



Rich Davenport, 2014 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC February 2014 General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 27, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: George Washington Club, Buffalo, NY

Call to order: 7:14PM

Pledge to Flag: Completed

Roll Call

Excused - Joe Fischer, Larry Jones

6 officers, 7 directors, 18 delegates and 6 guests in attendance

Quorum of Clubs: Yes

Guests

Ron Deschenes - Grisanti's Office - Rep here to listen

Ralph Lorigo - EC Conservative Chair

Budd Schroeder – SCOPE

Will Elliott – Buffalo News

Edna Davis

Debbie Godfrey

Lorigo Presentation

Register to vote - drive

Takes 3 million votes to win the Governorship

6 million firearms owners - get half to vote

Need to get people registered to vote and get them to vote!

Creating competition between clubs to get people registered to vote. Donation of a 50" flat screen TV to winning club, most people newly registered to vote (any party of choice), to be used as club sees fit - contest ends July 1. July the 4th - clubs keep photo copies as proof.

Roughly 30% of registered voters voted in the last gubernatorial election

Roughly 20-25% of the people eligible to vote are not registered and do not vote

Budd Schroeder - if we can get the firearms owners to register and then get to the ballot box we will win!

If you cannot change the law, change the legislators

Steve Aldstadt - Some legislators are anti-gun, some are pro-gun, and the balance will go on the winning issue

Rid ourselves of Cuomo, more legislators will vote on our side

1 in 5 gun owners actually voted

Reading of Minutes

No minutes hard drive failure

Secretary's Report – Rich Davenport

System is being restored, did not lose much data, will depend on whether I can rescue data off old HDD

Ron Deschenes liaison to us from Grisanti - will be attending our meetings to listen and report back

Treasury Report – Rose Barus

Treasury report given - still has funds to pay out, we will not pay out until after the banquet

If everyone can be patient until after March 15, that would be appreciated

Motion to approve Tom Fisher

2nd Dave Wharton

Motion carries

Correspondence Report - Dave Barus

Nothing received

Wrote letter requesting financial support to ECFAB for support of kids fishing programs

Tiff Farms will not host fishing clinic this year. Construction on their admin building

Looking to access Reinstein Woods' pond, the largest one

@ 1600 youth participate in these events each season

President's Report – Chuck Godfrey

Rally in Albany on April 1, reserved 2 buses, option to rent 4 more at same price

SCOPE has generated a flyer for us.

GET THE WORD OUT NOW

Program will include a patriotic rock band at 11:30, speakers start at 12:30, bikers for freedom will be there as well

This is building, buses from all over is being listed on SCOPE site
 Goal is to make this bigger than last year's Feb event

April 12 next Shot Heard Round NYS – Clubs planning to participate, please let us know, private or public, so we may advise the membership ad social media, etc.

Coverage from TV and local papers, excellent, Buffalo News - nothing

Email back and forth with Kent Kruse, Bass Pro is building big store in N Charlestown, SC. Deal struck was:
 If over 50% of revenue from over 50 miles away, they keep sales tax for 5 years.

At board meeting, voted to send several different folks to different banquets, cut back in tickets for banquets

4 for NFFNRA - 2 people are going, Dan Tone, Rich D, March 22 at Salvatore's

<break for dinner>

Will Elliott mentions that the NYOHOF inductees have been announced, and at the top of the list is George Rockey
 Congrats George!

Membership Report - Antoinette Grote
 Currently have 27 clubs paid, typical but good.

Next Meetings

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
3/27/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Evans Rod & Gun, Evans, NY
4/24/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	West Falls Conservation, West Falls, NY
5/22/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Erie County Conservation Society, Chafee, NY
6/26/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Glencoe Conservation, Glenwood, NY
7/24/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Niagara River Station, Grand Island, NY
August						No Meeting
9/11/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Springville Field & Stream, Springville, NY
10/9/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Hawkeye Bowmen, Marilla, NY
11/13/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Southtowns Walleye, Hamburg, NY
12/12/2013	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Bison City Rod & Gun, Buffalo, NY

December meeting, if Bison City could confirm the date soon, we can make sure we have it right moving forward, as this meeting day does deviate (or can) from the normal 2nd Thursday of month fall schedule.

