



DATE: April 23, 2026
 Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Inc.
 Board & General Meeting Agenda
 6:30 PM Directors Meeting, 7:00 PM General Meeting

Host Club:	West Falls Conservation Society 55 Bridge St. West Falls, NY 14170

Meeting Order

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

Excused/Absent:

Excused	B. Avery, J. Chase
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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OFFICERS REPORT	
Presidents Report	Jack Coad
Recording Secretary Minutes	Rich Davenport
Corresponding Secretary Report	Diane Steel
Membership Secretary Report	Joe McAdams
Treasurers Report	Dave Rosner
COMMITTEE REPORTS (5-10 minutes maximum)	
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
SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:	
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
Sunshine	Diane Steel



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

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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	**FAIR NO MEETING **
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
- Committee Reorganization

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:

Public hearing bus trip report.

Next month's meeting:

Erie County Conservation Society 13319 Miller Rd. Chaffee, NY 14030

THANK YOU TO THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR ORGANIZATION
50/50 DRAW WINNER



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President's Report

On April 7, 2026, I had the opportunity to join other ECFSC members in assisting the DEC with stocking over 2,300 trout into Cayuga Creek at Como Lake Park. I'm proud of our efforts, and it was inspiring to see our members' dedication. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this event a success. I strongly encourage others to join next year's adventure—it's a rewarding way to support our conservation goals.

Our membership always shows outstanding commitment, consistently providing boots on the ground as we work to advance conservation throughout Erie County and across the state. Your support makes our projects possible.

As the Federation continues to grow, it's become clear that our website and email system need revamping to keep pace with expanded interest and information sharing. Over the past year, we've seen increased donations and the success of programs like the 2026 Banquet. However, this growth has presented challenges, particularly with our communication systems. For example, during the recent Youth Hunting Law initiative before the Erie County Legislature, our current email system struggled to support efforts such as coordinating transportation for attendees. We invested in strengthening the system, but a more efficient, cost-effective solution is needed.

I'm seeking volunteers for an IT Committee to explore options for improving our website and email system. If you have expertise or suggestions, please let me know or consider joining the committee. Your input will be invaluable as we build stronger infrastructure to support our Federation's mission.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and for being an essential part of our success.

Recording Secretary

Previous meeting minutes posted.

Corresponding Secretary

The PO Box is checked on a regular basis. Incoming mail is scanned and emailed upon arrival to the appropriate people. Any physical mail that needs to be distributed is done so.

Ken Delano graciously donated branded note cards for federation use.

Ken is working on thank you notes for banquet sponsors.



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A thank you card will be mailed to Larry Janahowki for a donation to the Youth Lifetime License Program.

Official communications are now being sent from communications@ecfsc.org.

Notice of the Public Hearing was communicated via social media and MailChimp in the week leading up to the hearing. The emails were sent to the members of the federation along with the email addresses obtained from TMTF & NHFD.

Membership

We received an application from New York Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. They were reviewed by the membership committee and approved for presentation at the April meeting. Voting will be at the May meeting.

Treasurers Report

During the month of March each year the Federation runs their Annual Banquet to recognize those deserving individuals who promoted Conservation during the past year. Bill Hilts Jr. wrote a 1/2 page article in the Buffalo News, April 5th edition that was exceptional. If you haven't seen it I'll have a copy at the next meeting. Congratulations to all those who earned an award.

The Banquet held this year far exceeded expectations on the amount raised at the event. The total Income from the event was \$26,765.00 whereas the total Expenses incurred came to \$15,203.95. The Net Profit came to \$11,561.05. Congratulations to the team that put this together.

Balance Sheet:

The balance in the checking account was \$64,473.92. We are looking into investing into a CD and Corporate Savings account developing earned interest on the excess amounts. The unrestricted amount was \$60,569.31.

Profit/Loss Statement:

The net income for the month came to \$11,289.55 due to the holding of the Annual Banquet. There are some outstanding collections for the advertising in the booklet that will add to the Banquet Income. I have the costs for all the Insurance policies we have and the costs increased by only \$30.00 from last year. The main policy for Liability was renewed at the max coverage of \$2,000,000 costing \$860.00.

While the outlook for this year is very positive it is the club's responsibility to spend funds wisely and where it will do the most good in advancing Conservation and support of our members. You may contact Dave at 716-913-0962 if there are any questions about the above information.



