

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

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ERIE COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUB'S, INC.**Member of New York State Conservation Council****Monthly newsletter and minutes**

1/27/05 - Elma Conservation Club

Call to order - 7:45

Pledge to flag lead by President Chuck Godfrey.

Roll call -- Officers and Directors

Excused: Joe Fischer

Installation of the officers Chuck Godfrey, Joe Fischer, Tony Gonnello Tony Scime, Tom Marks, Will Elliot, Mike Smith, and Don Davis and the new directors Steve Aldstadt, Spencer Schofield, Nelson Cronin, Dave Reed and Hal Lawrence. All were sworn in by DEC Officer Lt. Tom Scott.

Next meetings and locations:

2/24/05 - Bd. Meeting - 6:30--Gen. Meeting - 7:30 - George Washington Club, River Road, Buffalo

3/24/05 - Bd. Meeting - 6:30--Gen. Meeting - 7:30 - Millgrove Sportsmen

4/28/05 - Bd. Meeting - 6:30--Gen. Meeting - 7:30 - Evans Rod & Gun

5/26/05 - Bd. Meeting - 6:30--Gen. Meeting - 7:30 - Alden Rod & Gun

Quorum of member clubs -- Present: Alden Rod & Gun Club, Allied Sportsmen of WNY, Bison City Rod & Gun Club, Buffalo Rod & Gun Club, Deer Search, Inc., East Aurora Fish & Game Club, Inc., Eastern Lake Erie Charter Boat Assoc., Elma Conservation Club, Inc., Erie County Conservation Society, Erie County Trapper's, Hamburg Rod & Gun Club, Inc., Hawkeye Bowmen, Inc., Lackawanna Conservation Club, Lake Shore Fire Co. Exempt's Sportsmen's Club, Leo's Archery, Millgrove Sportsmen's Club, Niagara Musky Association, Inc., Niagara River Angler's Association, Niagara River Station Fishing Club, NWTf-Niagara Chapter, New York Bowhunters, Inc., Safari Club International, Inc., SCOPE - WNY Chapter, Southtown's Walleye Association, Inc., West Falls Conservation Society, Inc., WNY Trout Unlimited, FWMB, ECFS, Environmental Conservation Officer, Independent

If your club would like to host a meeting contact President Chuck Godfrey by phone at 675-0057, or e-mail - steelheader@cheekcentfcu.net

Approval of December Minutes: Motion to accept by Tom Fischer, seconded by Fred Langdon, motion was carried.

Secretary's Report – Tom Marks

Any one who would like to be added to the e-mail list for the minutes submit your name, e-mail address, and affiliation to steelheader@cheekcentfcu.net or tommmarks@verizon.net and request the minutes.

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Membership Report – Mike Smith

Thirty-six clubs have paid their dues for 2005 there are still twenty more who have yet to pay. Clubs fill out the forms completely and do not forget to add any e-mail addresses for anyone who wants the minutes sent to them.

Membership Outreach – The membership secretary would like all club presidents to consider attending at least one regular Federation meeting a year. This might not only prove to be a learning experience, but may also provide a better insight as to the importance of having representation on behalf of their clubs. If any club would like a visit from a Federation spokesman, please contact President Chuck Godfrey at 675-0057 or steelheader@cheekcentfcu.net. The president will also try to visit one club or so per month.

Treasures report: - Tony Scime

Tony gave a full financial report a motion was made by Nelson Cronin to accept, Tom Fischer seconded it and the motion was carried. The Annual Financial report as well as the 2005 budget submitted for the minutes.

Treasurers Report available upon written request.**Corresponding Secretary Report- Will Elliot**

Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District sent a letter announcing its annual tree and shrub program all details are attached to the minutes.

President Report – Chuck Godfrey

President received three pieces of correspondence all from the kids who received scholarships. One who received a scholarship sent his back because he changed his major at school, but he also thanked the federation for his award.

If the County “Red Budget” is adopted, we will not receive any county funding. We will just have to wait until it all plays out.

The Standing Committee Sheets will be passed around at this meeting and again in February. If your name is on a committee you no longer want to be on cross it off. If you want to be added to another committee put your name on the list with your address and phone number, and e-mail address.

President Chuck Godfrey introduced Mark Kandel. Mark Kandel is the new Region 9 Wildlife Manager replacing Russ Biss who was promoted to Resource Supervisor. Mr. Kandel promises to attend as many Federation meetings as possible. Kandel gave a summary of the deer take for the region and state, all the figures are preliminary. Region 9 the take was down 22%.

Mark Kandel also reviewed the proposed changes for the big game seasons, he also noted that the changes also would impact the opening dates for small game, pheasants and turkey, which would move to the Saturday as the opening day.

Because of Mark Kandel’s promotion, it leaves an opening in the Buffalo Office. It appears that no replacement is planned at this time. The State has been reducing staff in all areas; everyone has to carry a bigger load. Mark said we should not expect or accept any less from the DEC, we should “hold their feet to the fire”.

Standing Committee Reports:**Trapping -- Patti Wattengel**

Frank Miskey Jr. gave a thorough presentation on trapping. Frank Miskey is VP of the Erie County Trappers and is a NYS Trapper Education instructor. He dismissed some myths about leg hold traps, what are the legal traps, and explained the training that is involved to become a trapper.

Law Enforcement – Lt. Tom Scott

Our ECO brought the Orchard Park Deer mount, which was illegally taken in the 2003 Big Game Season. It was an impressive mount, which will be displayed at various events. The Big Buck Club scored the buck at 171 3/8 it would have been a NYS archery record if it had been legally taken.

The ECO’s are still enforcing hunting regulations vigorously. Currently they are pursuing a poaching case on Erie County Forest Lands. We have a very dedicated, hard working group of Law Enforcement Officers that our sportsmen should be proud of.

Big game – Paul Stoos

January 6th, 2005

From: Paul Stoos

To: Big Game Meeting Attendees and others

Subject: Results of Big Game Committee Meeting held at the East Aurora Fish and Game Club to discuss the “2005 DEC

Deer Proposals

Also invited were the Small Game Committee, Archery Committee, the Crossbow Committee and the EC Federation President, to get their input as well.

After an hour and a half discussion on the proposal followed by a 60-minute opinion period, the Big Game Committee has summarized all comments with the following proposal that it recommends to the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs:

- 1) Reject the DEC proposal as published and written on their website.
- 2) Suggest the following proposal to the DEC as an alternative:

Early Archery Season:

First Saturday in October through Friday, the day before the third Saturday in November, the opening of "Regular Big Game Season". No closed early archery season. For 2005: "October 1 - November 18"

NO EARLY MUZZLELOADER SEASON**Regular Big Game Season:**

Third Saturday in November running 23 days. For 2005: "November 19 - December 11" (includes 4 weekends)

Late Archery and Muzzleloader Seasons

First day after the close of the regular season running through the third Saturday of January. For 2005: "December 12 — January 21, 2006" (Any leftover tags are valid)

Summary: Starting the early archery season on the first Saturday in October and the regular season on the third Saturday in November would go along with the DEC proposal to the Saturday openers. We do not feel opening muzzleloader season during the early archery season and then reopening early archery season is beneficial to the deer or hunters. To increase opportunities and increase license sales we feel that the late archery! muzzleloader season should run through the third Saturday in January and would be more beneficial to the hunters and controlling the deer population. This would keep more hunters in New York State during the early October season and the later January season, as is the practice in many states and bring out of state hunters here.

A question from the floor was asked why we did not include the use of a crossbow in our proposal. The reply from Paul Stoos was that we could not propose the use of a weapon that is not legal in the state, despite that we are in favor of it.

At the February meeting we will vote on which proposal we will support the DEC or Big Game Committee

Archery & Bowhunting— Dave Reed

Concurred with the Big Game Committee.

One thing all archers should keep in mind, the Humane Society of the United States and Friends of Animals merged into one organization. This merger of two large "anti hunting organizations" has resulted in a very powerful and well-funded organization. Their goal is to eliminate all hunting and fishing in the United States. They have stated that they will start with archery because they believe it is the most vulnerable hunting sport as a sport they will work to ban first in the US. We all need to be united to combat their efforts.

Crossbow Report- Tony Gonnello

Crossbow as a hunting implement is now accepted by nearly every state in the country. They may have their roots in medieval lore, but today's crossbows are as technologically advanced as their vertical kin and gaining wider acceptance as an approved tool during regulated seasons. While many states permit crossbow use only for those with physical handicaps, others are more flexible. The Conservation Advisory Board of the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Department voted unanimously to allow the use of crossbows in all seasons for all hunters. In the 2003-04 seasons the State of Maryland increased crossbow hunting opportunity considerably. Crossbows may now be used by any hunter throughout the state. To offer hunters additional deer hunting opportunities, especially in urbanized areas, the Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners ... gave final approval to a measure to expand the use of crossbows for hunting in Pennsylvania. Under the new regulation, which took effect on July 1, crossbows may be used statewide for bear and elk and during any of the firearms deer seasons, including the regular two-week concurrent deer season, the early muzzleloader season and the late flintlock season. In addition, in Wildlife Management Units 2B, 5C and 5D - the most urbanized areas in the state - crossbows would be legal during any established deer season. In all states that permit the use of the crossbow, it has increased numbers to the hunting fraternity, for men over 50, women and children.