Waterfowl - Paul P.

Call this afternoon, waterfowl kill from Dunkirk to Barcelona, died of starvation
Minnows that were in the harbor are now under the ice. Mergansers and Greibes
predominantly. Few mallards
Those that were found alive, being nursed back and will be released, found over 800

NYSCC – Dan Tone

Conservation Council - Legislative meeting coming up in the next week or two
Remember, Council and the BAM program, please engage in this help the Council

Environment & Pollution – Tom Marks

Tom Marks - not here - Wind Mills in Ohio, education is now taking place

Legislation – John Susz, Jr.

Assemblyman David DiPietro at SCOPE meeting
SAFE Act not the end - microstamping and safe storage bills are next
Microstamping being pushed by patent holders
Safe Storage would eliminate the ability to defend one's self
Insurance for gun owners
Smart guns to be only used by owner

Wish list of gun control groups - despite reality

1 gun per month legislation as well

California has passed microstamping, Smith & Wesson will not sell firearms to
California

9th Circuit Court ruled the proper cause provision is unconstitutional

Sportsmen's Heritage Act passed the House of Reps - one of the provisions would protect
use of lead in ammo and fishing

Obama looking to have "universal background checks" and "banning all semi-automatic
firearms"

NSSF - over 100 million gun owners - must get them to vote!

Budget - crossbow is in the budget and to reduce archery discharge distance to 150 feet
Cuomo also put \$4 million to fix hatcheries, but we need \$25 MIL, just pandering, also
giving money to ranges, but strings are attached

Cuomo has proposed to use \$36 mil from CF to pay for SAFE act, and ammo registry, no
funding available

Ammo registration was implemented in 1968 - was scrapped after 12 years, too costly, no
useful purpose

State police stating ammo registry not ready - until after the election

Resolutions - Rich Davenport

Get resolutions in - will help you write it, but do not wait!

Membership Outreach

If anyone would like Chuck to attend any of the club meetings, just ask.

Hunter Education – Frank Miskey, Sr.

Posters are available, classes filling fast, schedule is about same as last year, trapping and waterfowl is down 2 classes each

Please post these at your club!

Online registration for classes new this year

Voter education forums from SCOPE, register voters, not firearms

8 different forums in the area, attend, find out what you can do about this

Awards – Frank Miskey, Sr.

Done - being made up right now, light nominations this year, those that came in, were outstanding, no nominations for Club of the Year. Must nominate, not job of awards committee

Shows & Expos – Dave Wharton

Sign up sheet is around, for show coming up next weekend

3 shifts left

Send around the list, get it back to Chuck

Selling the shotgun shell Christmas lights, Chuck will be making fishing fly earrings, and shotgun brass earrings as well

Price to sell @ \$10 or so, Fly earrings and such go for \$35 on the internet

We have enough fish hooks, \$2/ per hook, cost was \$0.87/ each

Banquet - Dave S

Moving along, March 15 at KofC

9AM setup start time

Will need a new chairman for next year

Last call for ADs, must submit to Joe this weekend

Get this to Dave tonight, last call is tonight

Tickets sold, 170 PAID right about on par

Do have a bunch of checks for the treasury

Looking for volunteers to sell Chinese auction tickets

Count will be needed by March 10

Get the baskets in as soon as possible and no banquet tickets will be sold at the door.

Reserve your ticket ahead of time. No sales at the door

Children's tickets are \$14.00 - 12 and under

Fund Raising - Dave S - Larry Jones is taking this over

Currently in Africa

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

1 scholarship applicant, check has been sent - come the fall will do this again
Suggested that we should broaden the criteria to be eligible for a scholarship

FWMB – Paul Stoos

Next meeting is March 6

Submitted comments on Bear Plan and Mute Swan plan, bears - pushing hard to open
Allegany State Park to bear hunting

NHFD – Rich Davenport

Meeting to start - March meeting, mid-March

Committee members and directory of Officers and Directors

Will send out

If you want to be on NHFD committee, let me know, if you're on it, and don't want to be
on it, let me know

WNYEF – Dan Tone/ Rich Davenport

Next meeting coming up March 23, 1PM Hoak's

Youth Lifetime – Joe Jemiolo

This year's raffle tickets are printed up.

