



Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Inc.

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, March 21, 2019

@ East Aurora Rod & Gun Club

1018 Luther Road East Aurora, NY

Directors Meeting Call to order – 6:35PM

Excused: Dan Tone, Frank Miskey, Sr., Joe Fischer, Dave Baras, Jim McCann, Joe Mc Adams, and Rich Davenport, Amy Plecas.

New Business: Nothing

Old Business: Hope reports SCOPE has not paid their dues. Jeff reports SCOPE is no longer. 1791 PAC, interested in joining Federation but can't because they are considered political. May consider associate membership.

Jeff reports we have four different addresses being used for the Federation on mail. We have a need for a P.O. Box to be used for mailing purposes. Motion by Cheryl Schenne seconded by Roxann Ferazzoli, all in favor. Cheryl to look into the price of a box in Holland, Frank Minsky, Jr. to look into the price in Elma.

Rails to Trails – nothing new.

Motion to adjourn by Hope Melnyk seconded by Roxann Ferazzoli. Unanimous.

Regular Meeting called to order – 7:35PM

Guest: SA Tim Gibbons from Border Patrol gave a presentation.

Pledge to Flag

Roll Call – Officers and Directors

Quorum of member clubs – Sgt. At Arms Tom Fischer Quorum Present: Y

Reading & Approval of previous month's minutes – No minutes from previous meeting.

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport
Excused -Nothing

Membership report – Hope Melnyk
11 Unpaid clubs

Treasurer's report – Dave Rosner
Motion to approve by Frank Miskey, Jr. – Second by Don Lombardo- Approved
Pay the bills.

Correspondence report – Roxann Ferazzoli
Read thank you from Boy Scout – Donald Brady III

President's report – Jeff Jondle

Are there any New Delegates Present: **No**

Are there any Guests Present: **USBP SA Tim Gibbons**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law Enforcement: Jim Bittner – Still one officer short, One Lt. short.

Archery & Bow hunting: Jim McCann – Excused -Nothing

Crossbow: Tom Fischer contacted DEC waiting for information

Fish: Joe Fischer – Excused Nothing

Teach Me to Fish: Joe Mc Adam -Excused - Nothing

Small Game: Dan Tone -Excused FWMB meeting- Nothing

Big Game: Marc Alessi – Still waiting for DEC final deer take numbers.

Trapping: Patti Wattengel – A proposed bill to ban fur sales in New York State.

Waterfowl: George Rockey - Nothing

NYS CONSERVATION COUNCIL: Dan Tone -Excused- Nothing

Environment & Pollution: Chuck Godfrey - Nothing

Member Outreach: Chuck Godfrey – Nothing

Legislation: John Susz – Bill proposing to make wearing Hunter Orange mandatory, another recycled unsupported bill. Proposed bill in New York State to ban Gun Raffles, already in Assembly, need to stop it before it goes to Senate. **
Public informational Meeting with local elected officials @ Jamison Road Fire Dept. April 6, 2019 10:00AM – 12:30PM.

Council Resolutions: Rich Davenport - Nothing

Hunter Education: Frank Miskey, Jr. – 60 instructors @ Hunter Education class last week. Refresher class 4/18/19 @ West Falls.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Frank Miskey, Sr. – There were 25 nominations and 12 awards were given out plus the President’s awards. One still to be awarded.

Banquet: Frank Miskey, Jr. – Returning to Kloc’s Grove next year, excellent service and food. The date is a week later, March 14, 2020 due to conflict with another federation activity.

Fund Raising: Frank Miskey, Jr. – All taken care of. Frank Miskey, Jr., sold 4 of the winning tickets and is donating the money back to the Federation.

Nominations: Frank Miskey, Jr. – Nothing at this time

FWMB: Chuck Godfrey - Nothing new.

Educational Opportunities: Chuck Godfrey - Nothing all scholarships paid out.

Youth Lifetime Licenses: Chuck Godfrey - \$300.00 sold at the Sportsmen Show.

Shows: Hope Melnyk asked if the delegates would go back to their clubs to see we could each club to take a day at the fair booth.

National Hunting and Fishing Day: Rich Davenport/Frank Miskey, Jr. – The fourth Saturday in September, 9/28/19 @ Elma Conservation Club. Getting flyers together for advertising at the fair.

WNY Environmental Federation: Dan Tone/Joe Fischer - Nothing

Budget and Finance: David Rosner, reviewed mailed items.

Current bills: Any bills for consideration – Motion to pay bills – Second – Approved

Website: Joe Mc Adams – Excused- Nothing

Internal Controls: Tom Fischer – A spread sheet is being made up for inventory in the trailer. A sign out sheet with who took and when and what they took.

By-laws Update: See old and new by-laws to compare. Need to finalize.

Old Business:

New Business: - White Tail Unlimited would like to write a grant for pheasants. How much should we ask for? \$500.00

Sunshine Committee: – Cheryl Schenne – Sent a card to Scott Bieler of West Herr Dealerships, they are supporters.

Up Coming Events: April 6th Niagara Musky Banquet – We have 2 exchanged tickets. Motion by Hope Melnyk seconded by Tom Fischer to purchase 4 tickets for a total of \$200.00. Unanimous. Motion carried.

50/50 Raffle: \$26.00 to Hawkeye.

Next Federation Meeting: Thursday April 25, 2019 @ West Falls Conservation Club, 55 Bridge Street West Falls, NY

Thanks to host club East Aurora Rod & Gun, much appreciated. Jim Smith Jr. most accommodating.

Date	Location
03/21/19	East Aurora Rod & Gun 1018 Luther Road
04/25/19	West Falls Cons. Club 55 Bridge St. W. Falls
05/23/19	Erie Cty. Cons. 13319 Miller Ave Chaffee, NY
06/27/19	HMBG Rod & Gun & Lake Erie Fly Fisher Intl. 3434 Hickox Rd. Hamburg
07/25/19	Niagara River Station 355 East River Rd. Grand Island
August	No Meeting Erie Cty. Fair August 7-18
09/12/19	

10/10/19	
11/14/19	Southtowns Walleye Assoc.
12/19/19	Bison City Rod & Gun Ohio St Bflo.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BANQUETS- April 6th, 2019 Niagara Musky Ass. 25th Anniversary Banquet Pearl St. Buffalo, NY

Friends of NRA April 26, 2019 Salvatore's Italian Gardens Depew NY

5050 donation amount: \$

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55 Bridge St. West Falls, NY**

Remember to Thank the host club !!

**Motion to adjourn Hope Melnyk second Cheryl Schenne
time 2130 HRS**