STATUS:**S120 MAZIARZ****Environmental Conservation Law****TITLE.... Reduces the required minimum age for obtaining a junior archery license****01/06/05 REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION****02/08/05 1ST REPORT CAL. 60****02/09/05 2ND REPORT CAL.****02/14/05 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING**

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to reducing the required minimum age for obtaining a junior archery license **The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:** Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision of section 11-0701 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section of part F of chapter 82 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows: A junior archery license entitles a resident holder who is between the ages of ~~fourteen~~ **twelve** and sixteen years to hunt wild deer and bear with a longbow during the special archery season and during the regular season, as provided in title of this article, as if such person held a license which authorizes the holder to hunt big game with 9 a bowhunting stamp affixed, subject to the provisions of section 11-0929 and subdivision 3 of section 11-0713 of this article. It entitles a non-resident holder who is between the ages of ~~fourteen~~ **twelve** and sixteen years to hunt wild deer and bear with a longbow during the special archery season and during the regular season, as provided in title 9 of this article, as if such person held a non-resident bowhunting license, a non-resident license which authorizes the holder to hunt deer and a non-resident bear tag, subject to the provisions of section 11-0929 and subdivision 3 of section 11-0713 of this article. 18 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 11-0713 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 26 of part F of chapter 82 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows: 2. The issuing officer shall not issue a junior archery license to a person between the ages of ~~fourteen~~ **twelve** and sixteen or a junior small game license to a person between the ages of twelve and sixteen years unless at the time of issuance applicant is accompanied by his parent or legal guardian who shall consent to the issuance of the license and shall so signify by signing his name in ink across the face of it. At no time shall such licenses be issued by mail to persons between the ages of twelve and sixteen years.

Subdivision 3 of section 11-0719 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 34 of part F of chapter 82 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows: A junior small game license issued to a person who is between the ages of twelve and sixteen years or a junior archery license issued to a person who is between the ages of ~~fourteen~~ **twelve** and sixteen years may be revoked by the department upon proof satisfactory to the department that such person, while under the age of sixteen, has engaged in hunting wildlife with a gun or longbow, in circumstances in which a license is required, while not accompanied by his parent, guardian or other adult as provided in either subdivision 1 or subdivision 3 of section 11-0929 of this article. If such license or privilege is revoked, the department shall fix the period of such revocation, which is not to exceed four years. The department may require that such person successfully complete a department sponsored course and obtain a certificate of qualification in responsible hunting or responsible bowhunting practices before being issued another hunting or bowhunting license. § 4. Subdivision 3 of section 11-0929 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 49 of part F of chapter 82 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows: 3. A junior archery licensee, between the ages of ~~fourteen~~ **twelve** and sixteen years, shall not hunt deer or bear unless he or she is accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian, or by a person over eighteen years of age who has had at least one year's experience in 29 hunting deer or bear by longbow, and such accompanying parent, guardian or person holds a license which authorizes the holder to hunt big game during a special archery season and the regular open season. § 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

There was a suggestion the to get Francine Delmonte to sponsor the bill in the Assembly.

Proposal by the Bison City Rod and Gun Club**Crossbow Season**

At the December general meeting of the Bison City Rod and Sun Club it was unanimously approved by the membership to request the NYSDEC to approved a big game crossbow season during the 2005 big game season. The season would run concurrently with archery season. Hunters would be required to have an archery license or to attend and pass archery course.

At the present time there are only two states that do not have a big game hunting season with crossbows. New York is one.

Allowing crossbow would give reasonable equitable opportunity to another group of hunters and would increase the ability to manage the deer heard especially antlerless deer in over abundant areas. This would also help overall hunter satisfaction and influence hunter recruitment.

Younger hunters, whose/, hunters with disabilities and older hunters who have difficulty using the long, recurve and compound bows would be able to use the crossbow. This was demonstrated at several hands on demonstrations at various clubs.

I know that crossbow hunting would be new to New York and an adjustment to big game hunting but I know that it would be well accepted just as it is in almost every other state.

Paul A. Kurzdorfer
Board of Directors
Bison City Rod and Gun Club

Fish – Dave Barus

Hal, Lawrence had been filling in as Fish Committee Chair while Dave was working out of town, now that Dave has returned he will chair the committee again.

Dave Barus told the all in attendance about the Professional Ice Fishing tournament on Silver Lake. The Ice-fishing pros race around the lake on "Arctic Cats" they use fish finders and video cameras to locate fish first. Vexilar is the most popular sonar units. The event runs the whole weekend with the tournament on Sunday.

Bass-Eye will take place again this summer they will launch out of the Small Boat Harbor this year. This tournament has brought a lot of good publicity to the region.

Hooked on Fishing International in conjunction with Wal-Mart will help sponsor a kids fishing derby with materials and some prizes to give away to the kids. www.kids-fishing.com

The website has all the information you need to get started...**Wanted:** Adult volunteers to sponsor local fishing events for kids. That's the word from the people behind the very successful Wal-Mart Kids All-American Fishing Derby which has launched a program to make 2005 the most successful ever in its 19-year history. In 2004, more than 330,000 kids from 6 to 16 fished in over 1,800 kids fishing events. They were held in all 50 states and six foreign countries. Obviously, to put on that many local events, the national organizers need help. That's where adult volunteers come in. Civic groups, fishing clubs, churches, parks departments and other recognized organizations provide volunteers to get the word out, sign up the kids, supervise the event, award the prizes, and generally have a great time.

Hooked on Fishing International, the Tulsa, Okla. organization that oversees the national program for Wal-Mart, has prepared its biggest and best free fishing derby kit to qualifying groups. There is still time for interested groups to beat the deadline for becoming part of the 2005 program. Simply go to the Web site - www.kids-fishing.com -- and click on the "Organize a derby" tab. The application requests the location and date of the event, plus the expected number of young anglers.

The fishing derby kit contains virtually everything needed to organize and conduct a kids fishing event, including a how-to handbook, event promotion materials, fishing items, and other goodies for each young angler, and even prizes for the winners. Most events are half-day in length, beginning in the morning and ending at noon, with snacks or food items being served.

East Aurora Rod and Gun Club has participated and found that the kits were very useful.

Dan Tone raised the word of caution on the ice conditions on the inland lakes the ice is not as thick as you might think. There is a lot of insulating snow. Use a spud bar when going out to probe for thin spots.

Kent Kruse announced the dates for our Kids Fishing Clinics, June 11 at Tiff nature Preserve and June 25 at Chestnut Ridge Park. Mark your calendar and if you can lend a hand. The park fee at Chestnut Ridge has been waived for this year's event.

The Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council (which we are a member organization) newsletter is now being sent out electronically, if you would like to get on the e-mail list forward you e-mail address to Chuck Godfrey and he will get you on their list to receive the news letter.

Spencer Schofield gave us an update on the Buffalo River Walleye Restoration Project and the status of the pond construction funding. The project-funding request has been posted in the federal register for comment. Spencer asked that we make a comment in favor so we can qualify for the money.

Tony Scime made a motion that we send a letter to the USFW to support the pond funding. Bob Church seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Small game -- Dan Tone

Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski
No Report

Conservation Council -- Joe Fischer

The Federation has decided to promote the voluntary "Buck A Member Program" proposed by the Council. This, if successful, will insure a reliable source of income to meet the future needs for our only "conservation rights" lobbying organization in our state. For those clubs who feel this is a worthwhile cause, please make checks payable to - "New York State Conservation Council" and send to - NYSCC, 8 East Main St., Ilion, NY 13357.

To those clubs that donated last year, we hope that your commitment will carry on. Please don't wait until the Council solicits for your help. They need the resources now to fund the year's budget needs. Also, to those clubs who chose not to participate, please consider what the Council is asking for: "a dollar a member." A buck doesn't buy much these days, not a beer at a bar, not a pack of cigarettes or a good cigar, not a decent fishing lure, or even a couple dozen worms. Perhaps it's time we sportsmen and women consider putting this all in perspective!

The Conservation Council has requested an updated list of Federation clubs with names and addresses of contact people. It has been the Federation's policy not to give this list out to any other organization for privacy considerations. Clubs wishing to receive the Council's "Grass Roots News" monthly publication, which gives updated information on state legislation and conservation issues should contact the Council at 315-894-3302 and ask for Linda Coffin. You can also e-mail them at - nyscc@nyscc.com with the information. Clubs can send their "club's news" for publication to - NYSCC, 8 East Main St., Ilion, NY 13357 - or e-mail the by the 2nd Monday of the month. The Council also has a policy of not arbitrarily giving or selling private club information. Finally, there is an ongoing new member/renewal drive for individual Council memberships, with prizes available. Contact the Council or visit their website for details.

Environment and Pollution -**Legislation - John Susz**

To keep in touch with what's going on with firearm legislation in New York, check out SCOPE's website at www.scopeny.org

Steve Aldstadt reported on the Assembly bill A01536 which is summarized here from the NY State Assembly website. Bill A01536 provides for the issuance of junior licenses to persons between the ages of fourteen and twenty to permit training, target practice, hunting and shooting competition by such persons; provides that such activities be undertaken in the company of a lawfully licensed or exempt person.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS: Section 1, subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 400.00 of the Penal Law, as amended by Chapter 189 of the Laws of 2000, are amended as follows: (ii) to an applicant between the ages of fourteen to twenty for a junior license who, in addition to satisfying licensing requirements of this section, submits a notarized letter of permission from the applicant's parent or guardian. A junior license allows a person between the ages of fourteen and twenty, while undergoing firearm training target practice, shooting competition, or lawful hunting, possession of a firearm licensed under this section to a parent, guardian, certified shooting coach, certified firearm safety instructor, or lawfully possessed by a person who is otherwise exempted by section 265.20 of this chapter while such person is directly supervising the junior licensee. No firearm shall be listed on part 2 of a junior license. JUSTIFICATION: As a general matter, no person in New York State may even touch a handgun without a license to possess a firearm. There are exceptions for police officers, peace officers, and the military. There are even exceptions for non-residents who come to New York to participate in a sanctioned competition, including juniors. New Yorkers cannot even handle a handgun for safety training, target practice, or competition at a shooting range without a license. No other state in the nation imposes such strict regulations on its citizens. A significant number of colleges and universities, including the military service academy, offer scholarships in the shooting sports. These teams compete in rifle, shotgun and handgun events. In 2000, New York State enacted legislation that prohibits all persons under age 21 from being eligible for a pistol license. Prior to this legislation, there was no age restriction on eligibility for a firearm license. Instead, each county's issuing agent had the ability to decide applicants on a case-by-case basis. This proposal seeks to restore the opportunity for juniors to obtain a limited license simply to handle another licensee's firearm under close supervision. Without this change, New York's juniors are unfairly denied the opportunity to engage in safe, wholesome sporting activities; to compete with their peers from around the country for scholarships; to obtain proper safety training; and to practice for Olympic events such as Free Pistol. Whether the activity is baseball, soccer, figure skating, gymnastics or shooting, such training must begin at an early age if one hopes to be a top-level competitor.

