



Rich Davenport, 2018 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC June 2018 General Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2018
Hamburg Rod & Gun Club, Hamburg, NY

Call to order – 7:25PM

Pledge to Flag: Completed

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused: Joe McAdams, Dave Barus, Rose Barus, Frank Miskey, Jr.

Quorum of member clubs –

Yes

GUESTS:

Don Lobarto –

Venture Crew 614, sporting clay trailer

Made a nice story board, they have a raffle coming up

Use for the fair ?

Approval of previous month's minutes

Waive reading of minutes Hope Melnyk

2nd Tony Gonnello

Motion carries

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport

No report

Membership report – Hope Melnyk

3 clubs have yet to pay their dues

Eastern Lake Erie Musky

Wood & Brook

NRAA

Treasurer's report – Dave Rosner

Financials submitted
Statements should be received tomorrow
Budget is compiled

Jeff Q – is budget broken down month by month

Cheryl Punky Schenne motion to approve
2nd Hope Melnyk

Motion carries

Correspondence report – Jeff Jondle

County funding for kids programs – coming - \$750

President's Report – Jeff Jondle

Communication issues – Clubs are not providing updated information – Need to correct this, legislation, regulation, funding opportunities are all time-sensitive

Item 1

Sturgeon Point problems – major, 3 or 4 problems
Fiscal issues from prior supervisors alleged.
No money to fix, must be updated, \$2-10 MIL

Sturgeon Point, deficit @ \$40- 100,000/ year suspected.
Design, problems, annual dredging cost. \$40K+
12% dredging reimbursement from US Army Corps, was cut in 2005.

Evans is supposed to handle maintenance and operation in perpetuity
Marina non-essential service to town residents, not mandated.
45% or less are town residents that use the facility, 55% non-town resident

West wall of break wall is structurally failing. Estimated 2 years before its gone.

Too small for Safe Harbor to feasibly financially operate as configured.

To repair the marina right, estimated \$10MIL.
Many problems, and many uses of marina, including marine safe harbor, DHS, Border patrol, etc.
If the plans were in place to fix right now, would it be fixed in 2 years? – NO

Acting now, Setting a high level small meeting to discuss this issue and try to save this Regional Asset and Lake Erie access point.

Dream sheet would be Regional ownership and operation, maybe State Parks take it, but they may not desire the added operational costs and such

Looking at mid-July meeting

Item 2

Dave Barus went onto Amazon, signed us up as a smile charitable organization, anyone may select us before making purchases and we get some money

Dave Rosner donated a battery charger,
LEFCC donated 6 new flies rods for use at TMTF clinics and such

Item 3

Fair is coming up upcoming quickly
Dave Barus discussed putting together a power point
10x10 space at Fair
Looking for a donation of 50" TV
Want pictures printed, use USB,

Security – concerns about physical equipment and such
We secure the building, not the fair, this happened about 6 years ago after it was realized many have keys to fair locks.

Perhaps we buy the TV, @ \$450.00
Where do we store it? C. Schenne offered to store it.

Rich suggests use it at fair, and then raffle it off
42" TV – under \$500.00
Tom Fischer motions to spend \$700.00
2nd Hope Melnyk
Motion carries

Chuck Godfrey will get the picture stands and water
Jeff will get the TV

Digital pictures of Federation and club activities are needed!

Frank M.– Q – Space is a 10x10 area – choice of 2 in front – where do you want to be?
Will take the corner booth

Committee meeting to detail out

If you would like pheasant mounts for the booth – you may use them!
S&S is no longer at fair, pulling all their mounts.

Do we have enough tables? Tables covered.
Send any identified digital pictures to dgrosner@aol.com

Item 4

TMTF short notice-No grill to cook hot dogs, bought grill to cook the dogs at Cabela's \$370.00 grill for \$203,00 thank you Cabela's.

Also need fishing rods and reels for the TMTF event, current kits are 20+ years old and fragile

Jeff bought 50 Zebco 33 Reels - \$499.50

Dave Rosner motions to reimburse costs to Jeff

2nd Hope Melnyk

66 Zebco 33 Rods & reels combos scooped up \$989.34

TMTF Hotdogs and misc.

