Erie County Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs Inc.

Meeting Agenda: Thursday, April 25, 2019

@ West Falls Conservation Club

55 Bridge St. West Falls, NY

https://www.google.com/maps/place/

Call to order TIME: 7:40PM

*Remind everyone to silence electronic devices.

Pledge of Allegiance:

*Roll Call - Officers & Directors: Pres. 1VP 2VP Treas Excused Rec Sec Cor. Sec. Mem. Sec. Sgt @Arms.

Excused: Joe McAdams

Absent: Rich Davenport; Frank Miskey, Jr., Patti Wattengale

Quorum of member clubs:

Guests: David Stromecki - HUNT OF A LIFETIME

Are there any new Delegates Present? No

Reading/Approval of minutes: Motion to suspend reading minutes. Second Approved

Rec. Secretary’s report: Rich Davenport-Absent NTR

Cor. Secretary’s report: Roxann Ferrazoli

Membership report: Hope Melnyk Forty-one 41 Clubs paid- nine 9 outstanding dues are past due.

Treasurer’s report: David Rosner- refer to previous reports sent out.

Bills: Does anyone have any bills?
Motion to pay bills. Second Approved

President’s report: Jeff Jondle:

Guest Speakers: David Stromecki - Hunt of a Lifetime- Dave Stromecki for “Hunt of a Lifetime Foundation, Inc.” – wants to get the word about this foundation to all of the clubs. They are like “Make a Wish”, but have to do with hunting and fishing. Sponsors are Savage Arms, Hornady and Cabela’s give the kids a $500.00 shopping spree.

Lancaster HS Trap Team: asking for a donation to help pay for the kid’s shells, fees for them to shoot and room and board with going to a shoot in Cicero at the end of June. 17 kids will be making the trip this year. They also need new uniforms.

NYSDEC Officer – Mark Mazurkiewicz. With information what is going within the DEC.

MEAL BREAK 7:00 PM-7:30 PM

Future meeting locations: Board of Directors 6:30 – General Meeting 7:30PM

Guide to future meeting dates. Meetings are as called by the President.

January through July generally the fourth Thursday of each month.

August No meeting due to County Fair.

September -December: generally, the 2nd Thursday of the month

As we meet at the convenience of the hosting club that date may change.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Law Enforcement:**

Jim Bittner - Hawkeye Bowman is holding a Youth Archery Clinic July 6th – 8th. Contact Dave Reed at 685-4932 to pre-register.

**Archery & Bowhunting:**

Jim McCann – 25th Annual – Region 9 Youth Camp @ Elma Conservation Club August 2nd – 4th. Motion by Frank Miskey, Sr. To donate $300.00 seconded by Cheryl Schenne. Approved. 30 kids to write an essay about camp and conservation.

**Crossbow:**

Tom Fischer – Motion by Tom Fischer to post the report on the website, seconded by Hope Melnyk.

**Fish:**

Joe Fischer / Tom Fischer / Larry Jones – Joe Fischer asked to post the spring meeting on the website. All stocking is done for the area.

Lakes Erie and Ontario. Things are good; size of fish has gone down in Ontario. All stocking done for this area. Cost to raise fish is $5.00 - $6.00.

**Teach Me to Fish:**

Joe McAdams Absent - Nothing
**Small Game:**

*Dan Tone* – NYSDEC’s Paul Mc Ewen is retiring after 30 years; a dinner is May 30th. Motion by Dan Tone to purchase a $50.00 gift card seconded by Roxann Ferazzoli. Approved. Motion by Dan Tone to spend $100.00 for 5 people to go to the retirement party seconded by Fred Langdon. Approved.

**Big Game:**

*Marc Alessi* – Final numbers are in, count is way down, a 20% increase in antlered deer take over prior year.

**Trapping:**

*Patti Wattengel* - Nothing

**Waterfowl:**

*George Rockey* – Birds are coming back late due to the weather.

**NYS Conservation Council: Dan Tone** - The Buck a Member Program for the New York State Conservation Council is an important part of their funding. Check and see if your club are a participant, If not, to support the program call. (315) 894-2893) **If each club in this federation participated, that would generate about $12,000.00 a month, for NYSCC. You can donate directly to New York State Conservation Council at:**

NYSCC 8 East Main St. Ilion, NY 13357. Contact them at 315-894-3302.