Resolutions -- Bob Fuller

Erie County Resolution

Whereas sport fishing is a 2 billion-dollar business in New York State;

Whereas the majority of these diverse world class sport fisheries are dependent on the New York State fish hatchery-stocking program;

Whereas the annual stocking requirements are 1 million pounds of fish for the waters of New York State;

Whereas the New York State fish stocking programs derive at least a 5 to 1 return on money invested;

Whereas many of the 12 existing hatcheries are in dire need of repairs and updating if New York state is to maintain the present fish stocking levels;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Governor and the State Legislature dedicate no less than 22 million dollars from the state general fund for the necessary updates and repairs on the aforementioned hatcheries.

Tony Gonnello brought up that under the current state regulations if you shoot an extra buck you would not loose your license. He suggested we write a resolution that would increase the penalty with the loss of the hunting license.

Sportsman Education – Frank Miskey

Frank reported that all the hunter education posters are ready.

Awards - Will Elliot**Special Committee Reports:****Banquet –**

Will be at the Knights of Columbus, March 5, same prices as last year \$60 per couple or \$35 single tickets. Tickets are on sale, contact Dan Tone.

[2005 Raffle List](#)**Educational --Chuck Godfrey****FWMB- Bob Church**

No Report

Shows— Fred Langdon

We will have a booth and could use more volunteers for the Outdoor Expo in Hamburg. Contact fred if you would like to help. Dates for the Expo are March 10 through March 13.

National Hunting and Fishing Day

No Report

Budget and Finance

No bills to pay.

Website- Paul Stoos

Paul reported that we a new server up and running for the Federation website. The new site comes with new e-mail addresses for the officers and directors. It should make it easy to contact any officer or director the addresses are simply their "first name . last name"@eriectyfsc.org which is easy to remember (or example **tom.marks@eriectyfsc@.org**). You will be seeing changes to the site as we update the content.

CFAB – Fred Langdon

Fred reported that the CFAB would prioritize two items: the 14-15 year old big game license and the crossbow bill. The strategy will be to get both bills introduced and to address those two proposals with the Legislative Sportsman's' Caucus. Mr. Long at the CFAB meeting indicated that Senator Maziarz is willing to re-introduce the crossbow bill. Also, at the CFAB Mr. John said he would seek a sponsor to introduce the 14-15 year old big game license.

Russ Biss Asked Fred to serve on the Open Space Committee for the CFAB.

Fund Raising – Tony Gonnello...

Tony reported that only three clubs participated with the Remington Calendar fundraiser. It is an easy way to raise funds but with little interest by member clubs, the effort seems hardly worth it. We should re-evaluate it for next year.

Old Business:

New Business:

50/50 Raffle – Winner Mrs. Gonnello

Thank you to the Host Club – Elma Conservation Club

Motion for Adjournment at 10:30 PM by Frank Miskey seconded by Fred Langdon, motion carried.

Our next meeting will be 1/27/05 – Bd. Mtg. – 6:30, Reg. Mtg. – 7:30 – George Washington Club



***WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED
ANNUAL FUND RAISING BANQUET***

SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2005

**RIPA'S RESTAURANT
4218 WALDEN AVENUE
LANCASTER, NY**

TICKETS COST \$30.00 / PERSON

*** 8 OR MORE TICKETS RESERVES A TABLE ***

- **6:00 P.M. CASH BAR / COCKTAIL HOUR**
- **7:00 P.M. FAMILY STYLE DINNER**
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 - **SILENT AUCTION**
 - **BUCKET RAFFLES**
 - **OTHER SPECIAL RAFFLES**

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****ALSO BUFFALO OUTFITTERS AND OAK ORCHARD FLY SHOP****

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Federation Meeting Agenda 5/26/05

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Call to order – 7:40 Alden Rod & Gun

Pledge to Flag

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused – Joe Fischer & Tony Gonnello

(Announced the resignation of Tom Marks as Recording Secretary)

Absent –

Quorum of member clubs – Present: Yes

Approval of previous month's minutes

Motion to approve - no report available 2nd

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Secretary's report – Tom Marks

Not present. Chuck will get previous minutes, but will have a 2 week delay before he can to them.

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Membership report – Mike Smith

Mike submitted 2 additional checks. Members clubs paid to date = 48. Total 52. Mike also noted that Friends and Neighbors Gun Club is alive and well. They still to be members. Mike spoke to F&N founder Floyd Miller – who was surprised that they were dropped from the ECFSC. Mike will follow up.

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Treasurer's report – Tony Scime

(a full report was submitted by Tony)

Motion to approve – Tom Fischer 2nd Gabby Cronin. Approved.

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Correspondence report – Will Elliott

Will mentioned that correspondence regarding Bill 4306 (sent to Joe Bruno, Sam Hoyt, Francine DelMonte, Reuben Diaz, Ton DiNapoli, George Maziarz, Crystal Peoples, John Quinn III, Mary Lou Rath, Robin Schimminger, Sheldon Silver, Paul Tokaz, Dale Volker and others) stated that the ECFSC was unanimous in decision against Bill 4306. (See the web site for the actual letter content.) Will reported that he received only 3 responses.

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President's Report – Chuck Godfrey

Chuck announced that a judgement and order to the DEC to turn provide hunting and fishing license records to the New York State Assmby – claiming that they were public records. The New York State Conservation Council is pursuing an Article 78 proceeding prevent the disclosure of these records. Email comments can be made to

Next meetings and locations;

6/23/05 Bd. Meeting – 6:30 -- Gen. Meeting - 7:30
Glen Coe Con. Soc– 9869 Foote Rd. - Glenwood

7/28/05 Bd. Meeting – 6:30 -- Gen. Meeting - 7:30
Niag. River Station – 355 E. River Rd., Gr. Isle

9/8/05 Bd. Meeting – 6:30 -- Gen. Meeting - 7:30
Springville F.&S. - White St., Springville

10/13/05 Bd. Meeting – 6:30 -- Gen. Meeting - 7:30
Hawkeye Bowmen - 13300 Clinton, Alden

11/10/05 Bd. Meeting – 6:30 -- Gen. Meeting - 7:30
Bost. Valley Cons. Soc. - 9624 Zimmerman Rd.

12/8/05 - Bd. Meeting - 6:30 -- Gen. Meeting - 7:30
Bison City R&G - 511 Ohio St., Buffalo

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law enforcement – DEC officer Lohr elaborated on a incident last year where a turkey hunter was shot in the face by his buddy. (Reinforcing that you should know your target and what's beyond.) The DEC offered to present some portion of the law at each meeting 5/10 minutes. Discussed boating laws, fishing laws, etc. They also check for violations, personal safety, flotation devices, flares, flags etc. while enforcing DEC laws.

Archery & Bowhunting – Dave Reed: Genesee Valley Flint Knapper's Association – weekend in Wellsville June 10-12. (Flyers on the table). Youth archery camp – held at Depew R&G this year. Looking for donations.

Crossbow – Tony Gonnello: excused Dave Reed mentioned that he received an email the ATA (not trap) took a stand on crossbow. The federal government, the IRS and the Fish and Wildlife designate that the crossbow is a piece of archery equipment – because can collect tax for Pittman Robinson on it.

Fish – Dave Barus: excused (Chuck mentioned that Dave was setting up meeting of the committee and the Fish Advisory Board to discuss proposed regulation changes. This is closed meeting – by invitation only. DEC was invited to participate. Any regulation changes would go into effect October 2006. There is a lot of opposition to the year-round bass season downstate.)

****NOTE**** Kent Kruse announced kids fishing day schedule. June 11th at Tift Farms– contact the DEC at 851-7010. Will cut off registration @ 100 kids. All set for Chestnut Ridge on June 25th – start time @ 10:00AM. Currently has 75 rods & reels to hand out. To register for Chestnut Ridge, call East Aurora Rod & Gun Club @ 652-4180. (Age 6 – 16)

Small Game – Dan Tone: 4H office in East Aurora – will be giving out day old chicks on June 7th. (12:30PM) Giving out 1745 chicks – most since program inception. Dan submitted an application for a grant from the NRA – looks good for next year. Hawkeye Bowmen presented a check for \$150.00 and Bison City Rod & Gun presented a check for \$500.00 Turkey population appears to be down. The Niagara Frontier Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation has habitat corn for free. Fifty pound bags are still available. Mentioned that back tag resolution has been withdrawn.

Big Game – Paul Stoos: Nothing to report. Forgot to bring bear take report – will have next meeting.

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski- (Chuck has tentative dates for season. Will post on the web site.)

