



Rich Davenport, 2017 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC September 2017 General Meeting Minutes

**September 14, 2017
Springville Field & Stream, Springville, NY**

Call to order – 7:03PM

Pledge to Flag: Completed

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused: Debbie Godfrey

Quorum of member clubs – Yes

Resolution vote – Chuck Godfrey

Collecting votes on the only resolution before the Federation, as we have only collected 10 club ballots

Verbal votes being taken from the delegates – Chuck will submit after collecting the votes of the delegates present

GUESTS:

NYSDEC – Paul McKeown; Russ Biss – Retired; Mike Clancy; Ken Baginski, Jen Kurlovich, Ryan Rockefeller, Connie Adams, Jen Pettit, Ann Rothland, Capt. Gary Bobseine – Retired; Lt. Jeff Jondle - Retired

Kyle Crosby – Cabela's Mktg Mgr

Zack Labenturd – Fly Fishing manager Cabela's

Reports from the DEC

Paul McKeown – Springville Dam

Partnership agreement is signed, and the money is transferred from State to US Army Corps – our commitment – a very difficult process. On the ground work to be done by 2020/ 2021, but could move faster – concerns on contamination from above the dam from West Valley Demonstration project – will happen, but not exactly known as to when

Mike Clancy – Fisheries

No LE biologists, Chris LeGard is now on Lake Ontario

Chinook numbers down 20% keeping stocking levels current to last year

Lakers down 20% same plan

LE good strong classes of walleye last few years
Chautauqua walleye and musky seem to be booming
Oct 3, inland trout stocking mgmt meeting at Reinstein next Thursday – 6:30PM start
Oct 5 Scott Cornell will present same in Allegany Office – 6:30PM start
Perch numbers rebounding
Emerald shiners fluctuate but up and down is normal, the numbers are stable
VHS showed up in Lake Erie this year
Any comments on the UB study concerning the anti-depressants

Ken Baginski – Wildlife

Thank you the invite to the meeting
Gearing up for pheasant season – same stockin locations, same numbers, except Zoar,
Gowanda correctional will handle Zoar as the numbers they have raised meet the
numbers needed.

Draw for Harwood and Zoar for opening day permits pheasant hunt – random draw
Send an app to Buffalo Office if interested
Application standard sized post card, name address telephone and lic backtag number,
and preferred sunrise – non, or noon to sunset, and area. 10 permits per time block
Send to Michigan Avenue Office
Oct 21, same opener as fall turkey
Youth pheasant hunt is Oct 14-15
Young Forest Initiative – Canadaway and Kabob WMAs, now planning Harwood Lake.
Marking timber for sale at Canadaway WMA now
Timber sale at Hanging Bog is out to bid, should be cutting on Hanging Bog this winter –
moving along.

Ryan Rockefeller – Big Game Biologist

Grew up in Allegany County, and has been an outdoorsman since he could walk

DMAP permits went out today.
3-year cycle enrollment a few years back. Freeing up time for thorough app review
Transition out of CTF system – system not working due to time constraints, aggregates to
28, down from 91.
Not enough data at the small level, aggregates will be more reflective of what is going on.
Will mail out surveys to land owners in the aggregates to collect the desires of each, and
then apply.
Q – How many mailings? Could be over 1,000 per aggregate
Still have a couple meetings left before the surveys go out
CWD – Plan on draft proposal for CWD – extended comment period – controversy
Comment period ends tomorrow
EHD – two carcasses turned in, suspicious nature of one of the animals – a buck. Sent to
Cornell
Has not been detected yet

Is there an official DEC position on AR?

Promote voluntary is the position

Data shows that is working

CWD – does it hit older animals due to the mandatory AR

Where does the idea stand for one buck per hunter.

Bears in Boston – rumors that the bear was released there. Could be two bears, as one was reported with ear tags

DMAP on Bully Hill – State Forest, 3500 acres, foresters approached DEC if they could enroll in DMAP – doing cuts, and could be tough on regeneration after the cut

70+ permits available, call West Almond Office to secure a permit, application on web site – first come, first served, one permit per hunter

May hold 20 back to reward successful hunters

Jen Pettit – Sportsmen’s Education Coordinator

Courses are filling and going on, will wind down in October, will ramp back up in Spring. Majority of registrations online now, goal to go to 100% online registration in 2018

Very busy taking calls from students and instructors as well.

