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

Host Club:	Southtowns Walleye Association
	5895 Southwestern Blvd. Hamburg, NY 14075

Meeting Order

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

Excused/Absent:

Excused	Chuck Godfrey
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	Keith Sieman
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
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**** Meetings marked with an asterisk are tentative at this time.**

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:	Old Business:
- Nominations!!!! Second Call - Nov and election Dec.	**-New York Constitution Petition – to add "Right to Hunt, Fish and Trap"** **- All committee Budgets are due December MTG.** **- Renew membership to GLSFC Basin Report** **-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.** **- Presenting committee consolidation**

Good of the Organization / Shared News:

Next month's meeting:

Bison City Rod & Gun Club December 17,2026
511 Ohio St. Buffalo, NY 14204

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

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Officer's Reports

President's Report

The past month has been quiet relative to the Federation, but my personal life was very hectic during the last 3 weeks of October. At the November meeting will conduct Nominations for Officers and termed directors. Please see the October minutes for the nominations to date. If you are interested in becoming an officer or director and help guide us into the next few years, please feel free to submit your name or nominate someone you think could be an asset to the Federation. I am excited for the new IT committee, and we will have a short status update. Please review the submitted minutes report.

To all committee chairmen, please get together with your committees and prepare your 2027 Budget. I am asking for all budgets to be submitted at the Dec meeting for review and possible motion of acceptance.

Recording Secretary's Report

Minutes posted online.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

No update.

Membership Chairman's Report

Still no reply from Gowanda Rifle. We have 46 member clubs. The 2027 invoices are printed and will be mailed out by the 20th of November.

Treasurers Report

Balance sheet.
P&L

Committee Reports

Teach Me To Fish

Nothing new to report.

Legislation & Lawsuits Pending

https://www.ecfsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/Federation-Report-Start-10.05.26-end-11.09.26.pdf

Environment and Pollution

No report.

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Small Game

Report at meeting.

Waterfowl

- 1st split has come to a close, goose is open, second split opens 12/5 for ducks
- WNY Delta has a western zone duck hunter survey up to show the DEC we want to hunt November and the season dates are not acceptable. Please share with duck hunters https://forms.gle/ra8T1B5kUdrGuSXp9

WNY Delta Waterfowl

- Continuing to work with Girl Scout on her Girl Scout Gold award project
- Final adopt a highway for year 11/14
- Took 18 vets out for veterans duck weekend. All vets were provided custom cartel duck calls, provided donated duck hunting gear, and some delta swag
- Held a youth pheasant hunt in Barker, NY with the Elma Land Conservancy. 11 Kids and parents were treated with Paula's doughnuts, cider, coffee, and a great day in the field over amazing dogs.
- Annual fundraising dinner is scheduled for April 24th of 2027
- Meat Raffle planning has begun
- Still looking for donations for the river otter display at eco island https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-educate-kids-with-a-river-otter-display/cl/o?utm_campaign=fp_sharesheet&utm_content=amp30-control&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=copy_link&lang=en_US&attribution_id=sl%3A282430f3-acf1-425c-a2e7-d041bc3c4ea4&ts=1794417357

Fundraising

Nothing to report.

Law Enforcement

No report.

Fish Report

Big Panfish Initiative (BPI)

The 2021 BPI has concluded. It was a 5-year experimental program to determine the impacts of lower harvest and minimum size limits on panfish population, age and size structure in select lakes throughout NYS. It will also assess crappie population age and growth in select waters. The goal is to determine if those waters have potential to yield larger fish under more conservative harvest regulations creating destination fisheries. Lakes in our area that some of you may fish were Cazenovia Lake and Otisco Lake (Region

7), Honeoye Lake (Region 8) and Silver Lake (Region 9) for Bluegill and Pumpkinseed. Cazenovia Lake and Otisco Lake (Region 7), Waneta/Lamoka Lake (Region 8) and Bear Lake (Region 9) for Crappie. The special regulation was 8-inch minimum and 15 per day for Bluegill from statewide no minimum size and 25 per day and 10-inch minimum and 25 per day for Crappie used the statewide size and limit for study. Study results were Bluegill 62% increase in proportion that were at least 8-inches, Pumpkinseed .34-inch increase in length and Crappie .61-inch increase in length with 68% that were at least 10-inches.
BPI's Best Lakes Ranking: Waterbodies with suU'icient samples sizes (at least 50 fish per species) were ranked on the parameters using 4 parameters: average fish length, length of that were 5 years old (Bluegill & Pumpkinseed) or 4years old (Crappie), conditions and proportion of fish at least 8-inches (Bluegill & Pumpkinseed) or 10-inches (Crappie).
Bluegill: 3-Silver Lake, 5-Honeoye Lake, 7-Otisco Lake, 8-Cazenovia Lake
Pumpkinseed: 4-Silver Lake
Crappie: 1-Otisco Lake, 4-Honeoye Lake, 6-Silver Lake, 9-Bear Lake
There is a Big Panfish Initiative Angler Survey online, the DEC is seeking feedback from anglers in the evaluation of the BPI. If you fish sunfish/crappie, you can help by taking the survey. This information will help determine if more conservative regulations would improve opportunities to catch larger fish.