Conservation Council - Joe Fischer (excused)

Dan Tone commented on the Conservation Education Workshop. If it isn't successful year, it will not be available again. Deadline is June 1st. Dan has applications available. Local CWD education / informational session – Sunday July 10th at 1:00 pm. Location details will be posted on the website.

Environment & Pollution – Tom Marks

Legislation – John Susz

SCOPE President Ken Mathison reported on his recent trip to Albany. Assembly passed bills that affect our gun rights. Most should be “one house” bills and should die in the Senate. The assault weapon bill (A2466) is a major problem. Includes most semi-auto handguns, rifles and shotguns. This bill would require you to a) register the weapon, or make it inoperable, or c) remove it from NYS, or d) turn it in. A2837 – bans armor piercing ammo. The problem is that “armor” wasn't defined and could be misinterpreted. The 50 cal. bill (A0447 / S2590) is a 2 house bill (major problem). This bill would make shotgun with a rifled barrel illegal. (Black powder firearms are exempt.) Mentioned that Manning went to bat for us on these issues. Give him your support and thanks.

Resolutions – Bob Fuller - Discussion and debate on resolutions (June Meeting). Voting

take place at July meeting. C. Godfrey will try to make these available electronically the June meeting, if the Council can supply them that way.

- Membership Outreach – The membership secretary would like all club presidents to consider attending at least one regular Federation meeting a year. This might not only be a learning experience, but may also provide a better insight as to the importance of having representation on behalf of their clubs. If any club would like a visit from a Federation spokesman, please contact president Chuck Godfrey at 675-0057 or chuck.godfrey@eriectyfcc.org. The president will also try to visit one club so per month.

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Sportsman/woman Education – Frank Miskey Sr.

- SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Awards – Will Elliott

- Banquet – Dan Tone: will have a banquet meeting immediately following the July

- Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey nothing.

- CFAB – Fred Langdon Last month's meeting was "consumed" by CWD issues, Next meeting June 12th meeting in Rome. Better report next month.

- Fund Raising – Tony Gonnello excused

- FWMB – Bob Church nothing to report

- Shows – Fred Langdon Most everything set up for the fair. Needs 10 extra tickets and 2 parking tickets (\$48.00). Motion by Fred Langdon to purchase tickets – seconded by Joe McAdams. APPROVED. Dan Tone mentioned that if you have a booth, you must have your contract and insurance in place.

- National Hunting and Fishing day – Tom McCormick nothing.

Budget and Finance – Tony Scime – (motion to pay bills)

Motion to approve - no bills 2nd-

Website – Paul Stoos - eriectyfcc.org Paul reported that a database was being created by

McAdams and that it would help resolve the email and mailing errors.

- Call to order:** Time: 7:43PM Host Club: Glenco Conservation
- Roll Call - Officers & Directors:** Absent -
Excused – Mike Smith
- Quorum of member clubs:** Yes No
- Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes as written.
Motion: no motion 2nd Approved Issues?
- Secretary's report:** <acting secretary>
No minutes read .
- Membership report:** <Mike Smith>
Excused. No change in membership.
- Treasurer's report:** <Tony Scime>
Tony gave detailed Treasurer's report. (non-disclosed in minutes)
Motion to approve the Treasurer's report.
Motion: Dan Tone 2nd: Don Davis Approved Issues?
- Correspondence report:** <Will Elliot>
Received a late response to earlier mailing from Sam Hoyt regarding A4306. (response read) Will also reiterated that his departure from Erie County does not affect his job or affiliations.
- President's report:** <Chuck Godfrey>
Yield to committee.
- Future meeting locations:** Next meeting July 28, 2005 @ Niagara River Station, 355 East River Road Grand Island, NY

Board meeting @ 6:30 – General meeting @ 7:30.
{see the website for directions and calendar of meetings}

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Law** <NYS DEC>
No DEC representation. Phones & answering machines in officer's homes for 2006. Not restricted to 8 hour shift.
- Archery & Bowhunting:** <Dave Reed>
Nothing to report
- Crossbow:** <Tony Gonnello>
Crossbow hunting opportunities continue to increase at the highest rate ever. The reason for that is the agency guys compare notes between states on a regular basis. Have not heard of one state wildlife administrator or deer biologist indicate that he or she regretted providing additional crossbow hunting opportunities. The current course is to remain objective and persistent, but low key. There is confidence that information generated from states that have crossbow hunting opportunities will make the strongest argument.

A new state to report authorizing the crossbow is Tennessee. It will

be in the archery season. A state looking hard at authorizing the crossbow is Louisiana.

There was a request asking which states authorize the crossbow during the archery season. They are listed below:

Virginia	Tennessee	South Carolina(part of the state)
Maryland	Ohio	Arkansas Wyoming
Alabama	Georgia	Kentucky

Pennsylvania (1 week in the archery season and in urban archery areas)

Plus:

Ontario
British Columbia

Fish:

<Dave Barus>

A lot of tournaments in process. First place walleye in the Southtown's Walleye Tournament is 12.9 lbs. Small mouth bass 7 lbs. Paul Stoos caught 31 walleye on Friday and 28 on Saturday during the SWT. Caught a lot of 3 year old and 4 year old fish. Lots of bass tournaments coming up. Even 2-3 tournaments on the same lake! Buffalo River – estimated 24,900 fingerlings, raised from eggs, stocked. Last year 28K. Increased smelt kill – with large population, die-off is common. Usually every 2nd / 3rd year. Lot of activity from DEC on angler surveys. The DEC proposed a “no kill zone” on 2 tributaries (18 mile creek and Chautauqua Creek.) Fish committee met with DEC and FAB on June 21 – started at 7PM and went until after 10PM. 14 people attended in all. DEC presented surveys: 61 ½% of surveyed anglers liked creel limit of 3 steelhead per day. 87% of all steelhead caught are released anyway. Fish Committee had the opportunity to make recommendations. DEC survey was self initiated – 3 out of 5 anglers surveyed supported no kill zone. (Dave had meeting minutes available.)

Dan Tone – Ischua Creek catch & release this year. Federation opposed. DEC gave out 47 violations for live bait to people that have been fishing there for years. {Dave read the letter from the Federation.}

Bob Church mentioned that Dunkirk fishing is skewing survey.

Motion to oppose the catch and release zones as proposed by the DEC.

Motion: Dan Tone 2nd: Don Davis Approved Issues?
Comments: Tony Scime stated that his member organization had unanimously supported the DEC no kill zone resolution (60-0). Tony suggested that the Federation should not be too hasty in a vote to oppose the DEC proposal. After a lengthy discussion, Paul Stoos moved to table this issue until we could go back to the organizations that we represent to get a general consensus.

Motion to table any vote on the DEC no kill zone proposal.

Motion: Paul Stoos 2nd: Bob Fuller Approved Issues?

Call for a roll call vote on the DEC no kill zone proposal. Requires a request in writing, to be composed by Tony Scime.

Motion: Tony Scime 2nd: Paul Stoos Approved Issues?

****NOTE****

As of July 18, 2005 – the DEC has revised their proposal from 2.6 miles to 1.5 miles of no kill zone for 18 mile creek.

Dave Barus reported the 2006 black bass trophy season changing from 1 fish per day – 15" minimum to 1 fish per day – 18" minimum. (Trophy season is 1st Saturday in May – normal season start).

Lots of kids fishing derby's this year. On June 11th, over 100 kids participated in a fishing derby at the East Aurora Fish & Game Club. The Federation also sponsored a kid's day at Tiff Nature Preserve with over 60 kids in attendance. The next event will be at Chestnut Ridge Park on June 25th.

Spencer Schofield – the Basseye Tournament (supporting Cystic Fibrosis research) is July 13-14th. This is the 4th year for the Basseye – and in the past 3 years, the Basseye in WNY has outperformed the other 22 Basseye tournaments throughout the country.

Will Elliot mentioned that he spoke to Jim Hanley and they need both captains and boat owners for the tournament.

Small Game:

<Dan Tone>

Deer Search donated \$100 to the pheasant program. The NRA grant has been submitted and should be approved without issue.

Big Game:

<Paul Stoos>

Email from US Sportsmen's Alliance stated bear hunts would be reinstated in New Jersey after being suspended in 2004 due to increase in bear complaints. A 3 year old was rescued from a hostile black bear – which may have been the leverage needed to reinstate the hunting season.

Paul would like to attend the CWD workshop in Syracuse on August 13th. This is an all day event.

Dan Tone – NYSCC is sponsoring a CWD workshop on July 20th at 1PM. Location to be determined.

Trapping:

<Patti Wattengel>

No report.

Waterfowl:

<Paul Pietraszewski>

Season dates are essentially what they were last year.

Conservation Council

<Joe Fischer >

Chuck Godfrey stated that the spinning wing decoy proposal was withdrawn.

Environment & Pollution:

<Tom Marks>

No report.

Legislation:

<John Susz>

Latest SCOPE newsletters are available at this meeting. Most bills we've been following (12 year old archery, 14 year old big game

firearm, junior handgun license, etc. languishing in committee or being stonewalled.

S918-A/A4853 (introduced by Volker) to allow hunting in certain counties with a rifle. On the Governor's desk – still not signed.

Motion to write a letter to the Governor urging him to sign the rifle hunting bill.

Motion: Steve Aldstadt 2nd: Ray Gwarek Approved Issues?

Guest – SCOPE President Ken Mathison discussed next session and the two most dangerous bills – Assault weapon ban and the 50 caliber bill. The new assault weapon bill has defined most semi-automatic weapons as assault weapons. It gives the power to the State Police to name any weapon to the list it deems unsafe. Ken provided a list of police departments in NYS (60 out of over 500) that have supported the 50 caliber bill. He urged all Federation member organizations to write letters to the local police departments in opposition to their support of that bill.

