



Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Inc.

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, June 27, 2019

Hamburg Rod & Gun Club, Inc.

3434 Hickox Road Hamburg, NY

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

Call to order TIME: 7:30PM

***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: Dave Baras, Chuck Godfrey and Frank Miskey Jr., Joe Fischer, Joe McAdams,

Absent: Rick Davenport

Quorum of member clubs: Yes

Guests: None

Are there any new Delegates Present ? No

Reading/Approval of minutes: Motion Second Approved

Rec. Secretary's report: Rich Davenport WAIVED

Cor. Secretary's report: Roxann Ferazzoli Thank you letter from Reinstein Woods for 20 of our older combo rods' donation.

Membership report: Hope Melnyk 6 clubs not paid

Treasurer's report: David Rosner \$2,500.00 check from Cabela's and Bass Pro deposited. Letter from Erie County Clerk's office asking for more information before processing our Grant. Motion by Hope Melnyk to deposit all monies from 50/50 donations to

NYS Conservation Council annually instead of monthly, seconded by Dan Tone. Approved.
Crosby's donated \$500.00 to

Federation.

Bills: Does anyone have any bills?

Motion to pay bills - Tom Fischer Second – Hope Melnyk.

Approved

President's report:

Jeff Jondle:

Discussion to increase previously allocation for Gary & Hope to join Erie Agriculture Society. For daily access during the fair, due to another rate increase from the fair board up to \$75.00 each. Motion by Don Kochersberger, second by Jim Bittner. Approved.

Rails to Trails and West Falls CC have a Gentlemen's agreement to have barriers at the North and South end of property.

Sturgeon Point work group no meetings lately.

Wind Turbines – Governor Cuomo pretty much doing what he wants. Wants turbines up near NYC bight , but not enough room for enough turbines to generate requested power. Even so second plants are required to generate power for low wind days., Now looking to install 50-150 between Dunkirk and Pennsylvania in the waters of Lake Erie. Federation is opposed to any turbines in Lake Erie.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

MEAL BREAK

1900 HRS

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.

Incomplete information is tentative. Black bold is confirmed meeting:

Date	Location
07/25/19	Niagara River Station 355 East River Rd. Grand Island

August	No Meeting Erie Cty. Fair August 7-18
09/12/19	Springville Field Stream Chaise Rd. Sprgvl., NY
10/10/19	Hawkeye Bowmen Clinton St. Marilla, NY
11/14/19	Southtowns Walleye Assoc.
12/19/19	Bison City Rod & Gun Ohio St Bflo.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement: Jim Bittner Encon Police Academy started with 42 recruits for 50 vacancies. Already down to 31 with no backfills possible. A new test and hiring list will be required for another academy to fill existing and prospective vacancies. Boaters be aware of No WAKE restrictions on Lake Ontario. Also exercise discretion in launching and boating around Buffalo due to Tall Ships and exclusionary zones.

Archery & Bowhunting: Jim McCann Nothing

Crossbow: Tom Fischer Very interested in having crossbow bill passed, not even did modified bill got passed.

Fish: Joe Fischer / Tom Fischer / Larry Jones – Lake Erie Harbor State Park is experiencing Boat launching problem. NYS OPR is not remitting fees for Empire pass, for Handicap people. Safe Harbor staffing issue only 1 person there and only on weekends. OPR passes are not good on weekends. Also, Bass Eye Tournament this weekend.

Teach Me to Fish: Joe McAdams A new inner-city TMTF outreach event this weekend at Unity Island 7:00AM – 4:00PM – S&S 2 days.

Small Game: Dan Tone Distributed 500 pheasant chicks to approved raisers it went well. Hawkeye Bowman is donating \$100.00 to 4H Pheasant Program. Youth Pheasant Hunt program at 3F Club in Lewiston, selection of four clubs to nominate a 12-14-year-old youth. Motion to approve paying \$45.00 each for September 14th youth hunt. Motion by Tom Fischer second by Hope Melnyk. Approved. 1) Niagara Musky; 2) Collins Club; 3) Deer Search; 4) Elma Conservation Club and alternates are Boston Valley, Depew, Region 9 and Wood and Brook selections valid only if dues are current.

Big Game: Marc Alessi Nothing

Trapping: **Patti Wattengel** Kids can sign up @ Rushford for Columbus Day weekend for Trappers Camp, youngest age is 12 yrs.

Waterfowl: **George Rockey** **Nothing**

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 is 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** - Erie County Law re: Paper bag – plastic bag. Motion by Dave Rosner second by Jim Bittner, that we take no action or position, do nothing. Approved.

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.

Legislation: **John Susz** NYS’s so called Red Flag Law. There is a ban on bump stocks. NICS check is now 30 days.

Council Resolutions: **Rich Davenport** Nothing

Hunter Education: **Frank Miskey Sr.** Most instructors and classes winding down. ??? Call DEC for dates.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Banquet: March 2, 2018 **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** **Nothing**

EXHIBITS & SHOWS: **Hope Melnyk-** Erie County Fair, Due to Fair board restrictions we need to purchase more admission and parking tickets to support staffing needs for our booth.

totaling \$171.00. Motion by Dave Rosner second by Cheryl Schenne to send check to the Erie County Fair for \$171.00. Approved.

Natl. Hunting & Fishing day: **Rich Davenport/ Frank Miskey Jr.** Need to make or have NHFD flyers to hand out at the fair for this event.

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

Budget and Finance: **David Rosner Nothing**

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

Internal Controls **Tom Fischer** Inventory is complete. There are clipboards in the trailer and at the storage unit.

****Bylaws Update** **Cheryl Schenne/ Dave Rosner/ Frank Miskey Jr. Nothing**

Old Business: White Tails Unlimited offered us a grant. Motion by Hope Melnyk second by Dave Rosner for Cheryl Schenne to write a grant. Approved.

New Business: **Frank Miskey, Sr.** purchased 100 Beanie Babies for \$155.00 to give to youth 1 – 3 years old at tmtf events. Motion by Cheryl Schenne second by Roxann Ferazzoli. Approved.

Received one quote of \$800.00 to put signage on trailer. Requests were made to get more quotes.

Sam Hunt Director from Grand Island was put on a task to do prepare a price quote to update our display for the fair. Motion by Roxann Ferazzoli second by Hope Melnyk to purchase 2 – 3' x 8' banners @ \$95.00 each.

There is a space in Conservation building for any of the clubs to come to put on demonstrations.

Lackawanna Middle School has a fishing club looking for fishing equipment. Motion by Tom Fischer second by Hope Melnyk to expend about \$100.00 purchase 10 rods. Jeff has purchased some items for them. Approved.

Sunshine Committee: **Cheryl Schenne Sent a card to Cathy Miskey.**

Good of the order ?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BANQUETS-

5050 donation amount: \$ 33.00 Hawkeye.

Next Federation Meeting: Thursday July 25, 2019 at Niagara River
Station 355 East River Road Grand Island,
NY

**Remember to Thank the host club !! Hamburg Rod & Gun Club and
Lake Erie Fly Fisher International.**

**Motion to adjourn Roxann Ferazzoli second Hope Melnyk
time 9:10PM**