Region 9 State Grants

Region 9 received state grants of more than $34 million to local water quality protection projects, which is part of $249 million in grants awarded to 181 water quality projects across NYS. The projects consist of wastewater handling, sewer system repair/replacement and installations, floodplain and habitat/ecosystem restoration and installation, enhancing and protecting our valuable lakes, rivers, streams and creeks. Area projects in Erie County are Town of Cheektowaga, Town of West Seneca, Village of Angola, Village of Kenmore and the Town of Newstead.

Niagara River RAC (Remedial Advisory Committee)

Areas of concern for contaminants in the BuU'alo River, two were identified and remediated, one has been removed and the other with be removed from the list soon. A big project for the DEC and has direct involvement with the RAC is a Native Mussel Restoration in the Niagara River. It will be a four-year focus on the mussel introduction, fish community and other wildlife in those restoration areas, they will be looking for community involvement. The DEC is reviewing water quality contaminant reports and updates for point sources permitting. There was continued discussion about fish consumption advisories, big take away was Canada wants to create more consistency with the bordering states, especially NY. I will continue to push this issue until there is solid resolution and uniformity with the issue.

DEC Fisheries

 The DEC is looking for public comment on the proposed Adirondack Brook Trout Pond Plan.
 Walleye season proposed closure date moves from March 15 to March 1, to protect earlier spawning due to faster spring water temperatures.
Enough for now, always a lot of things going on in this region when it comes to fish, water and habitat.

NYSCC

At meeting.

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Website & Website Programs

Update made. Still averaging ½ million visits each year:

Summary by Month

Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	kB F	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Nov 2026	6736	2927	3890	1111	10336	4074602	12222	42791	32197	74096
Oct 2026	8232	4243	4333	1248	31449	31159454	38699	134340	131538	255196
Sep 2026	15336	9626	5073	1248	28631	30937051	37465	152216	288786	460086
Aug 2026	17050	7640	7310	1391	32199	14567277	43149	226632	236846	528575
Jul 2026	12469	5633	4989	1283	36607	15283286	39783	154670	174643	386541
Jun 2026	12833	8128	4263	1330	28670	17817819	39920	127914	243854	385013
May 2026	11851	7745	4337	1399	33838	16009143	43376	134471	240121	367400
Apr 2026	14941	8288	6866	1627	27430	18300425	48817	205996	248647	448248
Mar 2026	19034	12870	5697	1300	24725	29091224	40319	176619	398994	590058
Feb 2026	17236	13458	4638	1050	20841	26487730	29426	129884	376850	482627
Jan 2026	15807	6488	4532	1653	27913	11797802	51258	140518	201149	490028
Dec 2025	19021	9720	5543	2484	41819	19828098	77024	171844	301327	589670
Totals						**235353911**	**501458**	**1797895**	**2874952**	**5057538**

Hunter Education

Nothing new to report.

Trapping

1. Columbus weekend marked the 15th year of Pat Arnold's Youth Trapping Camps with 2 successful camps, Rushford (Western) and Mandeville (Northern). Hats off to Bob Schmit for organizing his 8th camp as director at Rushford with 10 dedicated mentors and 22 campers. We appreciate and thank Bob for keeping our camp strong! There were 11 kids who received their Trapping Certificates and have received our Herb Eble Award essay applications. ECTA sponsored 2 new campers as well as two returning junior mentors. Kids returning and becoming mentors is just what Pat had wished for. The catch tally was 7 raccoons, 4 opossums, 1 muskrat, 3 beaver and a porky.

2. Through a recent communication sent out from The Federation about the NY Outdoor News, I was able to work with Bill Hilts, who is writing an article about the Pat Arnold Youth Trappers Camp, which should print in November. 3. Trapping season for land animals (fox, coyote, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel) is open as of 10/25. Water trapping (mink, muskrat, beaver), opens on November 10th in Erie County. Fisher season for us, Erie County's first fisher season) opens on Thanksgiving Day. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

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Big Game

Reported discovery of CWD in wild deer in Livingston County (R8), with CWD containment rules immediately implemented is the Towns of Conesus, Groveland, North Dansville, Sparta, Springwater, and West Sparta. All deer harvested from these towns must submit samples for testing.

