



Rich Davenport, 2017 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC June 2017 General Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2017

Hamburg Rod & Gun Club, Hamburg, NY

Call to order – 7:10PM

Pledge to Flag: Completed

Prayer offered By Budd Schroeder, for Andy Godfrey

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused: Frank Miskey, Sr., Hope Melnyk, Gary Melnyk, Joe Fischer, Dan Tone, Debbie Godfrey

Quorum of member clubs – Yes

GUESTS:

Budd Schroeder – SCOPE; Jim Tresmonde, Maximillian Tresmonde – Tresmonde Law Firm – 2nd Amendment; Frank Panisek SCOPE, Ken Zolnowski – R9 Waterfowl NYSCC Boy Scouts of America – youth shooting – trailer, Don Bartle and Wayne Deeter

NY SAFE Act Update

Max Tresmonde

Thank you for inviting us to speak this evening

Important occurrences going on in Buffalo

The President has made certain commitments to do. He consistently made the commitment to protect the 2nd Amendment – But what can he really do?

Feds have the ability to repeal the SAFE Act through Civil Rights actions

Katano vs. Massachusetts – applied to more arms than existed when it was ratified

Second Amendment Guarantee Act

We have no doubt President Trump will sign if it passes

Will prevent States from demanding a permit to buy a handgun, would stop States from banning scary-looking guns, and gives course of action to the people if the Civil Rights are violated.

Met with Collins on Jan 17, 2017 – and he committed to support it

We have not gotten a Bill number yet

Contact our Congressman and demand this gets taken up.

Q – Will this coincide with National Reciprocity or conflict?

No conflict, still need a state CCW for reciprocity, NY does not want to participate.
The SAGA would eliminate the SAFE Act, and the Sullivan Act
Calls are important, hold the politicians to their promises; and contacting them is the way to do it.

Jim Tresmonde

Max's proud father

Began work on the SAFE Act the day it was passed

Received a distressing email from Iliion, NY, a worker from Remington Factory – due to their jobs being lost on account of this onerous legislation

Unfortunately, Remington moved to Alabama – an operation that once employed nearly 2,000 NYers

The law has severely damaged everyone who loves in NYS.

Federal government can leverage the supremacy law, pass the SAGA civil rights bill, and restore our rights in NYS in the process

If a Congressman from NY does not want to sponsor the legislation, we will find another that will.

All of their time on the SAFE Act has been voluntary, do not need the money. This is a civil rights issue for all.

No money needed, just call and tell them to have SAGA entered and get it passed

Frank Panisek – Erie County SCOPE – 30 to 100 people attending the meetings, policy – guide sheet for writing letters. Emails are ok, phone calls are ok, letters, especially hand-written, and are read and categorized

Last month sent 30 letters to Collins, and they got noticed

Sent another 25 to President Trump – so far, 5 months in we have seen nothing yet.

Write to Congressman and President

Budd Schroeder – Politicians don't normally see the light until they feel some heat
Be persistent

Next year all Senators, Assemblyman, and Governor

We lost last time and it is our fault – we did not motivate anyone to vote

Do not tolerate non-voters, especially one who bitches.

28% turnout in 2014 – we get the government we deserve due to idiots around us who don't vote

Don Lombardo and Wayne Deeter

NRA Sporting Clay Trailer – raise money for summer camp utilizing this trailer. Also support Green Wings

Exposes newbies to clay shooting

Sheriff's have the Explorers come through

Looking for money for ammo, targets, repairs, etc.

Will also have booth space at the Fair – Only trailer run by Scouts in USA

Paul Stoos motions to donate \$100

2nd Cheryl Schenne

Motion amended to \$200

Motion carries

Information about this at the Fair – looking to recruit this year

Approval of previous month's minutes

Motion to approve Tom Fischer

Paul Stoos 2nd

Motion carries

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport

None

Membership report – Hope Melnyk

None

Treasurer's report – Debbie Godfrey

Apologies for not having the report this month – no worries

Correspondence report – Joe McAdams

Nothing to report received or sent

Rich Davenport motions to write to support SAGA

2nd Paul Stoos

All WNY US Congressmen and President Trump

President's Report – Joe McAdams

TMTF

Next meetings and locations:

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
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)

Cheryl will need to be excused for July Meeting

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law enforcement – Jeff Jondle

Not much current

Currently up to staff, but retirements are coming

Vehicles are good

Archery & Bowhunting – Jim McCann

None

Crossbow – Frank Miskey, Jr.

Crossbow dead in committee

Fish – Tom Marks

Kids clinic poorly attended

June 27 State Of Lake Erie – 6PM – Woodlawn DEC

Sheepshead – 36 pounds Oneida Lake, new state record

Teach Me to Fish Clinics – OPEN

Great clinic on June 10, army of volunteers

Ready to go

Very few attendees

June 24- Chestnut – All set on the cabin – Currently have 64 pre-registered according to Mike Todd – will bring two more DEC staffers, bringing 150 grab bags and 30 backup rods & reels – DEC is stepping up big time!

Family Fishing Day, June 24-25, Buffalo United Front

Small Game – Dan Tone

None

Big Game – Paul Stoos

Some passage of permanent rifle use occurred

AR defeated

Crossbow going nowhere

12 year old universal hunting age ditto

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

Checking on Pat Arnold Youth Trapping

\$250 – standing donation to support this

New contact person – Rick will get this info to Debbie Godfrey

Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski – Ken Zolnowski

Issue – waterfowl seasons – using SDM to set seasons

Currently set by Citizens' Task Force, for almost 20 years, appointed by Federations, selected by DEC

DEC wants to replace the CTF with SDM

CFAB did not know this was being done, costing money

Dragged Josh Stiller around to explain

\$50,000 to Cornell – PR funds just to get a survey

Will be spending money

Lots of confusion on SDM

Incorporating opinion and desire, which is bad.