Working on increased promotion to get new instructors – materials available, banners for display, table top displays, etc.

Cabela’s will help

Applications to become instructor, will hand out tonight to those interested

Received more apprentice checklists, completed apprenticeship in last 2 weeks than she has received during balance of her time in the position

Any luck finding a different identifier, than email? Not about email, more about nature of some people.

What about the Amish? Work closely with the Amish, Amish instructors etc., this group is accounted for and accommodated.

Mail out the roster 2 weeks before class

Working well.

Furbearers – business as usual except Bobcat permit no longer required this year. If you hunt, no permit, if you trap, recommend a permit for Fisher, has

716-379-6402 – Phone in for Fisher permit

Email works as well

Issuing those permits @ 1st week of Oct. Will have time for the season

All things still the same for Fishers, Oct 25-30, still need activity log, no submit on activity log, no permit next year

No activity log for bobcat

Still need fur bearer possession tag for bobcat – and pelt needs to be sealed

Is the reason for change an increase in numbers. No this was part of the plan, have collected the data, now the data needs to be analyzed

Is there a similar plan for Fishers? Yes

No plan on extending coyote season at this time

Connie Adams – Avian/ Small Game/ Waterfowl

Cormorant control – this year control efforts were suspended due to law suit filed against Federal government – have to wait for courts to work through. Could be a two-year hold
Was doing a lot of lethal control, but the shooting would need to stop due to the mix of other birds of concern

Population has inched up, close to 1400 pairs, spread throughout Niagara River, Buffalo Harbor, Donnelley's Wall, Motor and Goat Islands.

Will continue to fight for the controls, they impact heavily on other colonial birds in the area, plus habitat.

Strawberry Island has nesting eagles and that took care of the cormorants

Eagles are the most effective of ridding the cormorants. Eagles are not nesting in the gorge, but could be on Canadian side

Please submit observations on eagles, falcons, any species of interest. Appreciated.

When we see something unusual – please report

Waterfowl, banded 76 geese at a new site at South Park Lake

Did 70 at Erie County Fairgrounds

Much more

Duck season coming up, resident goose underway, looking for Wood Ducks – spotted a hen at Ellicott Creek today during lunch behind Smoke on the Water

Questions about lead poisoning and bald eagles

Lots of studies have shown eagles are dying from lead poisoning – most likely from eating carcasses

Started campaign for alternative ammo adoption to get ahead of the issue

50/50

Winner – Sidorski

Target winner Bison City

Cabela's – discussions on what they can do, always ask for their support

Kids events and such, reach out

The Cheektowaga store is one of the top stores in the company

On behalf of ECFSC thanks for the rod & reel donations!

Sponsoring a youth pheasant hunt in Sandborn

Will do these things – goes to the core

Approval of previous month's minutes

Cheryl Schenne motion to accept
2nd Hope Melnyk

Motion carried

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport

None

Membership report – Hope Melnyk

Working on collecting the dues
NY Walleye, Elks Head need contact info
Musky Chapter 69 – check coming
Blasdell – need contact
Grand Island – email sent, need dues

YLTL – Chuck Godfrey

Raffle tickets please take some back to the clubs for sale we need to raise funds!

Treasurer's report – Debbie Godfrey

Sent the statements out today – good shape financially
Need a fund raising chairman
\$21 K and change balance
Need to find a treasurer

Paul Stoos motion to accept

Mark Alessi 2nd

Motion carries

Correspondence report – Chuck Godfrey

Sent out letter concerning Wild Trout Stream Summit 2017
Insert in back of minutes

Chuck Godfrey motions to write to Steve Hurst, Fisheries Chief, that electronic materials used are made available

2nd Rich

Motion carries

President's Report – Joe McAdams

Current Sgt at Arms is resigning for medical reasons, and cannot function in current capacity

Speedy recovery, prayers and he comes back in any capacity

Next meetings and locations:

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
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)

We need to send to the appropriate DEC people an invitation to come to the meeting as they do not just come. 2nd Thursday starting Sept. Will take care of doing that.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law enforcement – Jeff Jondle

Recruit graduates from region 9 +8 bodies completing the training, good news

Archery & Bowhunting – Jim McCann

None

Crossbow –Frank Miskey, Jr.

