat stamps and previous pins; went to State Fair and all of the stamps were available. Tom advised that they are moving back to pins vs. stamps and all 10 pins are still available; this topic was discussed at Fish and Wildlife Management meeting. Tom said sales are roughly 30% higher than last year at this time (many sales taking place @ State Fair).

Phil raised the issue of scrubby trees and FingerLakes land trust and reserve cutting buckthorn trees down by Barrett Marine – Phil believes the land may have been transferred to the land trust and/or state land. A brief discussion ensued, and it was advised that State would rarely transfer land and if they did they would take something in return. Potential lease, but most of the discussion was speculative.

Committee Reports

Fred gave report on the raffle and banquet and the raffle items are: Henry Golden Boy .22 LR; Browning BT-99 12-gauge trap gun w/o recoil pads, Remington 700-BDL .270; Winchester XPR Sporter .243 with wood stock; Thomas CenterVenture weathershield 6.5 Creedmor --> Tickets 10 for \$10.

Meals for next banquet: discussion about venue and dinner choices, South Seneca, Interlaken Sportsmen's, and Waterloo Sportsmen's Club -- membership voted and decided to proceed with Interlaken Sportsmen's Club (apps included peel-n-eat shrimp, prime rib, baked potato & mixed vegetables, dessert vanilla ice cream with toppings) -- \$20.00/pp – price of tickets will be \$25.00/pp.

Interlaken chosen as venue – motion carried.

Annual fundraiser banquet will be Thursday May 21, 2020; Buckskin has the December meeting.

Motion carried with 19 ayes.

Recognition dinner will be at Waterloo Sportsmen's club – 20 ayes – motion carried.

Tuesday, June 16, \$16.50 for a steak dinner.

14 ayes, motion carried.

Regular May meeting will be at South Seneca Sportsmen's Club next year – motion carried.

Tom G: attended Region 8 FWMB meeting on 8/19, it was well attended.

See attached for details.

Wayne County advised flooding is beginning to recede, Middlebury college has been using SONAR to locate shipwrecks for the past 2 years.

10/5 Seneca White Deer extravaganza

NYSCC: formed 80 years ago; Annual meeting at Delta Hotel in Utica (10/6 – 10/7)

Tom: annual state meeting 9/16 – 9/17; Region 8 Alt. Sportsmen

Women in the Outdoors clinic was very successful; will be doing another one in the future

Contract for new DECALS system awarded and should be up and running for 2020 hunting season

Small game fur bearer biologist position has been added

Aaron Youngs: 9/6 and 9/7 → license sales up 3.5% over last year, 10% in reporting last year vs. previous years; promoting women in the hunting guides has been successful; big buck hunting club for the fall, 3,000 women have already signed up; potential of making habitat stamp mandatory (apparently other states do this). Reynolds game farm over \$1MM in improvements; there was a disease in the flock which damaged one pen, 1,700 birds had to be put down.

DEC put order in for 50 new cars this year; getting 30 new officers and 12 new rangers graduating from the academy (new schools is old elementary school in the town of Cincinnati).

Elections: Pres. Chuck Parker; 1st VP Keith Tidball, Legislative Vice-President Adam Pierson; Sec. George Gibbs; Treasurer Open, at-large director Ray Molato; Region 8: Mike Reynolds and alt. Greg Wadhams.

Discussion ensued on the Council and communications and being proactive; just a discussion, no resolutions.

William Dadson: asked whether bear have been reported in Seneca County; brief discussion

Greg Wadhams: Sportsmen's advisory council reached out for his views on the red flag laws – no recourse, lack of due process; lots of issues with the Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO)s.

Morelli's Town Hall gun control forum, mostly attended by black lives matters, mothers against gun violence, questions had to be submitted via notes and sent up. Morelli was promoting rolling out SAFE act to entire nation.

Old Business

Ed – second year trying to do something @ Seneca White Deer – NEED LOGOS; please get logos to Keith so we can get going on this.

SWD doing 1st annual deer run and fall festival, run with the deer race, asking for donations. Motion made to give \$250 donation, 1st. Barb; 2nd Ed – motion carried. Event is 10/5 will do financial support only this year, not enough lead time to have actual Federation presence at the event.

New Business

- Nate Kennedy provided certificates for clubs that offered support and assistance with 4-H Shooting sports (Waterloo Rifle & Pistol, North Seneca, McDougall, Kuneytown, and Buckskin Bowmen)
- Seneca County SCOPE doing gun raffle/cash prize every day in November \$20/ticket
- Bill Ryan advised Lodi Rod & Gun Club 10-gun raffle on 10/5; McDougall's Sportsmen's Club – National Hunting & Fishing Day 9/21.
- Ed Mitchell thanked everyone for coming to 16th Annual Kids Fishing day – 160 people attended
- Dieter was at Buckhorn Sportsmen's Club: one of the members had a discussion with several shooters and advised that earlier in September, there was a meeting with different LE agencies in Ontario Co. – Andrea Stewart-Cousins has been discussing CA legislation and BG check system with Gov. Cuomo -- New State Police superintendent is pushing for database to run BG ammo checks and also track/limit amount of ammo purchased by individuals
- Next Meeting: October 15th North Seneca Sportsmen's Club
 - Dinner: 6:30PM; Meeting 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn -- Meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.