See Joe for tickets

\$5 per or 3/\$10

Drawing is December 2014 at Bison City meeting

Budget and Finance

Motion to pay bills, no motion, hanging onto the bills until after Banquet

Website - Dave S

Nothing

Law Enforcement – Jeff Jondle

Jeff Jondle is not here -

Chautauqua County meeting last night – some information discussed

Archery and Bowhunting – Jim McCann

Bow hunter Youth Camp Aug 1-3 this year, see Frank Miskey, Sr. for applications - at Hawkeye Bowmen

Had the winter shoot last Sunday at Glencoe - light turnout due to big tourney in Rochester

Crossbow – Frank Miskey, Jr.

Nothing, already covered

NYCC will be at the Expo in March raising funds

Fish Committee – Dave Barus

No report - Anyone else having troubles with ATVs and riding double? Against the law??

Also have to have a helmet, and fixed bar on the shanty to ATV

Sounds like a resolution opportunity

Becoming a problem with the sportsmen?

Need to get verification of what may be happening so we understand what is going on, and if any action needs to be taken.

Small Game Committee – Dan Tone

Grant for \$1200 from NRA - looking for donations for the rest of the projects. Normally release 800 birds, please help donate, right now we have enough to release 300 birds, need additional money to get the stocking numbers back up

Please donate

Jack Boquin from West Falls - will find a way to find the funding to maintain this program

March 18, informational meeting for Pheasant program, Cooperative Extension in East Aurora

Fisher project/ management plan

Read Dan Tone's letter into the minutes

Fishers climb trees,

Dan Tone motions to forward the letter

2nd Dave Barus

Discussion - George Rockey - would you like to have the Fisher in WNY annihilated?

No, but we need to keep the populations from growing – enough pressure on game from predators already

Can we adjust the letter to specify looking to change the language of the management plan to assure no population growth, not to try to increase, rather maintain, or reduce slightly? Would this be acceptable? YES

Looking for liberal trapping season to make sure the population does not grow.

Big topic of discussion

Ayes - 17

Nays - 3

Motion carries

Big Game Committee – Paul Stoos

Bear Management Plan discussed, excellent plan, submitted the comments for NYSCC Antis are at it again with the NJ Bear Hunt, seminars working their way through to use alternative non-lethal approaches to bear conflicts

Old Business

Email addresses, when changed, please notify ECFSC so we can update

New Business

Every year Joe McAdams does a lot of work and does not charge us for the work
Can we purchase a gift for Joe McAdams

Make a motion

Frank Miskey, Sr. motions to purchase a gift pack of nice cigars
2nd Joe Jemiolo

Motion carries

Gentleman from WNYFAA in attendance – Jim Roach 1st VP Buffalo Bowhunters

Consortium of 7 archery clubs

Every Sunday there are indoor shoots

Good & Welfare

Collected \$4 for those who have not worn their badges

50/50 Winner
NY Walleye

Thank You George Washington Club

Rich Davenport motion to adjourn
2nd Frank Miskey, Jr.

Motion carries, meeting adjourned 9:46PM

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***** - Please remember that, according to the bylaws, the president is a member of all committees, and inform him of all committee meetings.

April 2014 ECFS meeting.

Host Club: West Falls Conservation Society

Board Meeting: 6:33 start. Quorum in attendance.