Poor representation of the waterfowl enthusiast

Conservation Council - Dan Tone

Board meeting on June 10, webinar/ teleconference

Resolutions discussed

Shooting hours – going to be tough

Environment & Pollution – Chuck Godfrey

Northern Pipeline was denied, lawsuits are coming

Governor ordered DEC to stop the pipelines in NYS, all of them, come up with a reason

Legislation – John Susz

Session is almost over

SAGA in US Congress – gotta push it

Resolutions – Rich Davenport

Discussed – extend hunting hours to 1/2 hour before sunrise, to 1.2 hour after sunset.

DEC is seeking this change to increase hunting effectiveness without adding more days to seasons.

NY Educators recommend against this, as this is where the bulk of shootings happen – the low light periods on either end of the day.

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

440-6995 or steelheader03@hotmail.com . 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

Hawkeye President Nadine Fulle – Youth Archery Camp information, flyers and begging letter seeking funds/ donations. Aug 4-6, 2017, held at Hawkeye Bowmen – will get their archery certification at end of the camp.

Chuck motions to donate \$250.00 to Youth Archery Camp
2nd Hope Melnyk

Question – does the camp reach capacity? Last couple years haven't, have room for @ 35 kids. Late notice last year. Restriction – if you have the archery cert, cannot attend, want the opportunity for all to gain the cert. But will waive that prohibition if they need to fill it.

Very hands on experience

Motion carries

Erie County Federation – awarded recognition for our support of youth archery camp

Sportsman/woman Education – Frank Miskey Sr.

Classes are starting up and booking fast. Refresher course for educators held last month

Moving to everything online

No paperwork, all reservations online, certs will be online

8 hour classes, with home study

All venues – Hunter, Trapper, Bow, Waterfowl now all have homework requirements before you enter the class.

Classes are filling up fast – within an hour, state looking to move opening of class registration to 9AM from midnight. Has reduced no-shows a bit, but still high.

Gowanda teacher – has a hunter education class with full approval in Gowanda Schools! They are loving it!

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations – Paul Stoos

None

Need corresponding secretary, and a few directors. Need to be a delegate, please volunteer and help fill out our roster.

Awards – Frank Miskey Sr.

Awards Banquet we had 9 people receive awards, and 2 from the President

Sportsmen – Dave Reed

Sportswoman – Ann Wilcox-Swanson, DEC

Volunteer – Chuck Sesean

Public Service – Will Fowler, Jr, Erie County Supervisor of Pistol Permits, retiring this year

Conservationist – Jill Jedlicka – great Niece of Stan Spisiak

Dedicated Service – Dan Sapirski

Youth of Year

Boy – Colton Zach

Girl – Kirsten Mooka

Outstanding Achievement – Mike McCloud

President’s Special Recognition – BNRK

President’s Award – Paul Stoos

Congrats to all!

Great raffle prizes, great baskets!

Thank you to all volunteers, and special thanks to Frank Jr, fabulous job

Banquet – Frank Miskey, jr.

Will not be going back to that place

Bad performance from the entire staff and such

Bar staff sucked

New location will be announced

NET on banquet - \$4,627.26

Down a little bit – spending this year was tough.

They cannot handle the size of our banquet

Samuel’s cannot come close to the price we pay, but they do serve 250 in 15 minutes

Kloc’s Grove – Seneca Creek, October meeting at the place, within \$1/ meal of Justin’s \$27.50 per at Justin’s, at Clock’s \$28.50, includes drinks

Salvatore’s \$35

Lucarelli’s \$34

Samuel’s \$38

Booked for March 3, 2018 at Kloc’s Grove

Committee will be meeting soon

Couple menus from them to review

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Still have one application, waiting for the 2nd one.

Fund Raising – Open Position

None at this time

FWMB – Chuck Godfrey

Terms coming up, will ask Federation to support Joe F and Chuck G again as our representatives

Shows – Chuck Godfrey will handle for rest of year

Fair signup sheet is here

National Hunting and Fishing Day – Rich Davenport

Reviewed last meeting, looking for a \$500.00 budget

WNY Environmental Federation – Dan Tone

Next meeting is June 11

ECFSC will sponsor their website

Joe Jemiolo, jr. Youth Lifetime Licenses - Chuck Godfrey

Have money received, will have raffle tickets at Chestnut Ridge

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

None

Website – Joe McAdams - erictyfsc.org

Updated

Send stuff via email for posting – do ask to have it post – don't assume

Old Business:

Recertification of pistol permit – SCOPE advising to do end of January

Have we discussed any donations in Andy's name Will discuss in Sunshine

Would like donation from Federation for Hunter Ed, Sept 10 banquet - \$25/ tix

Rich motions to take a table of 8 tickets, cost \$200.00

2nd Paul Stoos

Motion carried

New Delegates

Samantha Salazar – new delegate for East Aurora Fish & Game

Sunshine Committee

Cheryl Schenne – Frank Sr. contacted to do something concerning Andy’s passing
Donation to Trout Unlimited in Andy’s memory?
George mentions that Chuck is going through very tough time, and doing a memorial
may cause more harm than good.

Paul Stoos motions to table for another month

New Business - any new delegates present?

None

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

See sunshine

50/50 Raffle

Winner is DU

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Cheryl Schenne 2nd – Rich Davenport
Meeting adjourned 9:07PM

Thanks to Host Club

Thanks to host Hamburg Rod & Gun