Good chance that Republicans will lose control of the Senate (only 4 seats -that's all it will take.) Recently someone was arrested for possession of an assault weapon – an Iver Johnson M1 carbine purchased in 1984, by the Cheektowaga Police. They were not aware that the Iver was grandfathered. Local police do not know what the assault weapon ban is about. Very ignorant.

Ken mailed a letter to the police departments that supported the assault weapon and 50 caliber bills, explaining the bills in detail. (A2466, S5504 and A2837)

****NOTE****

There was some question as to whether or not you could carry a pistol into a post office. YES YOU CAN. USC code title 18, section 930 does not prohibit carrying a pistol into a post office.

Ken commented on the recent Buffalo News series on guns and met with the three reporters that were involved with the series. The lead reporter agreed to a follow-up article.

Ken and Budd Schroeder were recently in Albany during "gun bill day" and lobbied from 8am until 8pm. No other gun rights organizations were there. The NRA representative made a brief appearance, but had to travel to 3 other states in the same day.

Council Resolutions:

<Bob Fuller >

Chuck has copies of the resolutions for delegates to take back to their sponsor clubs. All proposed resolutions were read and discussed for clarification.

Membership

<Chuck Godfrey>

No new members.

Sportsman/woman Education:

<Frank Miskey Sr.>

Nothing to report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Awards :** <Will Elliott>
Nothing to report.
- Banquet:** <Dan Tone>
Nothing to report.
- Educational Opportunities:** <Chuck Godfrey>
Nothing to report.
- CFAB:** <Fred Langdon>
Bob Lucas from Chautauqua county is the new Director of Law Enforcement for the DEC. Very aware of WNY and should be a big asset to the Federation.
- Fund Raising:** <Tony Gonnello>
Postponed report until next meeting.
- FWMB:** <Bob Church>
Nothing to report.
- Shows:** <Fred Langdon >
Fair – schedule will be passed around for volunteer signup.
Three shifts per day – Thursday Aug. 11th / Sunday Aug. 21st. Any questions, please call Fred @ 675-6926.
- Dan Tone – last Friday of the fair, giving away fishing trip in northern Quebec for (4) people. Giving a boat away and a \$500 gift certificate. Drawing on the last Friday. People can enter every day.
- Dave Barus – fish pond at the fair this year.
- National Hunting & Fishing Day** <Tom McCormick>
WNY Environmental Federation – next meeting is July 10th @ 1pm.
- Budget and Finance:** <Tony Scime)>
Motion to pay the bills.
Motion: Davis 2nd: Fischer Approved Issues?
- Website:** <Paul Stoos>
Returned emails are forwarded to Tom Fischer for verification.
(Tom read list of emails.)
- Joe McAdams reported a new database created for Federation email. New group created to address entire membership email. Send mail to: memberclubs@eriectyfsc.org to reach everyone. Smaller groups will be created soon.
- Old Business:** (discussion of resolutions)
Motion to send a letter to Governor Pataki, et el to ask how Judge Curtin’s decision to give the Indians the land on Cuba lake and \$150K and part of the dam will affect the access and the Federation’s interest in Cuba Lake.
Motion: Dan Tone 2nd Nelson Cronin Approved Issues?
- New Business:** Kent Kruse thanked all the volunteers that attended the June 11th

kids fishing day event. All set for Saturday the 25th. Stop in and give a hand. Starts @ 9:30 /10:00 AM. Currently 81 kids and 40 adults have signed up. Registration up until Friday. Call 652-4180 to register.

John Susz - The Erie County chapter of SCOPE has relocated monthly meetings to Gander Mountain. We will have guest speakers at each meeting. Next meeting July 12th at 7:30PM.

New Delegates:

Nothing to report.

Good and Welfare:

Joe McAdams presented a program sponsored by his employer to donate up to \$250 to each organization that he volunteers for. The organization must be a 501C3 chapter. He suggested that other Federation members ask their employers about a similar program.

New Federation business cards were designed by Paul Stoos and Joe McAdams. Joe printed 1000 cards to be distributed after the meeting by the Sergeant at Arms.

Dave Barus – August 6th, the East Aurora NRA Annual Sportfest. Must call 652-0229 to register. 75% of the pictures on the national website and their catalog are from East Aurora. All day even 9AM – 5PM.

50/50 Raffle:

{could not hear who won. I think it was Al something or other.}

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Bob Fuller

2nd Joe McAdams Approved

Thanks to Host Club:

Glenco Conservation

ERIE COUNTY REDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS
MEETING MINUTES – 9/8/05

Call to order – 7:32 Springville Field and Stream

Pledge to Flag:

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused – Tony Gonnello, Dave Reed, Joe McAdams, Dave Barus, Joe Fischer, Tony Scime, Mike Smith, Al Baur, Spencer Schofield

Absent – Al Commerford

Quorum of member clubs – Present: Yes

Approval of previous month's minutes – NO SECRETARY AND NO MINUTES

Motion to approve - 2nd

Secretary's report –

Membership report – Mike Smith

Treasurer's report – Tony Scime

Motion to approve - 2nd

Correspondence report – Will Elliott

President's Report – Chuck Godfrey

Hunting and fishing task force meeting – 8/15 - productive meeting with the Republican Assembly Members Hunting and Fishing Task Force (trapping also an interest of this committee)

Next meetings and locations:

10/13/05 – Bd. Meeting – 6:30 -- Gen. Meeting - 7:30 - Hawkeye Bowmen - 13300 Clinton, Alden

11/10/05 – Bd. Meeting – 6:30 -- Gen. Meeting - 7:30 - Bost. Valley Cons. Soc. - 9624 Zimmerman Rd.
Boston

12/8/05 - Bd. Meeting - 6:30 -- Gen. Meeting - 7:30 - Bison City R&G - 511 Ohio St., Buffalo

GUESTS: Russ Biss, Jim Snider, Bill Culligan, Don Einhouse, Lt. Tom Scott, Mike Wilkinson, Connie Adams, Officers Ron Bocella and Chris Lohr

Reports By Guests:

Mike Wilkinson – report on proposed 2006 fishing reg's, particularly 18-Mile Creek “no-kill” proposal and Lake Erie Trophy Bass season – send comments to Paul McKeown

- Tony Scime received the Stephen R. Mooradian Fisheries Partnership Award from DEC

- Reported on everything happening in Erie Cty fishery

- “ on NYPA-FERC relicensing projects by DEC

- “ on access initiatives in Erie Cty

Russ Biss - gave waterfowl hunting dates

- report on “habitat/access” stamp grants in Region 9

- report on deer and turkey take in Erie Cty

- report on pheasant stocking in Erie Cty

- Erie Cty again leads the state in sales of hunting and fishing licenses

Don Einhouse - report on state of Lake Erie fishery – 2003 walleye year class is tremendous –

just starting to reach legal size

Connie Adams - reported on cormorant control in Buffalo area

Jim Snider - any centerfire rifle is legal for deer in Catt. And Allegany Ctys within Region 9 this regular deer season

- cwd update

- 4 public information meetings on cwd in Region 9 - see attachment

- DMU permit numbers down

- explanation of and report on “deer damage permits” and DEMAP permits

Tom Scott - extensive report on activities and accomplishments of Conservation Officers

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: MOST WAS COVERED DURING DEC PRESENTATIONS

Law enforcement –

Archery & Bowhunting – Dave Reed

Crossbow – Tony Gonnello

Fish – Dave Barus [Fish committee report- click here:](#)

Small Game – Dan Tone

4-H pheasants are released (over 1000 birds)
paper work has been distributed for fall release

Big Game – Paul Stoos

Attended CWD meeting in Syracuse and gave report
Federation's Big Game Seminar is 9/25 9am-5pm at Elma Conservation – 600 Creek Rd. – Elma 822-1353 WE NEED HELP!!!!!!

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

report on “land trapping” season
report on 330 conibear trap modifications
motion to oppose the Federal trapping bill by Dan Tone – 2nd Tom Ryion – passed unanimously

Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski

Report on festival by Lake Planes Waterfowl Assoc.

Conservation Council - Joe Fischer

Dan Tone has applications for the NYSCC committees - YOU MUST APPLY TO BE ON A COMMITTEE EVERY YEAR!!!! Always looking for new people also.

The Federation has decided to promote the voluntary “Buck A Member Program” proposed by the Council. This, if successful, will insure a reliable source of income to meet the future needs for our only “conservation rights” lobbying organization in our state.

For those clubs who feel this is a worthwhile cause, please make checks payable to - “New York State Conservation Council” and send to – NYSCC, 8 East Main St., Ilion, NY 13357.

To those clubs that donated last year, we hope that your commitment will carry on. Please don't wait until the Council solicits for your help. They need the resources now to fund the year's budget needs.

Also, to those clubs who chose not to participate, please consider what the Council is asking for: “a dollar a member.” A buck doesn't buy much these days, not a beer at a bar, not a pack of cigarettes or a good cigar, not a decent fishing lure, or even a couple dozen worms. Perhaps it's time we sportsmen and women consider putting this all in perspective!

The Conservation Council has requested an updated list of Federation clubs with names and addresses of contact people. It has been the Federation's policy not to give this list out to any other organization for privacy considerations.

Clubs wishing to receive the Council's “Grass Roots News” monthly publication, which gives updated information on state legislation and conservation issues, should contact the Council at 315-894-3302 and ask for Linda Coffin. You can also e-mail them at - nyscc@nyscc.com with the information.

Clubs can send their “club's news” for publication to - NYSCC, 8 East Main St., Ilion, NY 13357 - or e-mail the by the 2nd Monday of the month. The Council also has a policy of not arbitrarily giving or selling private club information.

