



DATE: September 10, 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:	Springville Field and Stream
	Chaise Rd. Springville, NY 14141

Meeting Order

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

Excused/Absent:

Excused	
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 = 45 Quorum = 11

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

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
Technology and Data Protection	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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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:

-NYS DEC will be present for meeting.
We will have reports on Wildlife,
Fisheries and Enforcement
-New York Constitution Petition – to
add "Right to Hunt, Fish and Trap"

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:

NHFD – is your club signed up?

Next month's meeting:

Hawkeye Bowmen
13300 Clinton Alden, NY 14004

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



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Officer's Reports

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The NYS Big Game Season is approaching quickly! We just had Hawkeye's Labor Day Shoot which saw the most shooters in a few years, 100 Shooters! The Early Antlerless Deer season is days away and a great option to earn that second buck tag. We had a great presence at the Erie County Fair and I want to thank Amy Plecas and her committee members for stepping up and meeting the public on behalf of the ECFSC. I heard, and can't wait to see the pictures, that Don Lombardo created a special waterfowl display that was very inclusive of an actual hunt. This is an area we need to pay attention to.

I also attended the NYS Conservation Council the end of August and was able to observe a wonderful commitment to conservation and the desires of our NYS Sportsmen and Sportswomen. The ECFSC started an initiative, which was received by the NYSCC and enthusiastically supported to bring this initiative to a reality.

This initiative is to push for an amendment to the NYS Constitution for the "Right to Hunt, Fish and Trap", guaranteeing that our great grandchildren will be able to hunt and fish in NYS. More information will be coming, stay tuned!

September's meeting may be a little longer because DEC will be present for multiple reports.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nothing new to report.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Looking to add Gowanda Rifle Club as an Erie County member.

TREASURERS REPORT

At meeting.

Committee Reports

TEACH ME TO FISH

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LEGISLATION & LAWSUITS PENDING

On the website.

ENVIRONMENT AND POLLUTION

No report.

SMALL GAME

No report.

WATERFOWL

No report.

FUNDRAISING

Nothing to report.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

No report.

FISH REPORT

At meeting.

NYSCC

At meeting.

WEBSITE & WEBSITE PROGRAMS

Updates posted.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Nothing new to report.

TRAPPING

The new delegates will be Kevin Mroz kevinecta33@gmail.com and Dave Durmaj daved750@hotmail.com. Denise Lemke (Dave's wife) deniselee73@hotmail.com will be the alternate. Kevin will take over the trapping committee, and all 3 members will continue with banquet help and more. Dave and Denise will join us at Thursday's meeting to get acquainted. After 30 years of being delegates to the Federation, Patti and I are taking a break.



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BIG GAME

Early September antlerless season opens Saturday 9/12 DMP application deadline is Oct 1 (Sept 30)

Lifetime license holders should have received their 2026/2027 tags via email, or regular mail depending on your preferences selected a couple years ago.

Options for eTag or paper tag still in play this coming season Key dates upcoming:

Sept 12 – early antlerless only firearms season in no quota WMUs only Oct 1 – southern zone early archery season

Nov 21 – opening day southern zone regular season Dec 14 – opening day of extended season

Dec 22 – close of extended season

Dec 26-Jan 1 – Southern zone holiday hunt.

If you have not yet applied for DMP, be aware if doing so online, you will be first presented with your 2 choices in limited DMP WMUs, then you will be presented with 2 choices for no quota WMUs. You do not have a choice to decline the non-quota DMP selections, unless you opt not to apply for DMP at all.

Remember, just because you have a tag, doesn't mean you must fill it.

RESOLUTIONS

2027 Resolution submitted by WLO – Move S. Zone opener back to Monday. Call for resolutions for 2027

TECHNOLOGY AND DATA PROTECTION

We should see adoption of technical policy during this meeting (Board Meeting).

Ample time has been given, and multiple discussions have been held. We need to move to adoption to be able to move onto the next steps in our technological transformation.

Planning meetings will be slated once policy adoption is formalized.

ARCHERY/CROSSBOW

Nothing new.

Larry Calleri – West Falls. Nothing new.

Jack Coad – Hawkeye. Labor day shoot.

Special Committees

BANQUET COMMITTEE

Will be scheduling meeting very soon.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

At meeting.

DEC CAMP

The camps have completed. I am expecting to be contacted by our 2 campers for reimbursement.



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ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

The previous call for nominations was ruled invalid per the bylaws. We will begin at the October meeting.

EXHIBITS AND SHOWS

At the meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Nothing to report.

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Nothing to report.

INTERNAL CONTROLS

All items returned to the storage unit from the Fair.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

Planning for the **2026 National Hunting & Fishing Day celebration, Saturday, September 26 at Elma Conservation Club**, has entered the final stretch. The committee met on September 7 to review vendors, activities, promotion, registration, prizes, food, signage, and remaining logistics.

Event Participation & Activities

Vendor and organization participation is shaping up very well. At the time of the committee meeting, **27 vendors were confirmed, with seven additional vendors pending and three considered likely**, putting the anticipated total in the **35–40 range**.

The committee continues to focus on making NHFD an **interactive, family-oriented event** rather than simply a vendor show. Planned activities and participating organizations include hunting, fishing, archery, crossbow, conservation and outdoor education opportunities. Lakeshore will again assist with the crossbow activity, and Allied Sportsmen is planning to highlight its youth-focused Junior Olympic Development/archery programming.

Wyoming County will also participate this year, providing an outdoor survival skills/techniques activity.

The event is being promoted beyond Erie County into both Wyoming and Genesee counties in an effort to broaden attendance.

Youth Activities & Giveaways

The **Youth Lifetime License Program** will again be featured, with tickets available during the event. The committee is also preparing additional youth and family prizes. Twelve fishing rod-and-reel combos, along with small tackle boxes, are being pulled from Federation inventory for use as door prizes.



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The committee continues to explore additional family attractions. A bounce house remains a possibility, but it would only be pursued if the provider can supply appropriate staffing because of liability concerns.

Registration

A significant improvement this year will be a **primarily electronic event check-in system** using a process similar to the Federation banquet registration system. The system is intended to streamline check-in, capture information more accurately, and incorporate the event photo waiver. Paper registration forms will remain available for attendees who need them.

Promotion & Signage

Promotion is increasing as the event approaches. Existing lawn signs have been distributed throughout the community, and the committee is supplementing those with larger, higher-visibility advertising rather than purchasing another large quantity of lawn signs. The committee had previously budgeted **\$300 for additional signage**, providing flexibility to use rented roadside signs instead. A new **3-foot-by-12-foot banner** was also ordered for placement near Elma Conservation Club, subject to permission. Social media promotion is now being increased, with committee members and Federation clubs encouraged to share event posts broadly to expand the Federation's reach at no additional advertising cost.

Final Preparations

The remaining weeks will focus on confirming pending vendors and law-enforcement participation, completing signage placement, finalizing registration, organizing volunteers, assembling door prizes, and confirming food and other event logistics. The committee is also working through weather contingencies and final site arrangements.

Overall, preparations are progressing well, participation is strong, and the committee is working to make the 2026 event **larger, more interactive, and more educational for youth and families** while showcasing the Federation, its member clubs, conservation organizations, and the outdoor opportunities available throughout Western New York.

Next Committee Meeting: September 17 at 6:30 PM.

YOUTH LIFETIME LICENSE

This year's raffle tickets are available. See Tom Fischer if you want any. Each club is asked to take 15 tickets or more. To date, 25 clubs have received tickets. 126 Entries from the Fair, 17 entries online.

WNY ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

SUNSHINE

Nothing new.