Budget discussion. Chuck requesting input from membership regarding discussion of budget review at Evans last month. Two points:

- 1) Review of Kids youth fishing funding. Chuck Booker fly-fishing extraordinaire is hosting an outdoor show at Getzville Fire Dept, Sep 12/13, 2014, 75 tables for use, 37 rented now, \$20 per table, proceeds going to ECFS for youth fishing pgm! Cool.
- 2) Dan Tone-motion to save 4 spots at \$35 ea for youth pheasant hunt. Hope second. Passed.

Nametag Check: George Rockey, Tom Marks, Antoinette Grote...\$1 ea to treasurer

Motion to adjourn, Tom Marks, Larry Jones.

General Meeting: 7:00 start.

Pledge. 35 present.

Secretary's Report. Rich D absent, apologies. Chuck explained.

Membership Report:

Treasurers Report: Rose Barus, check written. Motion Frank, Larry, passed.

Correspondence: Excalibur Letter thank you, Captain Fred Forsythe thank you letter.

- 1- George Rockey requests ECFS letter to West Seneca Supervisor (Ms Megan) regarding the location of handicapped access, canoe and kayak launch. Previous letters written. Pres Chuck has had correspondence with Ms Megan, who said it was to be built. Then recent news obtained that board had voted down the proposal. Rockey want site to be 11 acre site in WS, not optional site 2 which is more close to Buffalo. Delay may be results of DOT bridge work, etc. Chuck to write letter and follow up.
- 2- Need letter to Great Lakes Council for letter of support to sponsor Tom Marks. Motion, Tom Fischer, Hope. Passed.

President's Report:

- 1- Budget discussion. Decided at board meeting that group would follow the report as a guideline for future activities.
- 2- Asked meeting attendees last month to back to clubs and propose dues increase. Suggesting 50% increase, since 20 years. Need by-law amendment revision, clubs need to get it out for May meeting, then June meeting discussion. Dues are currently by membership of club population to be \$45, 60, 75, \$90 per year. Chuck to write an amendment proposal and TU is planning to suggest the increase formally.

3- Meetings ahead, see listing. Glen Coe in doubt, but almost sure for June.

Law Enforcement, Jeff Jondel...no report.

Archery: Youth archery camp 1st week in August. Check to be provided for support to Hawkeye.

Crossbow: Frank Jr absent –per Chuck and discussion: crossbow bill passed by NYS legislature. New rules. Need muzzleloader stamp to hunt with crossbow. Also legal for small game, but not for turkey this spring, but yes for fall. Age is 14, not 12 (like archery), for crossbow. Set back changed to 150 for regular bow, 250 crossbow from houses, bldgs.; certification coming up on DEC website, not there yet. Will be placed in hunting syllabus, self-signature required in wallet. DEC still working on regulations, will be posted after public comment period.

Fishing Report: Barus, ice in lake. Tom Marks: launching for panfish in small boat harbor. Chautauqua Lake 86, Lake Erie 56, Presuq Isle 28, Lake Erie Buffalo #3...country wide listing. Larry Jones...steelies, lakers between Peace Bridge and RR bdrge, limits every boat.

Small Game: Dan Tone, 3F Youth Conservation Day, ballots passed out for all clubs, dwg to be held for 4 hunts. Dwg held: 1) Lakeshore, 2) NY Musky, 3) Glencoe, 4) NWTf, Alternates: Lackawanna Cons, Southtowns, TU, SCOPE.

Big Game: Stoos, deer report provided, comparison 2013 to 2012. Slight increase for 2013 overall. See DEC report. Eurasian boar hunting became effective yesterday for 2014.

Trapping, no report.

Waterfowl, Paul P, citizens task force meets Saturday for 2014 hunting recommendations. Some would like to open season 1 week early. Much like last year hunting is expected. Large duck die-off this year, DEC no count, but speculation is for >100,000 birds killed. Mergansers, Scaup, Mallard.

NYS, Dan Tone – membership drive, meeting dates, NYSOHOF banquet with Rocky to be inducted.