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Teach Me To Fish

Website forms are active.

Legislation

Most important possibility is March 20th which would foil all air pistols, air rifles, spring loaded, co2 fueled or air pressure fueled. Nothing has happened regarding the 10-day waiting period. Full report on the website.

Environmental Committee

- 1) Asian Carp barrier - no new news
- 2) STAMP PROJECT – Gen City Economic Development Committee held a public hearing on STAMP on April 16th, and another on April 20th at eh Alabama Fire Hall. I haven't seen reports from either yet.
- 3) The last two weeks CBS Sunday Morning has run pieces on Data Centers. A proposed one I Pa. and another on ones that would be IN the ocean and therefore be cooled by ocean water. Herre are the links.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/nationwide-boom-in-ai-data-centers-stirs-resistance/>
<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=CBS+sunday+morning+today&qvvt=CBS+sunday+morning+today&mid=7C276ADED964AFC99A937C276ADED964AFC99A93&churl=http%3a%2f%2fwww.youtube.com%2fchannel%2fUCVT1tPkR-fUVIO652EcO3ow&FORM=VRDGAR>

Small Game

No report

Waterfowl

No report

Fundraising

We have launched a website advertising campaign by allowing our banquet sponsors to advertise on the website. This will open the door for possible renewal - the policy of which has to be determined.

Law Enforcement

No report



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Fish Report

<https://www.ecfsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/ECFSC-Fish-Chairman-Report-04.23.2026.pdf>

NYSCC

No report

Website

Fish stocking event with pictures posted. Videos to follow. Added bus signup sheet to website in support of attending the public hearing on April 22, 2026. Advertising page to support the vendors that supported the Federation went LIVE and will remain active for 69 days, per Banquet Chairman and 1st VP Ken Delano. **TMTF signup live and on the front page.** Events calendar updated. Will send instructions on how to add your event yourself (will not be active until admin approved). Still averaging over 1000 visits per day.

Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	kBF	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Apr 2026	14539	8195	6371	1222	20315	13895171	26885	140167	180302	319864
Mar 2026	19034	12870	5697	1300	24725	29091224	40319	176619	398994	590058
Feb 2026	17236	13458	4638	1050	20841	26487730	29426	129884	376850	482627

Received request from Tonawanda Sportsmen's Club to advertise on our website.

Hunter Education

Please see the DEC web site for more registration information.

April 26 West Falls Conservation Society Hunter Safety Course

April 26 Evans Rod & Gun Hunter Safety Course

May 3 Evans Rod & Gun Bow Safety Course

Trapping

Nothing new

Big Game

In advance of tomorrow's meeting, attached is the wireframe of the Pass It On Program that clubs can consider to implement in part, or in total, concerning additional education for big game hunters to address several needs of our ranks that have become sort of evident.

Please review, and provide your thoughts on this during the board meeting...

Thank you for your attention to this matter



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<https://www.ecfsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/20260416-ECFSC-Pass-It-On-Program.pdf>

Resolutions

No report

Archery

Larry Calleri West Falls Nothing new to report.

Jack Coad Hawkeye will have their Wild Animal Shoot April 18, 2026 7am noon. Kitchen is open and serving our famous McHawkeye breakfast sandwich along with normal breakfast items.

APRIL 24-26 Hawkeye will be hosting our annual Spring Thaw Primitive Shoot utilizing primitive bows. There is lots to see and maybe an old bow laying around to try out.

MAY 4, 2026 Hawkeye Monday Bowhunters League. It is open to all shooters and is a short 6 week event and only \$10 each week.

May 16, 2026 Hawkeye will be hosting the New York Bowhunter Shoot. Courses open 7am-Noon Kitchen is open and serving our famous McHawkeye Breakfast sandwich along with normal breakfast items. Please see our web site www.hawkeyebowmen.com

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. No change.

Banquet

No report

Budget and Finance

See Treasurers report.

DEC Camp

Only two applications. Will ask Communications Secretary to send Mailchimp email to member clubs to help fill two remaining spots.

Elections and Nominations

Nothing until later this year.



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Events and Shows

Fair theme is Stars and Stripes and Summer Nights

Sign-ups going well.

Receiving map of Erie County for booth

Weighing kids activities

There will be a charging station right next to the booth so traffic should be steady

More details to follow

Scholarships

Applications received, committee will be reviewing.

