



Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2018: Hosted by Buckskin Bowmen

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Dieter Kraemer at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members

Verified quorum visually

Attendance: 15 members, representing 9 clubs; 4 guests – [Anthony Drahms, and Tim Brown (NYSDEC); Juliet Kennedy, and Amber Labrado (DEC Camper sponsorship recipient)]

Minutes from November 20 2018 Meeting

Read by Secretary Folk

Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2018 were approved as printed and read. Ron P. moved; second by Ed Mitchell; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Ryan gave a detailed report on club finances; no funds received since last report; Fingerlakes1 quarterly web-hosting bill paid

Moved to accept John Andrews; second by Ron P.; motion passed.

Correspondence/Communications

- Bill Ryan: letter received from FLCC: in 2018, 2 youth were sponsored to DEC camps, seeking reimbursement for camperships; wrote letter to association and brought the 2 youth to meeting (Amber and Juliet).
 - Campers spoke @ meeting:
 - Juliet advised that she really enjoyed the DEC camp, water conservation, the flora and fauna;
 - Amber indicated that the camp was very educational she learned how to fly-fish, there was an overnight and they were able to pitch tents. Said the experience was and could be very beneficial for youth
 - Motion to reimburse: Ron P., second by Steven R. – motion passed.
- Dieter advised that a couple of years ago Pam Helming sent out a survey and that Assemblyman Palmesano recently sent one out as well (for those in Phil's district).
- Guest Speakers: Tony Drahms indicated the following:
 - FL Regional Youth Deer Hunt on Columbus Day Weekend (9three day event) was a success, Earl Martin allowed the area to be used for the hunt, there was a basecamp set up on the depot grounds. Facilitators taught the youth to be good stewards of the land. There were 7 deer shot, 9 misses – definitely want to continue to host and facilitate these events. Tony also brought framed picture of the youth hunt from Yates County.

- Zero fatalities from the youth hunts and no reports of any property damage or errant shots;
 - There were also deer processing demo's done by Dave Schillinger (Fingerlakes Deer Search)
 - Participation: looking at 20 kids this year, going to push harder next year for increased involvement
 - Next year: need to look into getting a food truck/vendor for lunches to fill the lull between 10AM – 2PM. 2019 dates: 10/12 – 10/14
- Tony also advised the Duck hunt was an excellent event this year
 - Tony brought DEC officer Tim Brown and left contact cards to get in touch with him. Tim was also involved in the youth hunt and plans to continue to be involved going forward. Contact card included Tim's phone and e-mail – if anyone needs this info., please advise.

Committee Reports

Banquet committee Fred he still has tickets

Venue: Waterloo Sportsmen's Club on May 23rd

Tom Grasek read report on Region 8 – added into minutes.

Old Business

SWD Reception center plaque: Ron P., called Pete Miller @ CQ Sign Company, a 4x8 sign would run around \$2,800 – sample images available at CQSignCompany.com. Ron requested Federation Logo (update – Logo e-mailed to Ron P., on 12/19).

Ed, Ron, and Tom will re-engage with Denis @ SWD to check on spacing/location of sign, some discussion of sign types/sizes, will continue to explore based on feedback from SWD.

New Business

- Elections next month: nominating committee formed consisting of Bill, Ed, and Norm
 - Dieter briefly discussed delegates and said if anyone is interested to contact him directly
 - New LT for DEC Zone: Aaron Gordon (he is planning to attend January meeting)
- Next meeting 1/15 @ MacDougall Sportsmen's Club (3800 MacDougall Road, Waterloo, NY 13165)

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 PM.

Region 8 Fish, Wildlife Management Board (FWMB) December 13, 2018 meeting. REPORT

Steuben, Genesee and Yates counties all sent letters to their county legislature asking them to write a resolution to protect the 2nd Amendment Rights of its citizens to Keep and Bear Arms and protect them from such laws to be unconstitutional and Beyond legislative authority.

Cornell cooperative Extension:

They are looking for test areas for ash tree protection using high volt low amp electricity. To kill the invasive emerald ash borer.

The slash wall fence project is working at keeping deer out with some minor maintenance to help address the regrowth of forests that have been damaged by over browsing of deer.