Environment & Pollution: Tom Marks, Rich has copy for minutes. Non-point pollution sources like fertilizer runoff –blue green algae in western basin of L Erie, causes oxygen depletion and dead lake zones. Sources are known – farms in Ohio at Maumee River. Problem is: how to pay to change. Point to consider the public trust, access, history, Roman's showed the way...high/low tide, test of time shows it works, legal precedence has been set. US Govt protects the public trust, which applies to natural resources. Protection costs money...point made. Restoration on-going in Bflo River, dredging, etc., details with web-link access to be provided. Natural Resource Access Council have multiple trustees with goal to restore public trust resources for waters, lands damaged by loss of public trust (pollution). Objective is to identify parties responsible for loss of public trust...lawsuit? Watch for results on this.

On April 11, wind farms in Ohio was shot down. Official letter received. Many agencies had input to windmill project, all of them famous. Army Corp, Ohio DNR, many others....Corporation (LEIDCO) will dissolve if they are not funded \$47M at end of this spring. Marks warns that there will be others that will replace LEIDCO, be aware, write letters, helps us all protect the Great Lakes. Great Lakes Wind Truth, formed with help from Marks, was primary source of opposition. They won. Leidco appears to be done. We should all believe in preserving the public trust.

Legislation: John Susz, SAFE ACT in effect 16 mo and NYS Police no ammo check yet, no money allocated to counties to handle the background checks, message of necessity has been shown to be not urgent, based on the 16 mo and no actions. NYS Police refuse to divulge number of guns registered for 4/15/14 rules. No action expected until after 2014 elections. Sheriff Howard has formally requested from NYS police and has been denied. Report says \$27M required to set up the background check for ammo.

Resolutions: Rich D absent, expect some from NYSCC this weekend for distribution next month.

Membership Outreach: std message, new memebtrs always looking...Chuck ready to visit clubs upon request

Sportsmen Education: Frank M, nothing

Awards: nothing

Banquet: Frank Miskey Jr is new chairman. First Saturday in March will always be banquet date in future. Next banquet is March 7, 2015. \$35 ticket is plan, cash bar.

Scholarships: std message, Nov is application date deadline

Fund Raising: Larry Jones is new chairman, many ideas, more to discuss next month. Plan in works to fund kid projects for 2015.

FWMB, Paul S. Meeting was last month.

Shows: EC Fair is 8/6 – 8/17. Sportsmen Exempt taking 14th, Elam takes a day, all helps to occupy and man the 33 shifts required.

NHF Day: Chuck for Rich, planning meeting coming up, 4/30 at Gander Mountain.

WNY Env Fed: Dan Tone, next meeting at Hoak's 1PM, June 8.

Youth Lifetime License: Joe Jemiolo, raffle tickets for support. Wyoming County Federation meeting was attended with presentation by Zen, Chuck, Joe and Lance. They are interested to try the same.

New Business: Tom, asking for Cerebral Palsy event at Elma, requesting \$200 donation. Motion, Tom F, Hope, passed. TU offering any female members free membership.

Budget and Finance: Rose Barus, expenses, \$875 balance due, motion to pay all expenses.

New Delegates: Debbie Godfrey is new TU rep.

Website: Dave S, no report.

Old Business: per meeting discussions earlier

Good & Welfare: Rose B, chicken dinner for SCOPE, Sunday 4/27, noon – 5 PM, raffles, etc.; DiPietro fundraiser, raffle, \$25 donation, May 3, Strykersville FD, noon – 5PM; May 3, SWA boat inspections at Southwestern Blvd HQ; Bison City Flea Market, April 26, Paul Stoos new chairman, Dick Hurd is recovering from knee surgery; Bison City Teach Me To Fish is Sunday, April 27, open to public.