Total expenditures for the above

\$2198.800 – Joe Fischer Motions to spend

2nd Hope Melnyk

Motion carries

Item 5

Convenient and Need a Federation credit card to make purchases at best prices.

Have the trailer – need to decorate wrap decal etc., still

Cabela's/ Bass Pro – Local folks are great, new combined mgmt. team is not so much.

Need a place to store the trailer indoors for winter.

Need an option for indoor storage Frank M. Jr. has mentioned Besroi as possible.

Size? 12' x 6'

Item 6

By-laws as amended and combined over 70+ years are convoluted

Board expenditures – limited, needs increase before needing General membership vote

Item 7

PAUL J. STOOS ESTATE & FLEA MARKET SALE

WHEN: Saturday July 7th from 9AM to 1PM WHERE: Elma Conservation Club

600 Creek Road • Elma, NY

PAUL J. STOOS MEMORIAL SERVICE -

WHEN: Saturday July 14th from 10AM to 1PM

WHERE: Potts Deli Grill & Polish Restaurant [41 South Rossler Ave](#) (Valu Plaza), Cheektowaga, NY 14206

Item 8

Report –Fishing rod sets for prizes we have enough left for Fair and NHFD

“More than enough?” – need to confirm with Joe McAdams

Triple S and Berkley, we are set up again with both.

Item 9

George Rockey – Erie County Fair use TMTF, Velcro fishing pond for wee tots
Quite a draw for that – planning to put the game where the S&S spot was – should be an attractor for kids
6-7 kids at a time labor intensive may only be open and staffed when DEC is available

Mike Todd will look into DEC interns taking care of it, or we need to help
May be too much for the fair, unless the DEC does operate it

We typically only have 2 or 3 at booth-Very labor intensive

Item 10

Cabela's/ Bass Pro Shops – weekend fishing ponds. Asking for us to volunteer to man them – employees aren't too thrilled, no interest from Federation Volunteers.

Item 11

Discussions during the TMTF, the commissioner's cabin we lost out on, but we were done before the cabin was occupied

Will continue to work on the cabin reservation

Item 12

Next – Jeff Jondle has old rods and reels, and with approval will donate to some other nonprofit organizations, who have previously asked to borrow same.

Motion Dave Rosner to donate old TMTF gear to other non-profit groups
2nd Joe Fischer
Motion carries

Rich pays the ticket fee for NRMA banquet that Lynn and he missed due to illness,
\$80.00

EAFG Youth Sports Fest July 28 – submit to secretary for inclusion in minutes

Next meetings and locations:

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
7/26/2018	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Evans Rod & Gun, Evans, NY
8/2018	-	-	-	-	-	No Meeting – Fair
9/13/2018	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Springville Field & Stream, Springville, NY
10/11/2018	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Hawkeye Bowmen, Marilla, NY
11/2018	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	SWA?

12/6/2018	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Bison City Rod & Gon, Buffalo, NY
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law enforcement – Mark Alessi

Next Academy is coming up hoping for mixed class of about 30 ECO's and a few rangers to fill some vacancies. Still no R. Capt. or Div. Director.

Archery & Bowhunting – Jim McCann

None

Crossbow –Frank Miskey, Jr.

None

Fish – Joe Fischer

DEC will be doing major habitat improvement work at Beaver Island State Park

Plans just announced

DEC has lake sturgeon recovery plan now in place, on the website

Environmentally – MN is tagging bighead carp, 2 per year in St. Croix River to find what they want to spawn. Got a 35 lb mature male and 45 lb female – They are netting and taking as well

Asian Carp Action Plan, US and Canada is in place

Gave \$340.00 from Dave for YLTL raffle

Do we want to do the Annual Federation calendars ?

Cheryl motions to buy calendars

2nd Rich D

Motion carries

DEC Fisheries Don Einhouse is retiring at end of August – 30 years!

Teach Me to Fish Clinics – Joe McAdams

Covered

NYSCC - Small Game – Dan Tone

Call received from pheasant rearer. Took 200 birds, hasn't lost any, has had them for 30 days – game farm gave some medication and what to do, all good!