Webinar is scheduled for November 17 (Tuesday) from 7:00PM-8:00PM. You must register to attend (I am already registered). DEC should be recording this webinar and making it available for those not able to attend the event.
Opening Day of S. Zone regular season is Saturday, Nov 21.
Some confusion still persists with the new DMP regulations. Adding to this was the announcement of issuing "leftover" DMP starting Nov 1. The WMUs issuing "leftover" DMP align with the no quota zones, which do not have leftover tags, they issue unlimited tags. Unknown if you must pay the $10 application fee if you are securing these DMP without applying for DMP during the normal application period.

Resolutions

We currently have one resolution submitted for 2027. Call for resolutions
Deadline for resolutions is next month.

Technology and Data Protection

- New IT committee is well underway with planning and targeting a go-live early next year
- We have three main goals
    - Consolidate all technical related functions to one oversight committee to help avoid sprawl
    - House data and correspondence in an organized manner to help ensure data and knowledge is continual and not just generational; This is a great and important organization, we want to see it going for years and years to come without things getting lost to time - this also gives us a more professional and approachable look in the modern world.
    - Ensure we have a strong online presence that gets the attention of the younger generations and encourages involvement
- We're understandable that our audience may not be fully technical savvy - Bob and Diane worked on a survey to help us gauge where people are with technology in general, this is solely so we can plan both building and roll-out around our current audience. Not for exclusion purposes, but to help us work in a way that works for everyone. Please fill this out honestly and as best as you can!
- Things will not be immediate even at go-live; this will be a gradual roll-out. Still discussing and determining what the final phases will be for e-mail and collaboration roll-out, but it will likely start

with us, the President, Treasurer, etc. Our goal is to have a finalized plan for this by the December meeting.

- Looking at $200 for an initial cost to begin building that will cover us for 1 calendar year - was approved as a very small cost for a minimum viable product.
- Building convenience is going to be a huge goal for us, too - searchable online meeting minutes as an example.
- As a closing thought for why this is very important for us as an organization is that the presence for orgs in general has shifted into a digital space. We want to build something that not only keeps us running but gets the word even further out there - fliers, road signs and radio spots are good but a strong internet/digital presence is crucial in today's world to get the word out about anything in general, especially for us.

Archery/Crossbow

Crossbow:

Nothing new.

Larry Calleri – West Falls:

West Falls is still working on getting the in woods handicap archery course finished. We now are getting it paved.

Jack Coad – Hawkeye.:

Nothing new.

Special Committees

Banquet Committee

Quick recap

The meeting focused on planning the upcoming banquet and associated raffles. The group discussed ticket pricing and agreed on $50 per individual seat or $450 for a table of 10. For the main raffle, they decided to print 700 tickets and aim to sell at least 600, with a potential extra prize if sales are high. They agreed to include a smoker, a crossbow, and a TV in the raffle, and discussed adding a chainsaw as a prize for the lifetime license raffle. They also considered a youth shotgun package as an additional raffle item. For the program book, they discussed pricing for ads, including a full-page ad at $225 and a half-page ad at $125, with an option to add a digital ad on the website for an additional fee. They also talked about a $50 setup fee for ads that are not press-ready. The group decided to move away from a previous printer for the program book and look for a more cost-effective

option. They also discussed a plan to mail out membership bills and banquet information in a single packet to save on postage.

Next steps

Diane

- Reach out to the banquet venue to confirm that pricing has not increased.
- Call Randy at Lakeshore Hardware in Hamburg to see if he can provide a high-quality steel chainsaw for the raffle.
- Obtain the walleye kits for the banquet and youth lifetime license raffles, including items from Triple S.
- Follow up on getting a credit card for the Federation.
- Send out an email to the group with updated information and Ken's cell phone number.
- Host the envelope stuffing party on November 8th at her house.
- Set a deadline of March 1st for all program ads and basket donations to be submitted.

Joe

- Print the membership invoices and have them ready to be included in the banquet packets for mailing on November 8th.

Ken

- Reach out to West Terra to confirm the donated TV and get the details for the raffle ticket.
- Contact Mike at the gun shop to check availability and pricing for a 45-70 Big Boy Henry rifle, a 6.5 Savage rifle, and a youth shotgun package (Mossberg 500 with two barrels).
- Ask Mike at the gun shop about the legality and process of including donated ammo with the youth shotgun raffle.
- Reach out to Home Depot this week to see if they can provide a deal on a smoker or Blackstone for the raffle.
- Contact the printer (Minuteman) to get a quote for a 60-page program book at the same price as the 48-page book.

