



**DATE: March 26, 2026**

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Inc.

Board & General Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM Directors Meeting, 7:00 PM General Meeting

<b>Host Club:</b>	Evans Rod & Gun Club 864 Cain Rd. Angola, NY 14006

**Meeting Order**

- Silence all electronic devices and phones.
- Pledge to the Flag
- Roll Call of Officers:
  - o President .....Jack Coad
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> V. President ..... Ken Delano
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> V. President .....Joe Fischer
  - o Treasurer ..... Dave Rosner
  - o Recording Secretary .....Rich Davenport
  - o Corresponding Secretary ..... Diane Steel
  - o Membership Secretary ..... Joe McAdams
  - o Sergeant at Arms..... Tom Fischer

**Excused/Absent:**

Excused	D.Steel
Absent	

**Quorum of member clubs:**

Section-6. A Quorum: A quorum at a meeting of the voting members shall consist of twenty-five (25) per cent of the voting members in good standing. Voting members in good standing are member organizations with current paid dues status and otherwise in good standing. **Number of Active Members = 42      Quorum = 10**

**Quorum Achieved?      (YES) / (NO)**

**NOTE:**

- ❖ *All committees, both temporary and permanent, must report who their committee members are to the Board of Directors.*
- ❖ *Most, but not all, committees should have at least 4 members.*
- ❖ *Committee meetings must be posted in advance.*
- ❖ *Committees are advisory and not autonomous.*
- ❖ *Committee chair must provide written/email report to President on the status, activity and needs of the committee.*



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## REPORTS

<b>OFFICERS REPORT</b>	
Presidents Report	Jack Coad
Recording Secretary Minutes	Rich Davenport
Corresponding Secretary Report	Diane Steel
Membership Secretary Report	Joe McAdams
Treasurers Report	Dave Rosner
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS (5-10 minutes maximum)</b>	
Teach Me to Fish	Bob Avery and Tom Fisher
Legislation & Lawsuits Pending	Carl Leas
Environment & Pollution	Chuck Godfrey
Small Game	Dan Tone
Waterfowl	George Rockey
Fundraising	Jack Coad
Law Enforcement	Jeff Jondle
Fish Report	Jim Steel
NYS Cons. Council	Joe Fischer & Dan Tone
Federation Website & Website Programs	Joe McAdams
Hunter Education	Ken Delano
Trapping	Patti & Rick Wattengel
Big Game	Rich Davenport
Resolutions to NYSCC	Rich Davenport
Archery, Crossbow	Tom Fischer
<b>SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:</b>	
Banquet Committee	Ken Delano
Budget and Finance	David Rosner
DEC Summer Camp	Joe McAdams
Elections and Nominations	Fred Weymer
Exhibits and Shows/Upcoming Events	Amy Plecas
Scholarship Program	Amy Plecas
Fish and Wildlife Management	Chuck Godfrey
Internal Controls	Tom Fischer
National Hunting and Fishing Day	Diane Steel
Youth Lifetime License	Joe Fischer
WNY Environmental Federation	Dan Tone / Beth Lancaster
Sunshine	Diane Steel



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**\*\* Meetings marked with an asterisk are tentative at this time.**

January 22, 2026	Elma Conservation 600 Creek Rd. Elma, NY 14052
February 26, 2026	George Washington Club 2805 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207
March 26, 2026	Evans Rod & Gun Club 864 Cain Rd. Angola, NY 14006
April 23, 2026	West Falls Conservation Society 55 Bridge St. West Falls, NY 14170
May 21, 2026	Erie County Conservation Society 13319 Miller Rd. Chaffee, NY 14030
June 25, 2026	Hamburg Rod & Gun Club 3434 Hickox Rd. Hamburg, NY 14075
July 23, 2026	Niagara River Station 355 East River Rd. Grand Island, NY 14072
August 2026	<b>**FAIR NO MEETING **</b>
September 10, 2026	Springville Field and Stream Chaise Rd. Springville, NY 14141
October 8, 2026	Hawkeye Bowmen 13300 Clinton Alden, NY 14004
November 12, 2026	Southtowns Walleye Association 5895 Southwestern Blvd. Hamburg, NY 14075
December 17, 2026 **	Bison City Rod & Gun Club 511 Ohio St. Buffalo, NY 14204

**New Business:**

-DEC Whitetail Antlerless Harvest Plan.  
TBD at April Mtg.  
-Internet policy/Committee  
-New procedure for DEC Summer Camp  
-Banquet was a great success.  
Preliminary reports look good financially.