Big Game – Rich Davenport

Rich will reach out and see what is going on with Lyme disease and feeding treatments

Trapping – Rick Wattengel

Tony Gonnello – PA game news had an article on the Fisher
Indiana University of PA examined stomach contents of 91 Fishers between 2002 and
2014
None contained turkey remnants – research has not supported the belief in fishers taking
turkey, including in the tree

WNYEF and NYSCC – Dan Tone

Conference call at 9
NYSCC is Switching the VP
Looking for a treasurer
Looking to iron out details for fall convention

WNYEF meeting in September

Environment and Pollution – Chuck Godfrey

Pharmacy Drug take back bill passed the Senate, language different in Assembly, made
the language the same, passed both houses unanimously, waiting for Governor's
signature

Chuck Godfrey motions to write to urge Cuomo Sign Bill.
2nd Joe Fischer

Motion carries

Legislation – John Susz, Jr.

No reports

Membership Outreach

We will come to club meetings

Sportsmen's Ed – Frank Miskey, Sr.

None

Awards Nominations – Frank Miskey, Sr.

None yet

Waterfowl – George Rockey Ken Zolnowski

If private land has 50-60 geese on let DEC know, they would like to come and band them
Elma had 51, but Elma got permit to handle

Resolutions – Rich Davenport

Call for resolutions

Banquet – Frank Miskey, Jr.

None

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Announcement will be put in minutes September

Fund Raising – Frank Miskey Jr

Is working on gun raffle more as he convalesces.

FWMB – Chuck Godfrey

DEC has PFR activity happening

Received a donation of a parking lot size near a PFR on Tonawanda Creek

Purchase agreement signed, 23 acre parcel, north side of 18 mile!

Waiting on closing of a mile on Elton Creek

Another 1/2 mile on Elton – waiting for a signature

Catt creek upstream of Rt 240 – nearly a mile

1/3 mile Upper Catt Creek

Flynn Brook, 1/3 mile (Catt County)

Also looking at a couple large land purchases, 500 and 1000 acres for WMA usage

Shows – Hope and Gary Melnyk

Covered

National Hunting and Fishing Day – Rich Davenport

Meeting will happen after July 4th

All materials ready

Need \$500, no more ON ads, ineffective

FB Ads in August

Joe Jemiolo, Jr. Youth Lifetime Licenses - Chuck Godfrey

None at present

Budget and Finance – Dave

Budget crafted – will be circulated soon

Website – Joe McAdams - erictyfsc.org

None

Internal Controls – Frank Miskey, Sr.

Nothing new

By-Laws Committee

Receiving feedback, need updates ASAP – by Sept is goal to have this wrapped up.

Old Business:

Covered

LEFF Chapter – Aug 16 the US Fish Biologist, presenting on sea lamprey control
Meeting open to public

New Business

DEC Banquet, 3rd Sunday in September

Do we not make donations for the support of the trailer at this meeting?

Don passes along

Cheryl motions to donate \$200 to Venture Crew 614

2nd George Rockey

Motion carries

Don thanks the Federation for the support

Send out request for help and shifts

Send out the schedule immediately, need all times

Chuck Godfrey motions to buy up to 30 parking passes and 40 admissions \$400 total for
fair

Tom Fisher 2nd

Motion carries

New Delegates

None

Sunshine Committee

None

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

None

East Aurora article on TMTF, get on the website

50/50 Winner

Winner is Elma Conservation

Motion for Adjournment

Cheryl motion

2nd Rich

Meeting adjourned 9:07PM

Thanks to Host Club – Hamburg Rod & Gun!

Erie County Fair 2018 Shift hours and coverage needed

Conservation Building

Date	Hours Covered	Needing Coverage
Wed, 8/8	None	12:00 PM-10:00 PM
Sat, 8/11	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	2:00 PM-10:00 PM
Sun, 8/12	None	10:00 AM-10:00 PM
Mon, 8/13	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	3:00 PM-10:00 PM
Tues, 8/14	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	2:00 PM – 10: PM
Wed, 8/15	1:00 PM – 10:00 PM	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sat, 8/18	10:00 AM-2:00 PM, 5-Close	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Sun, 8/19	5:00 PM – Close	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

1 Hour, 2 Hours, any and all help appreciated!

Please contact Hope Melnyk, 716-444-0766 (call or text) to take a shift!