Meeting ended 8:54 PM



Rich Davenport, 2014 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC May 2014 General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 22, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Erie County Conservation Society, Chaffee, NY

Call to Order: 7:09PM

Pledge to flag: Completed

Attendance

Excused - Joe Fischer, Gary and Hope Melnyk, Larry Jones is excused

Reading of Minutes

None - Chuck just got them to Rich

Secretary's Report – Rich Davenport

Links up on website now

Membership Report – Antoinette Grote

42 Clubs

Treasury Report – Rose Barus

Copies up here, will send out upon request, will not be made public

We are still solvent

Frank Miskey motions to approve Treasury Rpt

2nd Tom Fischer

Motion carries

Next Meetings

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
6/26/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Glencoe Conservation, Glenwood, NY
7/24/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Niagara River Station, Grand Island, NY
August						No Meeting
9/11/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Springville Field & Stream, Springville, NY
10/9/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Hawkeye Bowmen, Marilla, NY
11/13/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Southtowns Walleye, Hamburg, NY
12/12/2013	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Bison City Rod & Gun, Buffalo, NY

President's Report – Chuck Godfrey

Sign up sheet for Fair, dates are listed, those in are on, please sign up,
Lakeshore taking the 14th
Need to get started on this

Need to finalize by June so we can get the tickets in July

Make sure on August 6 Wednesday start time is noon, not 2PM, list has to be changed

Also, if any clubs have an updated patch, so we can update our display for the fair, that would be great

Correspondence Report – Dave Barus

None

At the board meeting, received another letter asking for donation from Excalibur
Asked them to only solicit us once a year. In December
Got the December letter
Got another letter from them, will respond reminding them of our request

Renewal letter from USSA
Will be renewing

Waterfowl – Paul P

Chuck will forward report on waterfowl and more for insertion
USF&W Region 8, internal memo stating they are no longer going to make waterfowl
improvements, fish and game stocing and habitat improvement a priority
Priorities insert the article from Outdoor wire

NYSCC – Dan Tone

Spring meeting

Resolutions are released with comment

Deer Search came up for discussion, before they did it, made a motion to table as Deer

Search WNY was not present

June BOD meeting will address that

\$30K in the old TIPP program, Linda Coffin formerly of the Council, is in charge of that money

Was going to divide the money 3 ways

Brought up again, nothing happening, went to sleep, still looking for what is going on with this

Brought up again, and they are supposed to be working on it

Bottle Bill - NYSCC was in favor of the bottle bill, moving up deposit to 10 cents

Seems like a good bill, they will be checking on that

Cable Restraint Bill - NYSCC was supposed to be involved, contacted the trappers, and the trappers want to handle, would think you would want all the help you can get

Dave is just waiting for the right moment to move on this

Forestry people ENY want moose management because of damage complaints

WNYEF – Dan Tone

June 8 1PM Sunday

Big Game Committee - different direction

Come up with ideas - education and outreach -plans, what materials to educate on, etc, need the county inputs

July 1 - bullet points

From all regions

Environment and Pollution – Tom Marks

Permits denied to LEEDCo for Lake Erie wind mills

DOE denied their \$47 MIL grant application

Not surprised concerning FWS move to push this crap

Will have to work on Region 8 - FWS was with us on Lake Erie

PTC extenders - talking about renewing for 2 years rather than 1, indicator of worries about balance of power in Congress

More toxic blooms expected

Non-point pollution sources in OH from corn production

Need to be aware of our own non-point pollution, be aware

Plastic micro-beads in the Great Lakes - problem in Erie especially, Atty General looking at whether NY can ban microbeads. Need to have more on board with that

40% of the USA corn crop goes to ethanol, and we have more than doubled our corn output over the past decade

Phosphates used predominantly for corn

NYS cannot use privately, farmers can

Legislation – John Susz, Jr.

Not much going on

Patriot Act needs to be rid of

Campaign contributions by "foreign" influence

Local people should be the ones to donate, not outside residents

Get rid of criminals in government

Need to pay attention to elections

You are not likely to see anymore anti-gun bills this year, but are preparing a big bill that will be worse than NY SAFE, planning to shove down our throats 1st thing next year's session

Insurance coverage, mandatory \$1 MIL

50 Cal Ban

Pretty much everything stuffed into one bill

we need to make sure we turn out in November

No one will insure anyone for misusing a firearm.

What was SCOPE's reaction to the budget vote, when most of Assembly and Senate approved it and it funded the SAFE Act.