**Old Business:**

**Committee assignments. Please check with me or Joe McAdams for any assignment choice.**  
**Delegates, please make sure to share information with your club and club president.**

**Good of the Organization / Shared News:**



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**Next month's meeting:**

**West Falls Conservation Society 55 Bridge St. West Falls, NY 14170**

THANK YOU TO THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR ORGANIZATION

50/50 DRAW WINNER



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Events and Shows

The expo was a success. We sold all of the banquet raffle tickets. Fair signups are going fast. Get the shift you want before it is gone.

### Scholarships

Many applications have been received. Quite a few do not meet the field of study criteria. Applications will be accepted until April 1st.

### FWMB

1) Ischua Creek – Stocking will not take place this spring in the affected area, just in the lower stretches of the normally stocked areas. Full report is below in the link below <https://dec.ny.gov/news/press-releases/2026/3/dec-announces-plan-for-2026-trout-stocking-and-future-habitat-enhancements-for-ischua-creek>

2) Bemus Pt. launch will be completed to be completed in April

3) Harlem Rd. access project to be completed this spring. Was supposed to be done in Nov., but weather intervened.

4) Springville Dam fish passage project is completely off the board. It's not going to happen. Too many unresolved issues, including what to do to remove, where to put (and how to afford it) all the silt behind the dam

5) Due to efforts in Dunkirk and Fredonia, there will be many more access sites and actual access on Canadaway Creek for steelhead fishermen.

6) Anne Rothrock is still the point person for Hunter Ed. In Region 9 as we are without a Regional Coordinator. As training of staff continues and changes are made as to whom to contact regarding HEP in Reg. 9, Hunter Ed. Instructors will be notified

7) 1800 people passed the 2024 Civil Service Test for Law Enforcement personnel. They are now down to 33 recruits. Academy started Feb. 15th.

8) Reg. 90 has 4 ECO vacancies, 2 in Erie County.

9) Chautauqua County Banquet is May 4th, at Lakewood R&G.

10) Niagara County Fed. has a Fundraising Shoot on June 20<sup>th</sup>



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### Environmental

1) Asian Carp barrier - no new news

2) The Tonawanda Nation continues to led the fight against the STAMP project. The DEC has designated the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency in charge of reviewing whether the project should move forth. They have decided it should.

3) Ischua Creek stocking = To address the uncertainty regarding food availability, trout stocking will pause within the impacted portions of the stream (Farmersville/Franklinville town line downstream to Five Mile Road) this year to promote the natural recovery of the fish and macroinvertebrate community and ensure that adequate food resources are available to support trout for the long term.

DEC is also developing a habitat enhancement plan for the Stocked-Extended portion of the impacted area to repopulate this stream reach with wild trout to obtain Wild-Quality management and provide enhanced habitat for the native fish community. Details of this plan are in development and will be released in a New York Trout Stream Habitat Plan later this year.

### Small Game

We had a meeting with Tami Krone the other night and it seemed to work out and picked up a couple of new pheasant raisers.

### Crossbow

DEC planning removal of outdated Crossbow regulations. If you were a member of the Crossbow Collation remember to renew your membership. I renewed my membership at the Expo early this month.

### Archery

Larry Calleri West Falls Adult learn to shoot archery 3rd Monday at WFCS starting April 20th, if interested call Mike Cummings at 716-655-5030. Everything needed to be able to shoot will be supplied by West Falls.