Consider an individual annual membership.

**Environment & Pollution:**

*Chuck Godfrey* - Same as before

**Membership Outreach:**

*Chuck Godfrey* –If anyone knows of any Erie County Sportsmen’s Club which is not a member of the Federation, please let the President know so he can contact them about membership.

Motion by Chuck Godfrey to support position provided by Outer Harbor Coalition, seconded by Frank Miskey, Sr.
Motion by Frank Miskey, Sr. opposing the proposal development by Erie County Harbor Development Corp. seconded by Dave Baras.

Motion by Chuck Godfrey opposing the Corp of Engineers plan for new dredging n disposal area seconded by Dave Baras. All 3 motions approved.

Legislation: **John Susz** – Governor Cuomo instructed State Finance Dept. not to do business with NRA and encourage banks NYS does business with not to either.

NRA is suing New York State for 1st Amendment violation, the ACLU is backing the NRA.

Council Resolutions: **Rich Davenport** - Nothing

Hunter Education: **Frank Miskey Sr.** – There are classes going on into mid-June, but registration is down 20%, a lot of no shows.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Awards:** Frank Miskey Sr. - Nothing

**Banquet: March 14, 2019** Frank Miskey Jr. - Nothing

**Fund Raising:** Frank Miskey Jr. - Nothing

**Nominations:** Frank Miskey Jr. - Nothing

**FWMB:** Chuck Godfrey - Nothing

**Educational Opportunities:** Chuck Godfrey - Nothing

**Youth Lifetime License:** Chuck Godfrey – Bison City donated $100.00 tonight for Lifetime Licenses.

**EXHIBITS & SHOWS:** Hope Melnyk – The fair is August 7th – 14th. Hope has the schedule at 4-hour blocks and 2 people per shift.

We need to improve our fair display, no report from that committee yet, need to get moving on this
Motion by Roxann Ferazzoli seconded by Fred Langdon to donate $100.00 to the Agriculture Society to pay for Hope & Gary’s passes. Approved.

**Natl. Hunting & Fishing day:** Rich Davenport/ Frank Miskey, Jr. – Inviting vendors and not charging them to participate. We need our member clubs there for support.

**WNY Env Federation:** Dan Tone / Joe Fischer - Nothing

**Budget and Finance:** David Rosner – Refer to Budget break down provided by email previously.

**Website:** Joe McAdams- www.ecfsc.org - Nothing

**Internal Controls**

- Tom Fischer – Not sure how many fishing rods are in the trailer. Frank Miskey, Sr. will check. Tom to inventory trailer.

**Bylaws Update**

- Cheryl Schenne/ Dave Rosner/ Frank Miskey Jr. – See old and new by-laws to compare. Need to finalize.

**Old Business:**

We received a grant from Cabela’s for $2,500.00.

We received the paperwork from Erie County for a grant of $5,000.00; It is not like we have received previously; they ask for the past 6 years look back at books. Were public 501-c3 so no problem but it seems strange. Opening us up to questioning and potential liabilities, why ?. If we should make a profit, from those funds they would want that profit money given back to them, how does that even apply ? We would need to sign a contract. Suggested we speak to a lawyer before signing, seeking guidance on definitions.

Zebco Corp. has rods and reels for a good price. Motion by Roxann Ferazzoli to purchase rods and reels costing up to $2,000.00 seconded by Fred Langdon. Unanimous.
New Business: NYSDEC Reinstein Woods has requested fishing gear for their programs. Motion to supply Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve with 20 of our last fishing rods. Motion by Tom Fischer seconded by George Rockey to give Reinstein rod & reels.

2nd VP Cheryl Schenne was at a horse show in March and heard talk about Rails to Trails, asked their representative a question about what would happen at West Falls Club, the person said, “I know nothing” and then ignored any other questions.

Sunshine Committee: Cheryl Schenne - Nothing

Good of the order?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BANQUETS- Friends of NRA April 26, 2019
Salvatore’s Italian Gardens Depew NY

50/50 donation amount: $

Next Federation Meeting: Thursday - May 23, 2019 Erie County Conservation Society 13319 Miller Ave.
Chaffee, NY

Remember to Thank the host club!!

Motion to adjourn by Roxann Ferazzoli
Miskey, Sr. Second by Frank
Time 10:26PM