



Rich Davenport, 2017 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC October 2017 General Meeting Minutes

**October 12, 2017
Hawkeye Bowmen, Marilla, NY**

Call to order – 7:03PM

Pledge to Flag: Completed

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused: Joe Fischer, Frank Miskey, Jr., Frank Miskey, Sr., Cheryl Schenne

Quorum of member clubs – Yes

Frank Miskey, Jr calling a banquet committee meeting next monday

GUESTS:

Lynn Kaczmarek

Approval of previous month's minutes

Minutes not out yet.

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport

None

Membership report – Hope Melnyk

4 clubs need to pay their dues. We normally would wait until October as cutoff.
Start sending the club dues notices out November, payment Jan 1.

Elk's Head

Blasdell Rod & Gun

Grand Island Rod & Gun

NY Walleye

NY Musky Chapter 69

Please refill out the information sheets as to double check for accuracy

No same as last year – perhaps an outreach committee to help blanket these clubs?

Treasurer’s report – Debbie Godfrey

M&T has not sent the statement yet, Balance \$21,000+, as of Oct 5.
Rich submitted electronically the \$50 cost of NHFD FB AD

We have received a donation from Deer Search of WNY, \$1500.00 please use for YLTL and \$500 for Gen, or all for YLTL

Thank you Deer Search!

Niagara Musky also donated \$100 for the YLTL program
Sold a few hundred \$ worth of tix at Sportsmen’s Ed Banquet

Correspondence report – Chuck Godfrey

Thank you letter received for \$200 donation towards the BSA target trailer

President’s Report – Joe McAdams

Nothing to report

Next meetings and locations:

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
11/9/2017	-	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)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law enforcement – Jeff Jondle

Nothing to report

Archery & Bowhunting – Jim McCann

None

Crossbow –Frank Miskey, Jr.

NY Crossbow selling raffle tix, with membership for a crossbow

Fish – Joe Fischer

State has been holding inland trout management plan for NYS – present plan has been in place since 1992, now it is time to re-do. Local meeting was Oct 3 at Reinstein. Another down in Allegany. Great presentation, but a presentation trying to draw out public sentiment. Last time they did this, they started in 1984, finalized in 1992. Will not take this long this time. Once ppsl is in place, it will be published for comment from club, but accepting comments from individuals and groups concerning the new directions.

Was 32 in attendance at Reinstein, many different sentiments – more fish stocked, don’t have hatchery space. Why not stock and not allow fishing to give the fish a chance to

disperse. Shouldn't be a problem as first rounds of stocking occur in March, cannot fish until April.

Since they do so much study on the streams, should be managed on stream by stream basis, rather than statewide approach. We have never supported this – put and take thing

Some wanted more C&R, artificial only – not TU members

Same sentiments in Allegany meetings

Steve Hurst and Fred Henson were at some of the meetings such as Buffalo (not Allegany)

What was described above is the sentiments they have been getting across state

Knew 9 of 32.

Who is looking out for the little kids? A couple was there and objecting to many of these ideas due to wanting kids to catch fish.

People showing up at meetings are wanting more stocking and less fishing?

Chuck would like to see less stocking in wild trout streams. But that is a personal opinion, not a position ECFSC should take.

No end of comment period, reach out to Steve Hurst for comments. Recommend fish committee develop comments to present to Federation for submission directly due to inland trout management.

Mark Alessi – how do we get the point across that science should drive over public opinion.

Hope we can craft the proper comment pointing out the put and take nature of many streams that get too warm or turbid to hold trout year round. DEC does not want C&R on stocked fish

8" trout being stocked cost \$5-\$6 per, 2 year olds \$14 each, considering food, personnel, energy and maintenance

No areas calling out comment submission

Teach Me to Fish Clinics – OPEN

Looking forward to next year's programs

NYSCC - Small Game – Dan Tone

NYSCC Convention – attendance was down slightly this year, but attendance has been eroding for a while.

Membership drive and fund raising – support BAM, and support individual memberships or donate

Committees – 315-894-3302

Tony Wilkeson is a straight shooter
CWD prevention rules – Council 100% supports the plan.
Two resolutions

Mandatory Orange – defeated
Extending Big Game hours – passed
Elections – re-elections – new Secretary
On Richard Reynolds Game Farm – Want to put a trail around the game farm, and it is back on the table. Keep an eye on this move.

Waterfowl taskforce structuring – currently a bad thing, but we are working on this one.

Chuck Godfrey motion to send a letter to the Commissioner and Director of FWMR – that DEC should fight any group that proposes a trail in or around the RR Game Farm, as hunting is permitted and this could impact safety and hunter access.