Collaboration

- Diane and Joe: Work together to design and prepare the banquet program book, aiming for a 48-page format.

Summary

Federation Meeting Updates and Training

The meeting began with technical difficulties as participants joined with audio and video issues. Bob informed the group that Dan is no longer part of the Federation and is retired. The discussion included updates about Sharon's training for a state trooper exam, with Ken sharing her progress and tips for the physical requirements. Several participants were

absent or had connectivity issues, including George Rocky, Joe McAdams, and others, and the group discussed following up with them. Mark asked about submitting his form if he couldn't attend the meeting in person, and Diane confirmed he could email it if needed.

Banquet Ticket Pricing Discussion

The team discussed ticket pricing for the banquet, deciding to set individual seats at $50 and offer a discount of $450 for purchasing a full table of 10, which George confirmed would not affect Black's Grove's pricing. They also planned to discuss raffle options, with Ken mentioning previous successful items like a smoker and crossbow. The meeting had experienced some confusion due to cancellation notifications being sent to some participants.

Raffle Prize Planning Discussion

The group discussed plans for raffle prizes, deciding to print 700 tickets with a target of selling 600. They agreed to potentially add an extra prize if sales reach $6.50, similar to last year's outcome. The team decided to replace the TV prize in the lifetime license category with a chainsaw, with Diane tasked to contact Lakeshore Hardware about securing a suitable chainsaw donation. They also agreed to move the current TV prize to the general raffle, ensuring West Terra's donation is properly displayed with their name.

Event Equipment and Ticket Planning

The team discussed equipment options for an upcoming event, debating between a smoker and a Blackstone griddle, with Ken agreeing to contact Home Depot for pricing options. They decided to print 350 admission tickets and 700 raffle tickets, with plans to sell raffle tickets at both the banquet and the show. The group also planned a ticket-stuffing party at Diane's house on the 8th and discussed offering table discounts to encourage club participation.

Ticket Sales and Membership Planning

The team discussed selling tickets for various items including Zephy online and at the banquet, with Bob agreeing to check with his wife about previous ticket pricing. Joe and Diane planned to create a membership packet that would include banquet information, with Joe noting he would be temporarily relocating to Clarence in November. The group agreed to have all materials ready for the November 12th meeting, with Joe mentioning his temporary address would be at 4507 Sawmill Road in Clarence.

November Raffle Gun Selection Discussion

The team discussed options for guns to include in their November raffle, with Ken leading the discussion about selecting different firearms beyond the standard 22 caliber Henry rifles. They considered a Henry 4570 big boy in 357 or 40 caliber as a potential alternative, with Diane suggesting it could be tricked out with tactical features and would work in both Ohio and Indiana due to its straight-wall design. The group agreed to explore pricing

options with Mike, who had previously provided good deals on guns, while being mindful not to overprice items that might require adjusting ticket prices to maintain profitability.

Gun Raffle Planning Discussion

The group discussed plans for gun raffles at an upcoming event, deciding to include four guns total with a focus on adding a youth shotgun package. They agreed to pair the youth shotgun with a lifetime license raffle, while keeping the chainsaw in a separate raffle. Ken committed to contacting Mike about the logistics of including ammunition in the package and getting pricing information for the guns.

Banquet Program Book Planning

The team discussed plans for the banquet program book and advertising strategy. They agreed to move away from using Greg for printing and instead work with a different vendor who offered better pricing on a 48-page book. The group decided on advertising rates of $75 for business card ads, $125 for half-page ads, and $225 for full-page ads, with an additional $100 option to include the ad on the website for a year. They set March 1st as the deadline for all ads and basket donations, and planned an envelope stuffing party for November 8th to prepare materials for mailing.

Budget and Finance

President calls for committees to submit budgets or lose funding.

DEC Camp

Resuming in Spring 2027.

Elections and Nominations

Final request for nominations before December elections.

Exhibits and Shows

Outdoor expo is 3/12-3/14 2027. Sign ups Jan-Feb.

Fair sign ups will begin in January. Fair is 8/11-8/22 2027

Scholarship Program

Letters will be sent to Erie County high schools in late December. Online applications will open 1/1/27.

Fish and Wildlife Management

Nothing to report.

Internal Controls

Same as last reported. With all the signage and other items added to the storage unit from NHFD a reorganizing will have to be done. Almost no room to currently walk in.

National Hunting and Fishing Day

https://www.ecfsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/NHFD2026Report.pdf

Youth Lifetime License

All clubs with outstanding tickets have been notified. (all tickets should be turned in at the November meeting). A special thanks to all the ticket sellers. (and buyers)

WNY Environmental

No report.

Sunshine

No report.