



Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC May 25, 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Host Club: Erie County Conservation Society, Chaffee, NY

Call to order – 7:00PM

Pledge to Flag: Completed.

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused: C. Godfrey, R. Davenport

In Attendance: 5 Officers, 10 Directors, 15 Delegates, 2 guests

Everyone asked to introduce themselves.

Quorum of member clubs – Yes

Approval of previous month's minutes

<none>

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport

<none>

Membership report – Hope Melnyk

45 Members, some still not paid. Requested that all clubs review their information and update where necessary. Asked to submit dues payment ASAP. Anyone aware of new clubs, please let them know about the Federation.

Treasurer's report – Debbie Godfrey

Reconciliation report and summary presented

MOTION TO APPROVE: C. Schenne

SECOND: H. Melnyk

CARRIED.

Correspondence report – Joe McAdams

Received notification that on June 23, 2017 – there will be a surprise party for Will Fowler's retirement.

President's Report – Joe McAdams

Next meeting will have 2 guest speakers. Budd Schroeder and Max Tresmond will discuss SAFE Act to date.

TMTF Event June 10th (defer comments until end of meeting).

Next meetings and locations:

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
6/22/2017	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Hamburg Rod & Gun, Hamburg, NY
7/27/2017	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Niagara River Station, Grand Island, NY
August						No Meeting
9/14/2017	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Springville Field & Stream, Springville, NY
10/12/2017	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Hawkeye Bowmen, Marilla
11/2/2017	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Southtowns Walleye (TBD)
12/14/2017	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Bison City Rod & Gun, Buffalo, NY (TBD)

GUESTS:

George Stuart, Al Gai

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law enforcement – Jeff Jondle

Recent ECO meeting. Only down 1-2 positions. Full staff this fall.

Archery & Bowhunting – Jim McCann

<none>

Crossbow –Frank Miskey, Jr.

Legislation pending to move crossbow to archery season.

Fish – Tom Fischer / Joe Fischer / Larry Jones

Small boat launch ramp issues – no handicap access, obstructions, long ramp. No tie-downs or ladders for boats. Meeting with harbor group to discuss. Fish cleaning station – vendor contract expires.

Teach Me to Fish Clinics – OPEN

Reviewed supply and task issues.

Small Game – Dan Tone

? Received \$3K check for 100 chicks / club. Next meeting June 11@ Hoaks – 1PM.

Big Game – Paul Stoos

DEC released DM take – down 16% from previous year.

NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

2016 Deer Harvest - Recent Trend Comparison

	2016	2015	Change (2015 to 2016)	5-year Average (2011 to 2015)
Total Take	213,061	202,973	5.0%	231,306
Adult Buck Take (≥ 1.5 years old)	107,006	99,572	7.5%	110,377
Adult Female Take (≥ 1.5 years old)	78,288	75,157	4.2%	84,569
Antlerless Take (fawns and adult does)	106,055	103,401	2.6%	120,928
% Buck Fawns in Antlerless Take	13.1%	14.9%		16.3%
% Buck Take ≥ 2.5 Years Old	50.6%	52.8%		48.4%
Antlerless to Adult Buck Harvest Ratio	0.99 : 1	1.04 : 1		1.1 : 1
Deer Management Permits (DMPs) Issued	588,430	626,389	-6.1%	617,591
DMP Take	81,507	76,928	6.0%	91,612
DMP Success Rate	13.9%	12.3%		14.9%
DMAP Take	9,134	10,847	-15.8%	11,405
Muzzleloader Season Take ¹	15,369	11,570		14,834
% Antlerless of Muzzleloader Take	66.4%	60.5%		61.1%
Bow Season Take ¹	46,735	37,697		36,458
% Antlerless of Bow Take	41.8%	31.0%		31.5%
Crossbow Take	9,439	7,469	26.4%	
Youth Deer Hunt	1,162	1,222	-4.9%	1,273
Hunter Reporting Rate (statewide, all tags)	43.5%	44.0%		44.0%
Deer Check (% of harvest checked by DEC) ²	6.6%	6.9%		6.7%
Statewide Harvest Estimate Precision (95% CI)	±1.83%	±1.95%		±1.91%

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

<none>

Waterfowl – George Rockey

<none>

Conservation Council - Dan Tone

Resolutions recommendation vote in September.