Jack Coad On March 22 Hawkeye well be conducting their mandatory Orientation Meeting and Open House from 10am-Noon. If anyone would like to check us out , please come out on this date. We have lots of fun shoots and activities for members including our member snowshoe shoot and our Pancake Breakfast with homemade syrup from our trees! Upcoming Shoots: Alaskan shoot March 28 and 29, 7am-noon . Courses close at 2pm each day.

### Internal Controls

Trailer inventory will take place when the weather is better. TMTF Batteries being charged. Storage unit items were supplied for the Expo Show and returned .



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### Youth Lifetime License

This years raffle tickets are available. See Tom Fischer if you want any. This years raffle includes a Crossbow. Walleye Kit. Fishing Kayak, \$150 Cabela's gift card. 8 dozen steelhead flies. The ticket also has a QR code for Erie County youth under 16 to sign up online for a chance to win a free Life Time license . Last year we gave away 9 licenses. To date ECFSC has gave away approximately 144 licenses to Erie County Youth.

### Trappers Report

Results from fur sales earlier this month from both the Cattaraugus County Trappers , and Fur Harvesters Auction in North Bay Ontario confirm a stiff increase in prices for most fur. Average prices were as follows; Beaver \$29.46, Fisher \$70.00, Wild Mink \$45.29(compared to \$12 in 2025), Red Fox \$40.67, Skunk \$34.70, Ermine \$11.57. Clearances were near 100%.

### President's Report

The Banquet was a complete success. Lots of positive comments for the event. Gave a bunch of awards, lots of baskets, but some were missing. Overall, it appears that everyone had a great time, and it appears that we may have done well with finances. Our largest attendance with 250 sold (sold Out) and about 240 seats filled. Great time!! Thank you to the Ken Delano and the Banquet Committee for a great event.

In the committee reports you will notice a newsletter from DEC relative to new proposals toward Whitetail Hunting Regulations next year. I am asking each of you to digest the newsletter and come back in April for a short discussion, if needed. We all know that the DEC needs to do something to encourage the harvesting of antlerless deer to help control and manage the herd. Regardless of the reasoning, management is their responsibility.

I am also implementing a new procedure for the sponsorship with the DEC Camps. Right now, we have a code system which is not working as well. Students have to apply to us for a code, then we have to get the code from DEC to give to the student, which takes time. Once the code is received the student can then register for the camp hoping that it has not already filled. My decision is to make this process smoother and easier for the students we are sponsoring. This year we will reimburse students, upto 4, once they have completed the camp. It does appear that we may have a "bank" with DEC and that is being verified. This process is fluid and will adapt as needed. See our web site for more information.

### Funding

No report.

NOTE – Advertisers in the 2026 Program Book will have advertisements on the website. Working out the details on the Banquet Committee meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Good source of revenue if handled properly.



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### Hunter Education

Please see the DEC web site for more registration

April 11 Wolcott Guns

April 11 Springville Field and Stream

April 18 Armor Fire Hall

April 18 Erie County Conservation Society

April 18 Alden Town Hall

April 26 West Falls Conservation Society

April 26 Evans Rod&Gun

### Nominations

Nothing for nominations now.

### TMTF

Bison City requested assistance with their fishing clinic being held on June 6th. We affirmed our commitment to their program and will begin the planning stages of our TMTF events following the Federation banquet.

### Recording Secretary

No report at this time.

### Resolutions

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

### Facebook Report

FYI, you may have noticed a higher frequency of seeing Ads, including many that are not applicable to ECFSC interests showing up in our feed. I have been blocking many of these and reporting them as SPAM. For awareness, we can expect Meta will be ramping this up even more, as they appear to be cash-starved due to their costs incurred attempting to roll out their own version of AI, and news articles report they are going to go through another "blood bath", with expected global workforce reductions of 20%. The last time this happened was in 2022/23, where a 30% reduction in their global workforce was prompted by a 2022 loss of an estimated \$768 BILLION. So, heads up on being flooded with Ads.