2nd Dan Tone

Include Wilkeson, Chiavonne, and RR Game Farm personnel
When done, please notify through info@erictyfsc.org so we know this is done

Big Game – Rich Davenport

Discussed the CWD issue – discussed the realities, the Council position, the realities of CWD, and potentially adapt the rules to allow NYS produced scents to continue to be used

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

None

Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski – Ken Zolnowski

Covered

Conservation Council - Dan Tone

Covered

Environment & Pollution – Chuck Godfrey

Niagara Falls discharges discussed - infrastructure

Legislation – John Susz

Las Vegas shooting and the gun control reflex. Rod Watson wrote an excellent commentary on this. Murder already banned. A person bent on destruction does not have to worry about laws or getting guns, 9/11, fire bomb in NYC, Muir Federal Building. Hope sane minds prevail

Seattle and Chicago have imposed gun taxes and ammo. \$25 per firearm, plus \$0.05 per round tax on ammo - centerfire. \$0.02 on rimfire. Adds more taxes to the existing sales and federal excise taxes.

Local imposing – SCOTUS upheld the practice – they may now go down the road of taxing the arms to death.

Sheriff Howard running for re-election

Constitutional Convention should be opposed
Legislature out of session – will be back in January

The Council would like support – Chuck Godfrey motions to write Gov A-5667-A, support and sign, is on his desk.
2nd Tom Fischer

Motion carries unanimously

Cannot take a position on any candidates – know the candidates and vote for the best one. County legislators are up this year as well. Vote for the right people. If the registered GOPers in NYS would have voted in the last gubernatorial election, we would not have Cuomo.

SCOPE is doing a get out the vote drive

Meet the candidates was end of September.
For those who say they won't vote to avoid jury duty, then they shouldn't vote due to stupidity. They look at all sorts of records, not just registered voter roles

As a side note – SCOPE website out of date – new site with DB capabilities being deployed. Not yet done, but under development

Resolutions – Rich Davenport

Discussed

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 Joe McAdams at joe@jmc.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 – Gary Melnyk

Those needing nominations – all officers

Directors

Tom Fischer

Mark Alessi

Dan Tone

We do have some volunteers for treasurer and others. In order to be on the board, they have to be a delegate of your club. Directors can be either a delegate, or alternate delegate of a club.

Directors – all agreed to do again

Dan Tone

Tom Fischer

Mark Alessi

Chuck Godfrey motions to nominate the above

2nd Tom Fischer

Nominations for Directors are closed

NYSCC Representatives

Dan Tone, Joe Fischer

Chuck motions to nominate Dan Tone and Joe Fischer as reps for ECFSC

Both accepted

No more nominations

Rich motions to close nominations for NYSCC

2nd George Rockey

Motion carries

<break for food>

Officer Nominations

President – Joe McAdams – Paul Stoos nominates Joe, 2nd Fred Langdon

1st VP – Frank Miskey, Sr. – he is stepping away at this time, need a new 1st VP

2nd VP – Joe Fischer – unable to reach to confirm

Treasurer – David Rosner – LECFFF – will accept

Rec Sec – Rich Davenport – accepted

Membership Sec – Hope Melnyk – accepted

Corresponding Sec – need a corresp. Secretary

Awards – Frank Miskey Sr.

None

Banquet – Frank Miskey, Jr.

Meeting of the committee next week – new location, better quality all the way around

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

We have up to 5 \$200 scholarships for students majoring in Enviro Science, LE and biological sciences – application is on the website – due December 15. Can email. Get it once – one and done

Fund Raising – Open Position

Need a fund raising chairman. Please be an ambassador for the Federation

FWMB – Chuck Godfrey

Nothing new since last meeting, next meeting in 1st Thursday in December

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

Went through the report – kudos to DEC, and all those who attended. Bad form from Sahlen's and ECSFC for lack of support from the clubs, and Sahlen's dropped the ball big league.

No more NYON ads, too costly, no delivery

WNY Environmental Federation – Dan Tone

Nothing new

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

Nothing new

Old Business:

None

New Business

Nothing new

New Delegates

Need more younger people involved!

Sunshine Committee

None

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

Raffle going on up in Niagara Falls (LECF) for a high end fly rod. Please support

Need more help but Deer Search has helped tremendously but need more help

\$260 raised at NHFD for YLTL raffle tix

December 14 meeting – major construction project going on secondary lot will be available.

Do we want to invite someone special to draw the YLTL winners?

50/50 Winner

Hawkeye Bowmen

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Hope Melnyk 2nd – George Rockey.

Meeting adjourned 9:06PM

Thanks to Host Club

Thanks to host Hawkeye Bowmen