Finally, there is an ongoing new member/renewal drive for individual Council memberships, with prizes available. Contact the Council or visit their website for details.

Environment & Pollution – Tom Marks

Report on Buffalo River sediment sampling informational meeting

Legislation – John Susz

To keep in touch with what's going on with firearm legislation in New York, check out SCOPE's website at - www.scopeny.org

bills to watch – S5504 – Senator Padivan and companion bill A2446 broaden the definition of “assault weapons” under state law.

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT UPCOMING

Resolutions – Bob Fuller - report on results of vote on resolutions (see attachments)

Membership Outreach – The membership secretary would like all club presidents to consider attending at least one regular Federation meeting a year. This might not only prove to be a learning experience, but may also provide a better insight as to the importance of having representation on behalf of their clubs. If any club would like a visit from a Federation spokesman, please contact president Chuck Godfrey at 675-0057 or steelheader@cheekcentfcu.net. The president will also try to visit one club or so per month.

IF ANYONE KNOWS OF AN ERIE COUNTY CLUB WHICH IS NOT A MEMBER, PLEASE LET THE PRESIDENT KNOW SO HE CAN CONTACT THEM ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Sportsman/woman Education – Frank Miskey Sr.

Classes are in full swing - 8 waterfowl classes in Erie Cty

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Awards – Will Elliott

- Banquet – Dan Tone

First Sat. in March

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

See scholarship application attached

CFAB – Fred Langdon

Meeting 9/12 in Albany

Fund Raising – Tony Gonnello

Calendar money due tonight

FWMB – Bob Church

- Shows – Fred Langdon

Report by Fred.

Thanks to Fred for all he's done with this.

National Hunting and Fishing day – Tom McCormick

9/24 @ Wood 'n' Brook

- WNY Environmental Federation –

Next meeting is at the Sept. Council meeting

- Budget and Finance – Tony Scime – (motion to pay bills)

Motion to approve - 2nd.

Website – Paul Stoos - eriectyfsc.org

Nominations – Mike Smith

Nominations are to commence at the Oct. meeting – WE NEED A SECRETARY!!!!!!!!!!

All offices are one year terms, so Pres., 1st VP, 2nd VP, Recording Sec., Corr. Sec., Memb. Sec., Treas. And 5

Board of Directors seats

- Old Business:

Motion by Bob Fuller, 2nd by Don Davis to support the DEC's proposal to establish a Lake Erie Trophy Bass season, with statewide regulations to be in effect the rest of the year - passed

- New Business - any new delegates present?

Raffle at SCOPE Meet the Candidates Night

There will be a team shooting academy asking for donations for purchase of rifles and ammo. Would like to have 10 donations of \$125 for the Team Shooting Academy – contact Bob Church

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

Alden donated \$300 to Hurricane Relief - challenges all other clubs to do the same.

- 50/50 Raffle

Winner – Bob Osika

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Gabby Cronin

2nd – Tom Ryion

Thanks to Host Club

Springville Field and Stream

.2005 NYSCC RESOLUTIONS RESULTS FROM ECFSC

<u>RES #</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>PASSED</u>
1	not a resolution		
2	22	23	NO
3	3	39	NO
4	12	26	NO
5	45	4	YES
6	45	1	YES
7	46	3	YES
8	46	3	YES
9	33	16	YES
10	45	0	YES
11	38	4	YES
12	35	10	YES
13	37	12	YES

[Click here to see how the NYSCC voted and a review of the resolutions:](#)

**ERIE COUNTY FEDERATION
OF SPORTSMEN’S CLUBS INC.**

***COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS***

As part of the Erie county Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs efforts to enhance our environment and wildlife appreciation, we award up to five \$200 college scholarships yearly.

To qualify for a scholarship you must be a high school senior enrolled in an accredited college, or attending an accredited college with your major in any one of these areas: environmental conservation, law enforcement, or environmental pollution **and must be a**

resident of Erie County.

Scholarships are awarded based upon need and the area of study. To be considered for one of these scholarships complete the form below and return with a short essay telling of need, any projects you have **engineered or participated in**, your future goals, and proof of enrollment (i.e., course enrollment, course schedule, report card, etc.) to the address below prior to **December 15.**

**SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN
29 YVETTE DRIVE
CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14227**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ COUNTY: _____ NY ZIP: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____ OTHER: _____

COLLEGE: _____

GRADE LEVEL: _____ MAJOR: _____

[Click here for a printable version of the application:](#)

Support the Teen Shooting Academy

The Teen Shooting Academy will open it's first four month basic rifle course in October 2005. Local teens will be taught the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to safely handle firearms by attending a two hour class twice a month at Hamburg Rod and Gun Club. The Teen Shooting Academy is working in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America - Greater Niagara Frontier Council, the Safari Club International, S.C.O.P.E., and the NRA to bring our young people quality instruction in a safe and secure environment. Boy Scouts will earn their rifle merit badges by completing this course. Once the students complete the basic class, they will have the opportunity to take more advanced courses in rifle, shot gun and even air pistol.

Gander Mountain has agreed to provide ten Savage Mk II .22cal rifles with hard shell cases for only \$125 each. That is virtually at cost for the rifles and they are donating the cases for free. The Teen Shooting Academy is looking for ten sponsor clubs willing to invest in the future of our young people and our shooting sports heritage by making a donation to the school of at least \$125 to cover the cost of these rifles.

Please make your donation to the Teen Shooting Academy. Contact coordinator Bob Church at 592-7211 or head rifle instructor Stephen J Aldstadt at 716-846-5448.

Send checks to: Teen Shooting Academy

P.O. Box 294

Springville NY 14141-0294

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- Call to order:** Time: 7:43PM Host Club: Hawkeye Bowmen
- Roll Call - Officers & Directors:** Absent -
Excused – Joe Fischer, Dave Barus, Dave Reed
- Quorum of member clubs:** Yes No
- Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes as written.
Motion: Paul Kurzdorfer 2nd John Susz Approved Issues?
- Secretary's report:** <acting secretary>
- Membership report:** <Mike Smith>
Dues notices will be sent out this month.
- Treasurer's report:** <Tony Scime>
Motion: Mike Smith 2nd: Fred Langdon Approved Issues?
- Correspondence report:** <Chuck Godfrey>
Read response from Governor's Office on Cuba Lake.
- President's report:** <Chuck Godfrey>
Sent Niagara River Greenway letter.
- Future meeting locations;** Nov 10th @ Boston Valley Conservation Society on Zimmerman Road.
Starting next year – the meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month.
- Guest Speaker:** Pat Manning gave a rousing presentation on his position on sportsmen's issues. He is asking our support on his bid for office.
- STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- Law** <NYS DEC>
Nothing to report.
- Archery & Bowhunting:** <Dave Reed>
Three day bear season in Penn.
Tony Gonnello – Nov. 15th & 16th special archery season in Penn.
- Crossbow:** <Tony Gonnello>
Maryland dept. of Natural Resources – established 2k5 season.
Virginia and Penn. Followed suit. Pennsylvania very progressive.

- Fish:** <Dave Barus>
Excused.
Paul Stoos presented the PETA piece on “Your daddy kills animals”
- <Spencer > ECFAB still has \$5K in the budget to support the kids fishing program. Federal moneys still in the works.
- Small Game:** <Dan Tone>
This Saturday is the opening of pheasant season. First time ever open on Sat. Monitoring return on banded roosters. (over 1000 4H birds in Darien Lake State Park.) Ruffed grouse survey – call Mike Murphy at the game farm and get in on the survey.
- Big Game:** <Paul Stoos>
Big game day at Elma Conservation on Sept. 26th. Great seminar – poorly attended. (15-20 people) Hope to have it again next year. Gary Huber did 99% of the work. Paul attended the CWD meeting the next day. Nothing new to report. If you hunt in the Oneida area, there are certain rules and regulations relating to CDW.
- Trapping:** <Patti Wattengel>
Excused.
- Waterfowl:** <Paul Pietraszewski>
Season opens Oct. 22nd. Significant changes – bag limit down on blue bills. Canada season started end of September. Better than usual. Should be a good indicator of our season here.
- Conservation Council** <Joe Fischer >
Dan Tone – results of the resolution. New President, VP, etc.
Tony Gonnello – Looked at resolution 2 and 4 and pointed out the difference between the ECFSC and the NYSCC positions. Dan stated that the NYSCC position is comprised of the position of all member clubs. Bob Fuller – just a matter of numbers. Tony cautioned the ECFSC and NYSCC should be more informed with these resolutions.
- Legislation:** <John Susz>
HR1312 introduced on a Fed. Level – targeting 65 guns by name. Another assault weapons bill. Ban all semi-auto shotguns. Give Attorney General the power to ban any weapon that they feel is not a
- Motion to write a letter to all Erie County representaives
Motion: Tom Fischer 2nd: Nelson Cronin Approved Issues?
- HR800 added amendments by House and back to the Senate. John sent a letter to Brian Higgins and echoed Johns feelings. Did not say he was going to vote for or against it.
- Nov. 9th – Friends of the NRA banquet at Classics on Niagara Falls Blvd. Contact Debra 876-8424 for more information.
- (added info)
American hunters and shooters association is NOT a gun rights group.

Steve Aldstadt – presented a letter by Marshall Brown in support of Tim Howard. Asked to include letter in the minutes and post on the web site.

Budd Schroeder – commented on Tim Howard and how Tim spoke against the NYS Sheriffs Association against their support of the gun ban. Please get out and vote – Tim Wroblewski lost a big primary because of the lack of voter turnout. Don't let this happen to the Sheriff's office. Please make sure you are voting for pro-gun politicians.