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### Big Game Report

Received a Legislative report from NYSCC concerning the various bills currently in Albany that have direct impact on Big Game concerns. This document has been circulated to the ECFSC BGC members for their awareness and comment.

Also released by NYSDEC is the 2025 estimated results of DMP program for last year's harvest. They must be inching closer to releasing the harvest estimates.

Currently also circulating this document to the balance of the counties in Region 9, currently tracking down the county's respective Big Game Committee chairs, if they have one.

Youth Hunting Bill for Erie County – Poloncarz has gone on record he intends to VETO any bill to engage Erie County in this ongoing Pilot Program. This information was shared through Facebook. We will need to crush it with people in the gallery and spilling onto Franklin Street to make it clear to the legislature any veto should not stand this time around.

Wire frame of the "Pass it On" program still being drafted. Expect to have this document for the May or June Meeting. It will go to the Big Game committee first, before heading to the General Membership.

DEC Proposed Regulation changes to Big Game Hunting Seasons have been announced. Elements of the changes are as follows:

- Modifying the Deer Management Permit (DMP) issuance process to increase DMP availability
- Allow an unlimited number of DMPs to be transferred between hunters
- Expand the nine-day season for antlerless deer in mid-September
- Establish an "Earn-a-2nd-Buck" System
- A minor change to clarify how mechanical broadheads with moving blades may be deemed non-barbed

Comment period ends May 17, 2026. Comments can be to [wildliferegs@dec.ny.gov](mailto:wildliferegs@dec.ny.gov) (subject: "Antlerless Deer Hunting") or to: NYSDEC, Attn: Jeremy Hurst, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754.



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**\*\*TECHNICAL AND DATA PROTECTION\*\*** (part of Website and Facebook reports)

Last month, a governing data protection and acceptable use policy for review and adoption was submitted. Thus far, exactly zero action has been taken by this organization.

Applicable laws which require the implementation of governing policy, with the provided policy document being the bare minimum to assure the Federation can defend itself against legal or civil action, are briefly listed below. Remember, Internet accessible platforms reach globally. Due to this fact, jurisdiction and related potential actions, meaning what laws and regulations that apply and who will enforce, is not based upon the location of the owning business or organization; rather this is determined by the location of visitors and users of our internet presence.

COPPA – or Children's Online Privacy and Protection Act, United States Federal Law

GDPR – or General Data Protection and Rights, European Union

NY SHIELD Law – or New York's Stop Hackers and Improve Electronic Data Security Act

Additionally, the following states have all enacted comprehensive data protection and privacy laws, including California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Virginia.

The policy drafted and sent along to the BOD addresses ALL of these different laws and regulations, with more work concerning defining procedures and standards, along with incident response plans that will follow once policy is adopted. Many of these laws also require reporting of any detected data breaches that may be suffered by our organization. NY, for example, requires all businesses/ organizations to report a suspected data breach incident, once identified, and identification is on us, to the NYS Attorney General, NY Secretary of State and the NYS Police.

Violation of any of these laws could result in FINES up to \$20 MILLION, not to mention potential irreparable damage to the reputation of the ECFSC itself, and exposure to civil action. For additional understanding, incident investigations not only determine the size and scope of any given breach, but also audits against governing policy, and without a governing policy in place, a negative outcome of determination will be reached.

Current state of the organization provides absolutely no means to defend the organization from any regulatory or civil action when an incident occurs.



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### DEC Camp

We are changing DEC camp sponsorship from a pre-registration "sponsor code" to reimbursement when proof of attendance has been submitted. This will eliminate registration delays, and payment to campers that don't end up going.

### Website Report

You may have noticed erroneous emails generated from gmail posing as members of the BOD. We have implemented several additions and changes to the website as follows:

1. Privacy Notice (Privacy Policy)

A privacy notice or policy informs users about how their personal data is collected, used, shared, and stored, while ensuring legal compliance with regulations like GDPR or CCPA. It builds transparency, establishes trust with customers, and provides individuals with the ability to exercise rights over their data, such as opting out or requesting deletion.