FWMB

No report

Awards Committee

It's come to my attention that our awards plaques had a misspelling on them. They had "Country" instead of "County" on them. Don't know how I missed that, but I did. I'm in the process of contacting awardees for at least this year and last year and arranging to have them corrected. Those are the plaques with 2026 and 2024 on them, as we skipped using 2025 as a date when we reconfigured this year. I'll check on the ones with 2023 on them also. In the meantime, if anyone of you has a misdated plaque, bring it to this week's meeting and give it to me.

Internal Controls

Trailer registration has been completed and in the door panel, inspection is needed, As our normal driver is out of commission. I am hoping Ken Delano will take it for the inspection. Inventory will take place when the weather is better. All TMTF Batteries have been charged and tested. A couple items left over from NHFD must be removed and taken to our storage unit.

NHFD

The National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHFD) Committee met to advance planning for the upcoming event, with a primary focus on logistics, vendor coordination, budgeting, and promotional strategy. The committee confirmed a working budget of \$4,000, previously approved by the Federation, and discussed allocation priorities including signage, printed materials, food service, and contingency funding. A target of 20–25 exhibitors was established to ensure a strong and engaging event footprint, with an emphasis on expanding vendor participation and securing in-kind contributions such as door prizes and promotional items.



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Vendor recruitment and placement were key discussion points, with the committee agreeing to prioritize early outreach and streamline registration through a formal invitation process. Rather than assigning spaces on a first-come basis, the group favored a flexible layout strategy informed by required activity zones such as archery, crossbow, and trapping areas. A site walkthrough is planned to refine the event layout, confirm space availability, and address potential expansion of high-traffic areas. Additional outreach will target a diverse mix of participants, including conservation organizations, youth groups, law enforcement, and outdoor recreation vendors to broaden the event's appeal.

The committee also emphasized the need to expand and diversify the vendor lineup and is actively seeking ideas and recommendations for potential exhibitors. Members are encouraged to suggest organizations, businesses, and groups that can provide interactive, educational, or hands-on experiences aligned with hunting, fishing, conservation, and outdoor recreation. The goal is to enhance overall event engagement, attract a broader audience, and ensure a well-rounded mix of vendors that appeal to both youth and adult attendees.

Operational logistics included improvements to attendee flow and engagement. The committee explored implementing online registration and electronic permission slips to simplify check-in, along with the continued use of wristbands for participants involved in firearm-related activities. Engagement strategies such as a scavenger hunt or punch-card system were discussed to encourage attendees to visit all exhibitors. The use of printed maps, enhanced with QR codes for surveys and feedback, was also identified as a valuable tool for both navigation and post-event evaluation.

Food service planning remains under review, with Elma Conservation Club expected to provide coffee and potentially coordinate additional offerings, while alternative options for hot food vendors are being evaluated for cost and efficiency. Parking logistics were also addressed, with a plan to direct general attendees to designated overflow areas while maintaining access for vendors and operational needs.

Marketing and promotion will include expanded signage, updated sandwich boards, lawn signs, and a large-format banner for visibility. The committee is also pursuing digital advertising opportunities, including potential community billboard placements. Social media outreach and increased engagement from member clubs were identified as critical to driving attendance and volunteer support.

The committee reviewed the newly produced two-sided handout card promoting both National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHFD) and the Teach Me to Fish (TMTF) program. The card is now printed and ready for distribution, with one side highlighting NHFD event details, activities, and participation opportunities, and the reverse side showcasing the TMTF program, its mission, and youth impact. It will be distributed through member clubs and at other events attended by



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Federation representatives, with additional circulation planned at the Erie County Fair to maximize visibility. The piece is intended to provide a consistent, professional outreach tool that strengthens promotion of both initiatives and encourages broader community engagement.

Overall, the committee demonstrated strong alignment on enhancing event quality, improving operational efficiency, and expanding participation. Immediate next steps include finalizing vendor outreach materials, confirming site logistics through a June walkthrough, securing food service arrangements, and advancing promotional efforts.

[Lifetime License](#)

This year's raffle tickets are available. See Tom Fischer if you want any. This year's 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. Each club is asked to take 15 tickets or more. Last year we gave away 10 licenses. To date ECFSC has given away approximately 145 licenses to Erie County Youth.

[WNY Environmental Federation](#)

No report

[Sunshine](#)

Bob Avery is recovering from surgery. A get-well card was mailed.