Environment & Pollution:

<Tom Marks>

Mark Gaston contact Chuck Godfrey for organizations to help get a grant to help educate farmers on controlling pollution on Cat. Creek.

Council Resolutions:

<Bob Fuller >

Resolutions passed were printed with comments. Any new resolutions should be presented by the December meeting.

Membership

<Chuck Godfrey>

Sportsman/woman Education:

<Frank Miskey Sr.>

Contacted by George Schadel – group of hunter safety instructors trying to put together a banquet to honor hunter safety instructors. Requested to be able to use 501(c) 3 status to help give contributors tax deductions. Chuck will get back to all on the date of the banquet.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards :

<Will Elliott>

Not available

Banquet:

<Dan Tone>

Tickets available next meeting. Banquet is the first Saturday in March.

Fred Langdon suggested that we send out donation letters to vendors as soon as possible. Tony mentioned that the Presidents raffle is the biggest fund raiser for the banquet. Requested that if anyone is aware of someone that could donate a hunt – it would help the raffle.

Educational Opportunities:

<Chuck Godfrey>

Last month minutes – application for scholarships. Have not received any yet. Was posted in the Buffalo News.

CFAB:

<Fred Langdon>

Big discussion last meeting – cost of CWD. Have not gotten an estimate – the DEC seems to “dodge the bullet”. Trying to get a handle on it for their annual report on Nov. 15th.

Fund Raising:

<Tony Gonnello>

Remington art calendars ordered. Received \$50 from SCOPE and from Erie County Conservation.

- FWMB:** <Bob Church>
Nothing to report – meeting in December.
- Shows:** <Fred Langdon >
Requested to be replaced as Chairman of the show committee.
The outdoor show application has to be sent in ASAP. Dates
March 9th – 12th
Motion to support the Spring Outdoor show
Motion: Dan Tone 2nd: Tom Fischer Approved Issues?
Chuck requested that somebody volunteer for Show Chairman.
- National Hunting & Fishing Day:** <Tom McCormick>
Long discussion at the Board Meeting – Chuck will give Tom a call
and find out what’s going on. Hawkeye President commented
that only Boy Scouts were present and there wasn’t any
advertisement.
- WNY Environmental Federation:** (nothing to report)
- Nominations:** President – Chuck nominated by Paul Stoos
1st. Vice President – no nominations
2nd Vice President – Tony Gonello resigned – no nominations
Treasurer – Tony Scime
Recording Secretary – Spence nominated
Corresponding Secretary – Will Elliot
Membership Secretary – Mike Smith
- Motion for recording sec. to purchase a recorder to use at meetings.
Motion: Stoos 2nd: McAdams Approved Issues?
- Budget and Finance:** <Tony Scime)>
Motion to pay the bills.
Motion: McAdams 2nd: Fred Langdon Approved Issues?
- Website:** <Paul Stoos>
Nothing new to report
- Old Business:** Steve Aldstadt reported on the Teen Shooting Academy and
renewed his request to support the program. Only SCOPE and
Safari Club stepped forward to support.
- New Business:** Nelson Cronin commented on the removal of monies that were
earmarked for the Great Lakes region to send it to New Orleans to
help after the hurricane.
- SCOPE is raffling ATV – tickets are \$20 and only 1,000 tickets will be
sold. Winner to be determined by a drawing.
- John Susz – If you’re not interested in purchasing a ticket for the
ATV – please purchase a membership to SCOPE.
- New Delegates:** McAdams - Introduction to We Love Outdoors and their efforts to
help sportsmen and sportswomen through effective
communication and community support.
- Good and Welfare:** Tony – Dan Tone received a lifetime achievement award at the

annual awards banquet of the NYSCC.

The Annual Officer's and Directors Christmas Party is on Saturday, December 10th at 6:00PM at the Elma Conservation Club. It is a couples event and it is FREE!!!! (Two requests.) If anyone can donate a prize for the fun raffle at the dinner, please contact Val or Tony at 652-4728. (2nd Request.) If you would call Val or Tony and let them know if you will be attending, that will save them the usual phone call to you to see if you are attending and if it is one or two people. Thanks for your help.

50/50 Raffle: \$35 to Bison City Rod & Gun Club

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn.
Motion: John Susz 2nd Paul Stoos Approved

Thanks to Host Club: Hawkeye Bowmen

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs
Minutes 12/8/05
<http://ericyfsc.org>

- Call to order – 8:00 Bison City Rod & Gun by President Godfrey
Pledge to Flag:

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused - Joe McAdams, Tony Scime, Dave Barus

Absent -

Quorum of member clubs – Present:

Approval of previous month's minutes

Motion to approve - 2nd

Secretary's report –

- Membership report – Mike Smith

Motion by P. Kurzdorfer, 2nd by S. Aldstadt to accept “We Love Outdoors” into membership in the Federation
 – motion passed

- Treasurer's report – Tony Scime

Motion to approve - 2nd

Correspondence report – Will Elliott

President's Report – Chuck Godfrey

Officers and Directors Party - 12/11/05

NYS Draft Open Space Plan – Motion B. Fuller, 2nd T. Fischer to have president send letter supporting
 NYS Draft Open Space Plan, with copies to Fed. clubs, delegates, officers, and directors for them to possibly send
 letters also.

Next meetings and locations:

1/26/06 - Bd. Meeting - 6:30 -- Elma Conservation Club - 600 Creek Rd. - Elma

2/23/06 - Bd. Meeting - 6:30 -- Geo. Washington Hunting and Fishing Club - 2805 Niagara – Buffalo

We need meeting places for next year.

- **GUESTS:**

Dennis Money - Seneca White Deer, Inc. (white deer herd on the Seneca Army Depot)

Motion by D. Tone, 2nd by S. Aldstadt to donate \$100 to Seneca White Deer Herd, Inc, and to purchase one
 Tee-shirt for \$25 - passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Law enforcement – Tom Scott sends his regrets. Hopes to attend Jan meeting

- Archery & Bowhunting – Dave Reed

- Crossbow – Tony Gonnello

- Fish – Dave Barus

Bill introduced in Senate to ban sale of recreationally caught panfish

Small Game – Dan Tone

DEC is conducting a trap, tag, and release survey this year. All turkeys will be released where they are trapped
 – none will be transferred. If anyone wishes to participate, contact Connie Adams at the Bflo DEC office.

There are still a lot of pheasants in the field from the prison program

Big Game – Paul Stoos

PENNSYLVANIA HUNTERS SHATTER BEAR HARVEST RECORD

HARRISBURG - Hunters shot a new state record 4,123 black bears in the state's recently concluded bear season, according to the preliminary reports by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. The statewide three-day bear season, which ran Nov. 21-23, saw a record 3,331 bears harvested. The extended bear season in five Wildlife Management Units and the Rockview State Correctional Institution in Centre County, which ran Nov. 28- Dec. 3, added an additional 794 bears, bringing the new state record to 4,123.

"We will be closely examining the harvest data once a complete review is conducted by our bear biologist, Mark Ternent," said Calvin W. DuBrock, Game Commission Bureau of Wildlife Management director. "We will be working to determine the harvest rate this season, so that we can finalize our 2006 bear season recommendations for the Board of Game Commissioners to consider at its upcoming meeting in January.

"This harvest greatly exceeded our expectations, but is a testament to the size, reproductive success and range our of bear population."

DuBrock also noted that the agency will issue an official bear harvest report once all bear harvest reports are reviewed.

In 2004, agency employees processed 2,423 black bears on the first three days, and the final harvest was 2,972 bears, including those bears taken in the extended season that ran concurrently with the first week of the deer firearms season. In 2003, agency personnel processed 2,812 bears over the season's first three days, and the final harvest was 3,000 bears, including those taken in the extended season.

In 2001, the last time the state had a single three-day season, the total bear harvest was 3,063. In 2000, when the previous state record bear harvest was set, the three-day total was 3,075.

At the conclusion of the 2005 bear season, Andrew Seman Jr. of Dunbar had taken the largest bear: a 733-pound male. The bear was shot in Dunbar Township, Fayette County, at 3 p.m. on Nov. 22.

To date, hunters have taken 17 bears statewide that have had estimated live weights of 600 pounds or more.

PRESS RELEASE New York State Conservation Council, Inc.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: 315-894-3302 or
Harold Palmer, President 607- 638-9013
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"The New York State Conservation Council applauds the decision of Albany County Supreme Court Judge William McCarthy in favor of the DEC, in the matter of the application of Jacqueline Goyer, as a citizen taxpayer and agent of the NYS Assembly seeking a judgment compelling the NYS DEC to release information on hunting license buyers. The decision indicates that the information will not become public", reported Harold Palmer, President of the New York State Conservation Council.

The New York State Conservation Council (NYSCC) represents over 1200 clubs and 300,000 sportsmen and women statewide on hunting, fishing, trapping, and gun issues. President Palmer went on to say, "The sportsmen and women deserve better than to have their names, addresses and information related to the license applications available to any one person, entity, governmental body or institution, without their own personal permission."

In this CPLR article 78 proceeding, the petitioner, Ms. Goyer, was seeking a judgment compelling respondents of DEC to comply with her Freedom of Information (FOIL) request pursuant to Public Officers Law # 85 by providing her with the public information she sought, together with the cost of litigation. DEC contacted the NYSCC to determine if it would have the group's support in a denial of this information request. It did. The Conservation Council has always believed that license buyers' personal information should remain private. The NYSCC also believed that when the new "DECALS" computerized license program was instituted, even more

protection was to be put in place to protect the sporting license buyers. DEC Director of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources Gerald Barnhart gave sworn testimony to support the reasoning for not giving out the information. The “DECALS” program provides the buyers first & last name, suffix, gender, height, eye color, date of birth, driver’s license id number, customer id number, state residency, notation of blindness, military service, disability, fulfillment information, preference points, e-mail address, residential address and telephone number. The NYSCC maintains that this information should not be released.