2. CAPTCHA

(Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart) is a security measure designed to differentiate human users from automated bots. It protects websites from spam and abuse by requiring users to solve simple tasks—like identifying distorted text, selecting images, or clicking a checkbox—that are difficult for bots to complete.

3. Cookie Manager

A cookie manager is an essential tool that allows users to control and manage cookies on their devices. Cookies are small data files stored on a user's device by websites to track information and enhance user experience. Effective cookie management ensures privacy, security, and optimal website performance.

4. Spam Assassin

An automatic spam filtering program that analyzes emails and assigns points to them based on various criteria. This program is located on inbox mail servers. The more points, the more likely the message is spam. We have increased our default from low to medium-high.

These are just the first steps to protect the ECFSC from data misuse, exploitation and legal consequences. We are forming a technical committee to address these issues.

We are still averaging over 1000 visits per day. Planning to include advertising on the site.

The banquet pictures posting will coincide with advertising and the release of the Banquet Report.



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### Membership

Delta Waterfowl is our newest club. Delegate(s) will be asked to select the committee they will participate in.

We received an application from New York Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. The application is under review by the membership committee.

### Corresponding Secretary

Letters supporting the legislation for 12-13 to deer hunt in Erie County were mailed to all legislators and the county executive. The action plan by the NYSCC has generated 1795 letters to date. This easy click method has been very effective. Your letters can be emailed or printed with this method. You can also customize your letters if you choose. <https://takeaction.io/nyscc/support-erie-county-allowing-12-13-year-olds-to-hunt-under-authorized-supervision/>

A thank you letter was sent to Gene Ring for his generous donation to the lifetime license program.

Great Lakes Basin Report membership form was completed and mailed along with the check.

### Sunshine

Nothing to report

### Diane Steel

I personally wanted to thank everyone who attended the banquet last Saturday. It was a wonderful evening and a great success. Furthermore, I appreciate receiving the Valerie E. Gonnello Sportswoman of the Year. Jim & I are dedicated to the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and all the organizations we serve. We are passionate about making sure these organizations remain strong and continue long past the time those who created them are with us. I sincerely appreciate the nomination and the award.



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## Fish Report

The Eastern Lake Erie Charter Boat Association participated in the Sportsmen's Day at the Capitol on March 11th, we were the only organization from our region invited. We were able to spread the word of what our organization represents and what our area and other organizations have to offer. State Senators Gallivan and Borello made introductions to many other legislators so we could spread the word about our sporting heritage in our area. It was well worth the time and effort.

While in Albany we were able to attend the New York State Conservation Council quarterly meeting with the NYSDEC Department Heads and Michele Marchello Executive Deputy Commissioner. Many topics were discussed including many happening in our region, including the 12-13 hunting issue in Erie County.

Trout stocking is underway from both Randolph and Caldonia hatcheries. Specific stocking information can be found on the DEC Info Locator Webpage such as stocking date, locations, numbers of fish by clicking the stream of interest.

Ischua Creek stocking will only be done in the non impacted zones. Six locations that were not impacted will receive the full stocking amount of 4,300 fish. More information will be detailed in the Habitat Plan for Ischua Creek currently being drafted.

Harlem Road Access work will resume in April to complete the project.

Environmental remediation for vessel stabilization at the Buffalo Naval Park. This is a multi-agency action of operational planning and mobilization which has begun for the treatment, pumping and storage of oil-water mixture to prevent any possible intermittent petroleum releases. None have been reported to date. The USS Croaker holds an estimated 25,000 gallons of diesel fuel and potentially 115,000 gallons of oily water onboard. The USS Sullivan potentially holds 30,000 gallons of oily water on board. The project goal after the removal is to raise both ships 4 feet to protect both ships structural integrity and remove the possibility of contaminating the environment and ecosystem.

Still time for public comments until April 13th for the Coolwater Species regulation changes.