Environment & Pollution – Chuck Godfrey

The DEC rejected the permit application for “Northern Access Pipeline” and National Fuel will probably take them to court over it. NFG is suing 16 landowners over their refusal to sign “eminent domain” contracts, since the Federal government has granted its permit to the project. Over 500 landowners did sign the contracts. This will probably drag out for years in the court systems, state and federal, since the DEC permit is required in order to build the pipeline.

Legislation – John Susz

H.R.367 — 115th Congress (2017-2018). Bloomberg spending \$25MM to oppose. Proposed handgun fee increases for NYC to \$400. Currently \$350 for 3 yr. Pennsylvania to approve use of semi-auto for small game.

Resolutions – Rich Davenport (Dan Tone)

<see Conservation Council>

Membership Outreach – Chuck Godfrey

<none>

Sportsman/woman Education – Frank Miskey Sr.

Mandatory Antler Restriction Bill still a reality, even though statistics on DEC site clearly shows that hunters are voluntarily managing buck harvest.

The bill, S4739A, was introduced by Republican Sen. Thomas O'Mara, whose 5th Senate district covers five counties across the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions. O'Mara is chairman of the Senate's Environmental Conservation Committee and his bill would impact the bowhunting, firearms and muzzleloading seasons. The legislation proposes a ban on the taking of "immature bucks," limiting hunters to "antlered deer with a least one antler with at least three points in wildlife management units 3F, 3M, 3N, 3R, 4B, 4C, 4F, 4H, 4J, 4K, 4L, 4U, 4Z, 5R, 5T, 7M, 7P, 6A, 6G, 6H, 6C, 6K and, "taking of antlered deer with at least one antler with at least four points in wildlife management units 7R, 7S, 8N, 8P, 8R, 8T, 8W, 8X, 8Y, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9M, 9N, 9P, 9R, 9T, 9W, 9X, 9Y, 7A, 7F, 7J, 6P, 6S, 6R and 4A. (See a map of all the state's Wildlife Management Areas on the DEC website). Each point must be "at least one inch long measured from the main antler beam," the bill states. An exemption noted in the bill would be hunters "under the age of 17," who may take "any deer with (an) antler or antlers measuring three inches or more in length."

Also, possibility for discussion is a requirement for mandatory orange for anyone entering the woods during hunting seasons.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations – Paul Stoos

<none>

Awards – Frank Miskey Sr.

<none>

Banquet – Frank Miskey, Jr.

Numerous calls made to winners of drawings.

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

We've received 6 applications for the new scholarship and will set a date to review them.

Fund Raising – Open Position

FWMB – Chuck Godfrey / Dan Tone Alternate

<none>

National Hunting and Fishing Day – Rich Davenport

<none>

Shows – Chuck Godfrey will handle for rest of year

Please pass signup sheet for fair. Include phone numbers and email.

WNY Environmental Federation – Dan Tone

Next meeting is June 11

ECFSC will sponsor their website

Youth Lifetime Licenses - Chuck Godfrey

<none>

Budget and Finance – Debbie Godfrey – (motion to pay bills)

Supplies paid for TMTF clinics based on previous approvals. No vote required.

Website – Joe McAdams - eriectyfsc.org

Updated

Old Business:

Debbie – letter to County Executive.

New Business - any new delegates present?

Cheryl – The EC Pistol Permit Bureau has eliminated the mandatory 60-day gun purchase requirement after license issue. You can now take as much time as you need.

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

Special report by Frank Miskey Sr.:

Nearly all small meth lab operations uncovered recently were a so-called "one-pot" operation. In the one-pot method, meth makers combine anhydrous ammonia, pseudoephedrine tablets, water and a reactive metal in a container, such as a liter-sized soda bottle. Then, a chemical reaction leaves behind the addictive crystalline powder that users smoke, snort or ingest.

The self-contained units are small, officials say, they can be quickly stashed in a car, and its components — filled with toxic residue — can be haphazardly discarded along the roadside, in a Dumpster, or in a stranger's trash can or recycling bin. These can potentially explode when handled.

Sunshine Committee – Cheryl Schenne:

<none>

50/50 Raffle

Hope Melnyk

Thanks to Host Club

Thanks to host Erie County Conservation Society

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Cheryl Schenne 2nd – Fred Langdon

Meeting adjourned 8:58PM