Former NYSCC President Howard Cushing Jr., on behalf of the NYSCC, also gave a sworn affidavit in September 2005. The court recognized his testimony, which centered around identity theft and personal intrusion. The Petitioner characterized this argument as “ludicrous”, contending that it is a mere ploy for a State agency to deny access to governmental records. The court, on the other hand, did not reach the same conclusion and stated: “Identity theft, without question, is becoming one of the fastest growing criminal offenses in the twenty-first century. Furthermore, the Federal Trade Commission estimates that in a five-year period prior to early 2003 in the US alone, there were 27.3 million reported cases of identity theft alone.”

The NYSCC would like to thank DEC Commissioner Sheehan, Division Director Gerald Barnhart, DEC Attorney Eidle, Attorney Ira Lipton of Hoguet, Newman & Regal, LLP, Conservation Fund Advisory Board Chairman Robert Monacchio and all those who helped support the sportsmen and women on this sensitive issue.

Linda Coffin, Operations Manager
New York State Conservation Council, Inc.
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Ilion, NY 13357
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Hunters should be aware of high deer tick population in Pa.
More bucks taken so far this year
No CWD so far
No hunting accidents in Region 9 as of DEC 8

Trapping – Patti Wattengel
Fur auction Jan. 8 – See Below

Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski

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Conservation Council - Joe Fischer

The Federation has decided to promote the voluntary “Buck A Member Program” proposed by the Council. This, if successful, will insure a reliable source of income to meet the future needs for our only “conservation rights” lobbying organization in our state.

For those clubs who feel this is a worthwhile cause, please make checks payable to - “New York State Conservation Council” and send to – NYSCC, 8 East Main St., Ilion, NY 13357.

To those clubs that donated last year, we hope that your commitment will carry on. Please don’t wait until the Council solicits for your help. They need the resources now to fund the year’s budget needs.

Also, to those clubs who chose not to participate, please consider what the Council is asking for: “a dollar a member.” A buck doesn’t buy much these days, not a beer at a bar, not a pack of cigarettes or a good cigar, not a decent fishing lure, or even a couple dozen worms. Perhaps it’s time we sportsmen and women consider putting this all in perspective!

The Conservation Council has requested an updated list of Federation clubs with names and addresses of contact people. It has been the Federation’s policy not to give this list out to any other organization for privacy considerations.

Clubs wishing to receive the Council’s “Grass Roots News” monthly publication, which gives updated information on state legislation and conservation issues, should contact the Council at 315-894-3302 and ask for Linda Coffin. You can also e-mail them at - nyscc@nyscc.com with the information.

Clubs can send their “club’s news” for publication to - NYSCC, 8 East Main St., Ilion, NY 13357 - or e-mail the by the 2nd Monday of the month. The Council also has a policy of not arbitrarily giving or selling private club information.

Finally, there is an ongoing new member/renewal drive for individual Council memberships, with prizes available. Contact the Council or visit their website for details.

Environment & Pollution – Tom Marks

Motion N. Cronin, 2nd T. Fischer to send letter to Cong. B. Higgins to thank him for his part in obtaining a commitment from NYPA to increase the amount of money to Buffalo and Erie County from the Niag. Power Prom. relicensing agreement.

Legislation – John Susz

To keep in touch with what's going on with firearm legislation in New York, check out SCOPE's website at - www.scopeny.org

Resolutions – Bob Fuller -

None received yet

Membership Outreach – The membership secretary would like all club presidents to consider attending at least one regular Federation meeting a year. This might not only prove to be a learning experience, but may also provide a better insight as to the importance of having representation on behalf of their clubs. If any club would like a visit from a Federation spokesman, please contact president Chuck Godfrey at

675-0057 or chuck.godfrey@eriectyfsc.org . The president will also try to visit one club or so per month.

IF ANYONE KNOWS OF AN ERIE COUNTY CLUB WHICH IS NOT A MEMBER, PLEASE LET THE PRESIDENT KNOW SO HE CAN CONTACT THEM ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Sportsman/woman Education – Frank Miskey Sr.SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTSNominations – Mike SmithElections – Mike Smith

Motion by T. Fischer, 2nd S. Aldstadt to have secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers and directors – passed

By prearrangement, Spencer Schofield resigns from Sec's office. President appoints Rich Davenport to position of secretary.

ERIE COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS
2006 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT –	CHUCK GODFREY
1 ST VICE PRESIDENT -	JOE FISCHER
2 ND VICE PRESIDENT-	PAUL STOOS
TREASURER-	TONY SCIME
RECORDING SEC. -	RICH DAVENPORT
CORRESPONDING SEC. -	WILL ELLIOTT
MEMBERSHIP SEC. -	MIKE SMITH
DIRECTORS (3YEAR TERM)	
2004,'05,'06	DAVE BARUS
	BOB FULLER
	FRED LANGDON
	JOE MCADAMS
	JOHN SUSZ
2005,'06,'07	STEVE ALDSTADT
	NELSON CRONIN
	HAL LAWRENCE
	DAVE REED
	SPENCER SCHOFIELD
2006,'07,'08	AL BAUR
	TOM FISCHER
	DWIGHT MATEER
	DAVE SMYCZYNSKI
	DAN TONE

NYSCC COUNCIL PERSONS

1ST JOE FISCHER
 ALT BOB FULLER
 SGT. AT ARMS DON DAVIS

Awards – Will Elliott

Submit names of deserving individuals, clubs, and youths to Will Elliott wille@pce.net

Banquet – Dan Tone

Motion K. Kruse, 2nd F. Langdon to spend up to \$600 for guns for raffle at banquet
 Any donations – contact Dan Tone
 Any ads, contact Dan Tone.
 Need volunteers to help at banquet – contact Dan Tone

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Only one application for scholarships received

CFAB – Fred Langdon

Blaze orange bill will be introduced in the Assembly again this year
 Conservation Fund will be in red again soon
 CFAB annual report will be on the DEC website this week

Fund Raising – Tony GonnelloFWMB – Bob Church

Motion by M. Smith, 2nd S. Schofield to forward the names of Bob Church for reappointment and Paul Stoos for appointment to delegate and alternate delegate positions respectively.

Shows – **WE NEED A NEW CHAIRMAN. DAN TONE IS TAKING CARE OF THE SPRING SHOW, BUT WE NEED SOMEONE FOR BEYOND THAT.**National Hunting and Fishing day – Tom McCormickWNY Environmental Federation –

Meeting Jan 29, 2006 - 1pm - Moose Club - 13080 Buffalo Rd. - Springville

Budget and Finance – Tony Scime – (motion to pay bills)

Motion to approve – F. Langdon

2nd- D. Reed

Website – Paul Stoos - erictyfc.orgOld Business:

Motion by N. Cronin, 2nd D. Tone to send letters to Rep's B. Higgins and L. Slaughter to oppose Pres. Bush's plan to divert Great Lakes Cleanup money to Louisiana
 Teen Shooting Academy has 12 kids participating – there is a need for contributions and volunteers

New Business - any new delegates present?

Motion by P Stoos, 2nd F. Langdon to buy a table for the Southtowns' Walleye banquet. – passed
 Members of Fish Comm. who wish to attend should contact D. Barus
 Motion by D. Tone, 2nd T. Fischer to purchase 2 tickets for Turkey Fed. banquet – passed Motion by
 D. Tone, 2nd T. Fischer to reimburse B Miechowicz for 2 treestands for Fed banquet –passed
 S. Schofield volunteered to chair the committee for the "Kids Day Clinics" at Tift and Chestnut Ridge
 Safari Club put on a program for the NYS School for the Blind

Good and Welfare of the Organization:50/50 Raffle

Winner-C. Godfrey

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn - multiple

2nd – manyThanks to Host Club

Bison City Rod & Gun

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<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/environmentdec/2005b/eso120105.html>

Check out this website for information on the television debut of Empire State Outdoors.

The Niagara Frontier (Formally FNRA) NRA Fundraising Dinner and Auction
Mark Your Calendar and Join Us for a Delicious Dinner and Fun-Filled Evening!

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 Saturday, March 25, 2006 - 4:30 pm

Samuel's Grande Manor

8750 Main Street

Williamsville, New York 14221

Bar Opens at 4:30 pm - Dinner at 6:30 pm

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Live Auction - Silent Auctions Special Drawings - Door Prizes

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Including Limited Edition Firearms, Custom Knives, Art Prints, Optics, and many more items created for this event

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Proceeds to benefits: Youth Development, Firearms Education & Training, Range Development & Improvements,
and Wildlife Conservation Projects,
through Grants to Qualified Projects.

Volunteers welcome. For information contact:

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Mike Bartoshevich at (716) 633-1266 • Dave McDonald at (716) 433-7884

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Fur Auction

New York State Region 9
Erie County Trappers Association Inc

Fur Auction
 Sunday January 8, 2006

S&S Taxidermy & Archery Pro Shop
 Route 219 Springville, NY, - 1 Mile from Route 39
 Just south of Wal-Mart

Check-in: 8:00 AM
 Open Bid Raw Fur Auction
 Begins at 10:00 AM
 Also Free Fur Handling Seminar!

Join us to learn better techniques for preparing pelts.

Learn about Pelting, Fleshing, Stretching, and Drying and Sizing.

Beaver Muskrat *Raccoon* Mink *Fox* Coyote*

Contac: Patti (716) 337-2556 or Audie at S&S (716) 592-2404

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ERIE COUNTY TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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