Ft. Drum study on deer travel has revealed that deer routinely travel 1-3 miles. The record any deer in the study traveled was a doe that went 150 miles with some bucks going 30 miles.

Farm Bureau:

Due to the wet fall season, there is still a lot of standing corn. This is due to the high moisture content in the corn. Farmers do not want to have to dry it as that is costly. Some corn may be left standing and not harvested.

NYSDEC Wildlife:

Head Wildlife biologist position still not filled. But expected to be within the next month.

Please attend habitat plan meeting for the various Wildlife management units. These plans can change if there are enough public comments. Oak Orchard plan, check DEC web site for dates and times.

Deer take for the first three weeks is up 7% from last season. Deer processors reported a back log and some stopped taking deer till they could get caught up.

Bear slightly down from last season.

This year a major rendering plant closed making the disposal of processed wildlife carcasses/parts difficult for deer processors. Some are now disposing of them at landfills and finding it cheaper than the rendering plant was. Most people don't know that animal carcasses can be brought to a landfill or placed in bags and disposed of in your trash/garbage pickup.

NYSDEC Fisheries:

Seneca Lake reports of not many lake trout being caught. The lake was not treated for lamprey control for several years which resulted in heavy lamprey predation on all trout species. Plus, there is a very large number of alewives present in the lake, which means that the trout have plenty to eat and makes catching them on artificial lures that much harder. Both Catherine and Cayuga creek were successfully treated this year and expect less lamprey predation in the future.

Keuka lake was stocked with 90,00 ciscoes' plus there was a massive die off of alewives. Cisco's at one time were naturally found in the lake the plan is to get them back with more stocking planed for the future. 43 of the cisco's were tagged with transmitters and numerous receivers are in the lake to tract them so far 33 are still alive that is considered an excellent survival rate. Data is being collected on their movements. Be aware the receivers have navigation buoys marking them but also have 100 feet of rope that can catch fishing lures best to avoid them while fishing.

Lake Ontario DEC lowered the restocking of lake trout this coming year again by 20% that's on top of the same reduction last year. The bait fish population just cannot sustain the higher numbers. Should result in a better caught of Chinook salmon.

There is talk of a size limit on perch for the finger lakes this will eliminate the commercial use/sale of perch caught in the finger lakes. Send letters to Region 8 with your comments on this most likely would not occur this season.

NYSDEC Law enforcement:

During January/February some DEC officers are assigned to start checking on unreported deer based on the Wildlife division reports compiled from their visits to deer processor and taxidermists. The reporting system will just show if the deer was reported. So even if you report it late as long as it's before an officer has checked then it will not result in a ticket. So, if you have not reported your deer yet do it now or get a call from an officer in January/February that may include a ticket and fine.

The ECO officer academy for this year is still moving ahead and is expected to start in May

DEC deer decoy has been busy it was set up in Yates County and within two hours three people took shots at it. The officers were just getting back into their vehicle when it would be shot at again. All three were issued numerous violations.

Here in region 8 there have been no one shot during deer season so far. The only hunter related injury has been a turkey hunter shot during the spring season this May.

There have been eight hunter related incidents in region 8. Houses/barns hit by bullets all are still under investigation.

Three heart attack deaths during the hunting season and some tree stand falls.

Three guys were arrested in Steuben county for killing eight deer after dark using car headlights. They are facing heavy fines and possible prison time. Based on the investigation it appears they were killing the deer just for the sake of killing. They are due in the Town of Woodhall court January 8, 2019 It would be good if sportsmen and women show up at the court to express their anger over this crime against wildlife and hunters. This can help ensure that they do get a heavy/maximum fine and possible prison time.

Legislation:

The new legislation session starts in January with a turnover of 15% new people. You can expect the storage requirement bill, Red flag bill, NCIS wait and the social media bills all to come along and have a chance at being passed.

Recommend people look up the Divide NY web site for information on dividing NY into at least two down state and us.

NYS Conservation Council:

If you or your club/organization are not members please join and/or donate.

The council needs each county to elect delegates to the council and then have them attend both the Spring/Legislative meeting April 13, 2019 Herkimer College in Herkimer, NY, and the Annual meeting September 6-8, 2019 Delta Hotel in Utica, NY.

NOTE: I have again this year been nominated to be the region 8 FWMB alternate sportsman delegate to the two state meetings held each year.