None

Fish – Tom Marks

None

Teach Me to Fish Clinics – OPEN

Done for the events this year – will be receiving a \$750 check for the TMTF program from EC

Small Game – Dan Tone

Released roughly 500 birds, went fairly well, but will need to make some changes for next year

Big Game – Paul Stoos

None

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

Youth camps ready to go

Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski – Ken Zolnowski

Covered

Conservation Council - Dan Tone

Council Convention this weekend

Report will be sent

Environment & Pollution – Chuck Godfrey

Email looking for someone to meet with a press conference media event with Sen Schumer on waterfront

Upshot – introducing bill bipartisan on Great Lakes increased connectivity and infrastructure – increasing fish passages, etc.

Chuck will be there at 10:30AM

Legislation – John Susz

None

Resolutions – Rich Davenport

Did submit the BGC requested resolution to expand the shooting hours

Chuck motions to oppose the resolution

2nd Cheryl Schenne

Much discussion on the topic for and against

Alden – Yes, opposed

Bison City – No, support exp hours

BV – No, for expansion

Deer Search – No

Depew – No

EA - Yes

ELECBA

Elma – No, supports expansion

ECCS – Yes, no expansion

EC Trappers – Abstain

Evans

FLWF

GW

GlenCoe – Yes, no expansion

Hamburg – Yes, no expansion

Hawkeye - Abstain

Lackawanna – Yes, no exp

FFF – Abstain

Lakeshore – Yes

NWTF – Abstain

NRMA – Yes, no exp

NRAA

NRST

Hunter Ed – yes

SCI

SCOPE - Yes

SWA

Springville – Yes
WLO – abstain
West Falls – Yes
TU –No
Wood & Brook

40-18 to oppose expanding the shooting hours

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

Sportsman/woman Education – Frank Miskey Sr.

None

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations – Paul Stoos

Nothing – need a new chair
All officers and 3 directors are up
Mark Alessi, Dan Tone, Tom Fischer

Awards – Frank Miskey Sr.

None

Banquet – Frank Miskey, jr.

Nothing new

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Reminding that we need scholarships up to 5, \$200 for kids going into ES, LE and such, apps available online on the website

Nothing on the \$500.00 award yet – open to HS seniors and kids in college, one time thing

Fund Raising – Open Position

None at this time – need a fund raising chairman!!! Very important

FWMB – Chuck Godfrey

Bill Conners new Chair

Meeting last Thursday – everything that was brought up except, land owners sitting at that table also, consensus – like the DEC proposed regs on CWD, would rather be safe than sorry

Shows – Chuck Godfrey will handle for rest of year

Nothing new – need new chairman – thank you West Falls for generating the many volunteers we had at the fair – Hope and Gary are willing to pick this one up

National Hunting and Fishing Day – Rich Davenport

Have a good slate this year

Discussions held, we are ready

WNY Environmental Federation – Dan Tone

Had the meeting on Sunday

Joe Jemiolo, jr. Youth Lifetime Licenses - Chuck Godfrey

Tickets are here, need to sell more of these, only \$1800 in the fund for licenses

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

None

Website – Joe McAdams - erictyfsc.org

Will be updated soon. Thank you for the submissions.

Old Business:

Cheryl Schenne – thank you to the Federation for supporting the DEC banquet. All instructors were provided a dinner at no cost

New Business

Raffling off Orvis Helios Rod & Reel, \$10/ ticket, 3/\$20

First raffle fund raiser

Drawing January 21, 2018

FLW Costa Series, July 26-28, 120 boats day 1, 50 boats day 2, 10 boats last day, final weigh in at Cabelas.

Calendars will be ordered day after the October, get your orders in.

New Delegates

Need more younger people involved!

Sunshine Committee

None – do we want to send Christmas Cards to the member clubs this year?

Green light given

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

None

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Jeff Jondle 2nd – Paul Stoos.

Meeting adjourned 9:23PM

Thanks to Host Club

Thanks to host Springville Field & Stream