



## Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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### MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2019: Hosted by Canoga Sportsmen's Club

#### Call to Order

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

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call of Members

Verified quorum visually

Attendance: 23 members, representing 12 clubs; 1 guest – [NYS DEC ECO Tony Drahms]

#### Minutes from February 19, 2019 Meeting

Read -- Amendment: add in discussion of coyote hunt and also creation of bank account for youth sports.

Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2019 were approved as read and thereafter modified.

Motion made to accept: 1<sup>st</sup>: John Andrews; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Pesta. -- Motion carried.

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Ryan gave a detailed report on all accounts.

Received banquet raffle ticket money; ad money; as well as dues from seven clubs; also paid expenses to include quarterly web hosting; FLCC annual dues; as well as four donations approved last month: Regional North Instructors association; FL National Forest kids derby; South Seneca Trap Team; and Youth Turkey Hunt.;

Dues: only one club has outstanding dues.

Motion made to accept. 1<sup>st</sup>: Norm Ridley 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Mitchell; Motion carried.

#### Correspondence/Communications

DEC ECO Tony Drahms: contacted Peggy North; called Park on 3/19, looks like Sessler's are working on a long-term lease (potentially 40 years). To include marina, restaurant, campgrounds, hotel, amphitheater, fuel – desire to make this a “destination” location.

Park liaison recommended calling into park to get information: 315-585-6392 (Sampson); Regional HQ: 607-387-7041; Fred Bond (Regional Director); Joe Deal is the Park Manager. Contract is at Executive level now and believed to be in approval stage. In order to get this into the public eye, need to call and contact Park and voice concerns.

Latest estimate for opening is mid-June; unlikely to be open for Trout Derby, park is unsure of what will happen to Empire Passes.

Field Updates: nothing too exciting to report; couple of loaded guns from coyote hunters; chasing some snow goose hunters, ATV enforcement, ice-fishing enforcement, land-fishing enforcement; following up on deer hunters and lack of reporting from last year. Romulus trapping case; one defendant paid \$2,000; other defendant was a no-show.

Dieter: advised he had sent an e-mail to coordinator for SS High School trap team to get an overview of the team and their progress. Gary Brewer provided an update (his grandson is on the team) – Gary advised they practice every other Wednesday, start scoring in April. Schedule is still being finalized (league signups due by end of March).

#### Committee Reports

NYSDEC Region 8 Fish Wildlife Management Board meeting report given by Tom Grasek and John Andrews (report attached with minutes).

Tom is Region 8 FWMB alternate delegate; attending one of the two state meetings. John Andrews also indicated that 2018 was the safest year on record for deer season; Livingston County has been overrun with deer, at one intersection counted 109; with another 78 ½ mile further down the road. Big game – 12 years old to hunt deer, 10-year old able to shoot at range with supervision.

ECO Drahms: Yates County Turkey hunt is filling up quickly – only 5 spots left out of 35. Cayuga and Ontario County also have these, 12-15 years of age – reach out if interested.

Bill Ryan: Youth Sports Hunting Program, wanted clarification on motion that was made and accepted in February. Requests another person with signature authority be added to the new account – motion to add Ed Mitchell; will also include account information in the monthly treasurer's report.

Banquet Committee: Everything is proceeding. Still has Raffle Tickets for sale --> drawing will be at May meeting (\$25 prize).

Sign Committee: Keith said five people have responded so far (with the request for jpegs for the signage). Ed Mitchell also started general discussion about how many members take the minutes/discussion from the monthly meetings to advise their clubs of what is going on. Suggested that member clubs take meeting minutes to their clubs so they are better informed. Dieter also advised that clubs should check their renewal apps and ensure they have e-mail addresses for correspondence from the Federation. The more e-mail addresses we have the better, so that more people are privy to ongoing communications. Also need to get updated phone contacts on the delegate sheets for real-time communications that may arise.

Request to re-send the meeting list for the year – will e-mail out.

### Old Business

Scholarship Committee: Bill reports that packages are nearly ready to go out to the four school districts (C. Scott Sampson memorial scholarship).

Dieter: meeting on March 25 at Lyons Rod & Gun Club to discuss trap teams – Steve Sciarabba will be present for this informational meeting. Dieter told Steve that if donations are being requested, Steve will need to come to a Federation meeting, update the federation and make a request for donations.

### New Business

- Ed contacted Dieter after last month's meeting about Assembly bill: A00722 dealing with wildlife hunting contests and primarily the coyote hunts throughout the state. Currently in ENCON committee; Federation sent letter to Assemblyman Engelbright in opposition to the bill (also sent to sponsors, co-sponsors, and multi-sponsors of the bill). Dieter also discussed March 15, letter to the editor about Reed's co-sponsorship to hire more school resource officers and regarding the NRA – Dieter sent a response/editorial which should be published soon (Bob Reimer also sent a response).
- Sullivan County Federation: holds one of the largest coyote hunting contests in NY; Dieter contacted President of Sullivan Co. Federation with copy of the bill and Dieter's response.
- Region 8 needs someone to serve on the waterfowl task force: which is all set now.
- Dieter/Tom/Keith spoke briefly about the pheasant rearing/game farm.
- Wayne Brewer: family would like donation to 4-H Program; Dieter made motion; Barb second (Keith asked to amend to include 4-H Shooting Sports) \$100 donation (second by Tom) – Nate Kennedy who was present spoke briefly and accepted check for donation at end of meeting. Motion carried.
- Request for donation Hardwood Strutters NWTf Turkey Club fundraiser April 18 at Club 86, and Youth Day June 8 – North Seneca Sportsmen's Club. Barb made motion to donate \$150; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve R. – split between two days: motion carried.
- Keith: March 28<sup>th</sup>, stocking of Canoga Creek (brook-trout); need some help running buckets up and down the creek; and Canoga marsh wildlife management clean-up (3/30) – all day; starts at 10:00AM invasive species, trail-clearing, wood-duck boxes [Meet in parking lot by cemetery down the road from Canoga @ 09:30 AM]
- SF Ducks Unlimited: Annual Waterfowl party 4/6 @ Kuneytown (\$35 entry fee, includes one year membership to Ducks Unlimited).
- FL Conservation Club: Chicken BBQ -- March 30, Lafayette Park in Waterloo (pre-sale \$9.00)
  - Next meeting 4/16 @ Lodi Rod & Gun Club (9382 Lodi-Center Road, Lodi, NY)

Motion to adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> Ron Pesta; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Mitchell. Meeting adjourned..