



Rich Davenport, 2017 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC December 2017 General Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2017
Bison City Rod & Gun, Buffalo, NY

Call to order – 7:00PM

Pledge to Flag: Completed

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused: Joe McAdams, Paul Stoos, George Rockey

Quorum of member clubs – Yes

GUESTS:

Lynn Kaczmarek

Matt Diem

Approval of previous month's minutes

??? – Posted all past minutes – have not received any notes for November

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport

None

Membership report – Hope Melnyk

Nothing to report – New memberships are coming in for next year

Treasurer's report – Debbie Godfrey

Financials sent out to the Federation

Tom Fischer motions to accept report

2nd Rich Davenport

Motion carries

Correspondence report – Chuck Godfrey

None

President’s Report – Joe McAdams

None for now

Paul Stoos sent along correspondence – Thank you for the gift card we sent along to him. He has finished his treatment, now in stages of recovery – was able to eat some oatmeal Lost approximately 100lbs He is burned up quite a bit from radiation treatments, but he is doing well and wishes everyone a happy Holiday season

Next meetings and locations:

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
1/25/2018	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Elma Conservation Club, Elma, NY
2/22/2017	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Bison City Rod & Gun, Buffalo, NY (TBD)
3/22/2018	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Evans Rod & Gun, Evans, NY
4/2018	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	West Falls Conservation, West Falls, NY
5/2018	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	ECCS, Chafee, NY
6/2018	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Hamburg R&G, Hamburg, NY
7/2018	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Niagara River Fishing Station, Grand Island, NY
8/2018	-		-			No meeting

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law enforcement – Jeff Jondle

Capt. Luricella has again stated he is retiring – potentially within 5 days, within 25 days could be gone, but he could pull the retirement papers again. May be operating with an acting captain

Archery & Bowhunting – Jim McCann

None

Crossbow –Frank Miskey, Jr.

NY Crossbow selling raffle tix, with membership for a crossbow

Fish – Joe Fischer

Fishing expo happening in Niagara Falls Jan 19-21, 2018 at the event center

Teach Me to Fish Clinics – OPEN

Looking forward to next year’s programs

NYSCC - Small Game – Dan Tone

Meeting on 4-H program, coming up

Big Game – Rich Davenport

Incidents in Sherman and Holland, we should not be shooting after dark, cannot see orange in the dark, and non-consumptive users should be understanding of wildlife management going on and should take the proper awareness steps.

Harvest reporting is up from last year, deer harvest
No news on bear

Discussions on safety orange and shooting hours resolution the council passed

Youth Lifetime License Raffle

- 1 – 134 – Lillian Stettler – Hamburg – LT Hunting, 2yrs old – will get LT Sportsmen for age 0-4
- 2 – 087 – Collin Derrick, Lancaster – LT Hunting, 7 years old, LT Sportsmen, same price as LT Hunting at that age
- 3 – 002 – Zachary Hornquist – Glenwood – age 11, LT Hunting – will get LT Sportsmen, same price at that age as LT Hunting
- 4 – 175 – Kayden “ski”, Cheektowaga, 3 years old, LT Fishing, will get LT Sportsmen, as that one is cheaper
- 5 – 005 – Derek McCaslin – East Concord, 2 years old, LT Hunting – will get LT Sportsmen
- 6 – 058 – Evie Malinowski – Buffalo – LT Fishing, will get LT Sportsmen
- 7 – 196 – Haley Hill – Springville – 13 YO – LT Hunting – will get LT Hunting
- 8 – 161 – Walter Beckwith Blasdel, LT Fishing
Alternates/ Fishing
- 9 – 159 – Alternate 1 –

Elections

Gary Melnyk chairs the election
Joe Fischer and Kathy Miskey

Vote on President
Frank Miskey, Jr/ Jeff Jondle
Winner is Jeff Jondle – Congratulations

Chuck Godfrey motions to have the Secretary casts one ballot for all unopposed positions
And 1st VP casts the vote for secretary

2nd Hope Melnyk

Rich casts the ballot for the unopposed
Frank Miskey Sr casts the ballot for Recording secretary

Motion carries

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

None – Fur handling seminar
Collins Conservation – Saturday Dec 30, 9A-1P
Patti has the flyers
FREE!

Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski – Ken Zolnowski

Fairly good season thus far for waterfowl
2nd Split starts Dec 26 (Tuesday)

Conservation Council - Dan Tone

Need money – finances are not looking good.
Need to have more fund raising
WNYEF will be holding a fund raiser as well – Region 9 – Will be worked on at Jan 14
2018 WNYEF meeting
BAM letters have been sent, very little response
NYSCC – Much like Cabela's is doing, round up to donate – Amazon will be doing this,
must designate through Amazon Smile to donate to NYSCC

Environment & Pollution – Chuck Godfrey

We signed on with Erie County and NYS concerning recovery and disposal of
pharmaceuticals
Bill in Assembly and Senate that we are supporting
Subsequently there has been refinement of the law – Safe Pharma Disposal at the
pharmacies
Requiring the pharmaceutical companies to pay for these efforts
Big Pharma funding was stricken from the NYS Bill, of course. Leaves it up to the
individual to finance this. Pay for an envelope, cost between \$2-\$4, which could mean
no one will do this

Chuck Godfrey motions we oppose S6750/ A387B on the grounds that consumers are
being held liable for the costs
Rich Davenport 2nds

Advice is take to town halls, sheriffs, or home disposal by watering and coffee grinding
the drugs, and putting in a jar and toss in garbage – leads to landfill, not the waters

New letter from the group pushing the bill that mandates big pharma funds the recovery/
disposal – official letter – Chuck Godfrey will sign us onto this

Legislation – John Susz

Cuomo proposal for expanding gun grabs

Federal Pistol Permit reciprocity bill passed the house

Resolutions – Rich Davenport

Call for resolutions is out, need them by January meeting, so we can vote and submit by end of February so they are on the agenda for the Spring Committee/ Legislative meeting

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.

This year all hunter's education registration will be done online
This could be a problem, and the Amish are being discriminated against.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards – Frank Miskey Sr.

Categories and nomination form is available. Will be on the website shortly if not already there.

Will get with Joe to post on the website (along with the Scholarship application)
Decisions on awards nominees happen Feb 2, deadline for submission is Feb 1, 2018.
Get them in on time.

NYOHOF – Nominees deadline this year is Jan 31, 2018. If you have someone who has done enough to belong in the Hall of Fame, please nominate them. Nomination form is on the website

Banquet – Frank Miskey, Jr.

1st Saturday in March (3rd) location Klochs Grove, mailings will go out between Christmas and New Years, Ads for program at that time, tickets, see Cheryl Schenne.
Will have another meeting beginning of January 2018

Debbie will be able to deal with baskets

CLUBS, PLEASE DONATE A BASKET OR TWO, BUT LET US KNOW THE THEME, if possible

More baskets we have, the more money we make. If looking to put together an expensive banquet, would be better to split into two baskets, \$100 basket, get free banquet AD

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Scholarship – Environmental studies, deadline tomorrow – up on the website

Fund Raising – Open Position

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

Thank you to all those who bought calendars, sold over 220, we have 3 left over

FWMB – Chuck Godfrey

Cancelled the meeting last Thursday due to weather

Shows – Chuck Godfrey will handle for rest of year

Hope and Gary Melnyk are chairing this committee – March Expo we are signed up and have the booth, start looking in January for volunteers to man the booth

If we wish to sell the lucky fish hooks, we need to buy more

American Flag pins – we give away when they make a donation – made more than selling them.

National Hunting and Fishing Day – Rich Davenport

April 2018 first meeting of the committee

WNY Environmental Federation – Dan Tone

January 14, 2018 is next meeting at Hoak's 1:00PM

Joe Jemiolo, Jr. Youth Lifetime Licenses - Chuck Godfrey

Drawing held earlier – 8 licenses plus 4 alternates drawn just in case

Lexi Kohl – Crossbow

Connie Fisher – Walleye Charter with Sassafras Charters

Frank Miskey, Jr – Wins the Kayak

Willie Siebert (Bison City) – Shore Fishing with Dave Barus

Dan Welch – 12 piece knife set

Harold Leggit – 8 dozen salmon egg flies

Phil Fleck – Spinning reel combo

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

Rich motions to pay Bar Bill end of night, and tip

Jeff Jondle 2nd

Motion carries

Website – Joe McAdams - eriectyfc.org

Nothing new

Chuck motions to spend the money to renew the domain name and website

2nd Tom Fischer

Motion carries

Old Business:

None

New Business

Slings if you have in the club bowhunters – winter archery league, looking for new teams to join - \$100 raffle, be a member in the club, 12 week league, and member of the league – see flyer for details

NWTF Banquet is February 3, 2018, \$25/ dinner, sit down dinner, at Banchetti's in North Amherst, North French Road -
Will be giving away that night 14 guns!

Chuck motions to buy two tickets to the banquet, if more want to go, split costs
Dan Tone 2nd

Motion carries

Hope & Gary Melnyk
Cheryl Schenne
Jeff Jondle

If you do not go, you will be responsible for reimbursing the federation

Tony Gonnello – Depew Rod & Gun – Game dinner every February 24, \$30
Motion to buy 4 tix to this game dinner – at Father Justin,
2nd Rich Davenport

Motion carries

Willie
Jim McCann
Hope & Gary

Deer Search annual fund raiser – 30 gun raffle tix \$20 per ticket, April 2018
Please buy tickets only 1000 tickets sold, goes by the evening lotto

Dave Barus
SWA – June 9-17 Tournament
June 23, WNY Heroes – Dunkirk Harbor
July 14-15, Lake Erie Big Dawg Tournament
July 21, Sunset Bay Walleye Shootout
Aug 3-5 NCCC 14th Annual Walleye Tournament
Aug 8, Lake Erie Experience
Aug 25, Innovative Outdoor Challenge, Dunkirk
Sept 22-23, American BASS Championship to Chautauqua Lake

Frank Miskey, Jr motions to destroy the ballots from our election
2nd Jeff Jondle

Motion carries

New Delegates

Need more younger people involved!

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Sunshine Committee

Gift card sent to Paul Stoos

Sympathy card sent out

Card sent to Mike Perry’s family

Joe’s mother is in tough shape – terminal – will send card out

Fred Langdon motions to buy roll of stamps

2nd Tom Fischer

Motion carries

Fairly soon we will need new stationary

Chuck Godfrey Motion that Dave Barus looks into new stationary printing - quotes

2nd Rich Davenport

Motion carries

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

Southtowns Walleye Banquet – Feb at Lucarelli’s

Chuck motions buy 4 tix for this banquet

2nd Hope Melnyk

Motion carries

Fred Langdon

Gary & Hope

Paul Stoos

Need a PR Chair

Also lining up the meetings – Chuck Godfrey will volunteer to handle this

Introduced Matt Diem please help him in finding an employment opportunity

Dave Woodworth had a heart attack, he will be stepping down from President of SWA in January

50/50 Winner

Winner NWTF

6 Calendars also drawn

Motion for Adjournment

Dave Barus

2nd Rich Davenport

Motion carries meeting adjourned 9:27PM

Thanks to Host Club

Thanks to Bison City Rod & Gun!