Two sections in budget funded this, nothing that says SAFE Act

Two open seats in Long Island, Governor's race

Plus three other seats to focus on

Article in the Legion concerning our Emperor

Read the article -

If Dave can, send a link to the article

SCOPE is working with Concerned Veterans for America, working to get veteran's vote June - AMvets 3071 Abbott Road in Lackawanna, June 16th, will serve dinner, train, and scripts to call veterans to get out the vote 5PM-8PM

Working to get Gun Owners and Veterans out to vote

Resolutions – Rich Davenport

Resolutions sent out

Will discuss at June meeting, next send on this will be including the ballot

Dues being raised is under consideration

Request to raise dues submitted by WNYTU, to raise dues 50%

Will be sent out to amend the by-laws

Could vote on it next moth, but we will put on same roll call ballot the resolutions are on

Increase would get us \$1300 a year

We used to have more members, now we have 42

It has been so many years, it has been so lomng and costs have gone up

Paul Stoos personally doesn't think 50% is not enough

Other things will be doing more aggressive fund raising, no more open bar at banquet

Joe McAdams, while it is merit worthy to cut costs and increase fund raising

Take a look at the programs still be contributed to by the County

Suggest that some efforts to working with the local politicians, get an audit done on who is getting funded, and who isn't

Hand picked groups getting funding is not fair

EC Fisheries Advisory Board has been working with the legislature, on going battle

Maybe we write letters to inner city boys clubs for \$100 donation

What happened to third resolution - bear bill

Many things on the table, conflicting resolutions concerning supporting of legislation

Membership Outreach

Chuck will come to a meeting if you want him to

Sportsmen's Education – Frank Miskey, Sr.

Tom Fischer has become a certified Instructor

ECCS is sponsoring WITO program June 14

Suggested \$250 donation

Rich Davenport motion to donate \$250 for WITO

2nd Frank Miskey, Sr

Motion carries

If you want Joe to work up the AD, he will work with us to get something designed

Also same day as Ellicott Creek Teach Me to Fish event

SCOPE is re-instituting college scholarships in June

One for HS to college, other for college to post graduate

Mark Alessi motions to donate \$250 to Youth Archery Camp
2nd Tom Fischer

Motion carries
Make payable to West Falls

Nominations – Paul Stoos

None

Awards – Frank Miskey, Sr.

None

Fund Raising – Larry Jones

Joe Jemiolo - two rifles that we got 50% off, optics 60% off, treestands 50% off
Coupons expire this year. Will be using these items for big raffle next year
Need authorization to spend general funds before coupons expire

Come up with the total fund request for next meeting

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Will start this Fall

FWMB – Paul Stoos

June 5 is next meeting

Shows & Expos – Dave Wharton

Dave is not here

Sheet sent around already for Fair

NHFD – Rich Davenport

Meeting on April 30 at Gander Mountain

Met with myself for about 45 minutes

Seriously not cool

Next meeting will be slated soon

Chuck will put hammer down

Need clubs who were there last year that will be there this year please let me know

Need cleanup committee

Need seminars

Going to promote via Facebook due to advertising costs being cut

Already listed on National Site, listed on ECFSC site

Additional fund raising

Elma puts a collection jug on the bar for youth program donations

We should ask the clubs to see if they can do the same thing for the Federation

Something to think about

Budget and Finance

Nothing

Website – Dave S

Dave not here

Law Enforcement – Jeff Jondle

Jeff Jondle not here

Archery – Jim McCann

Youth Camp coming up

Crossbow – Frank Miskey, Jr

DEC has posted some information on crossbow

Rich has documents

Fish – Dave Barus

Fish are biting

Perch especially, if you can find the schools

Walleye nite bite has started from 11PM - 3AM, guys are limiting out on shallow running sticks

June 7 East Aurora Teach Me to Fish

Dave S is chairman, but has heard nothing about this from him

Shifting from Tiffit to Ellicott CRook on June 14

Chestnut Ridge June 28, do not have commissioner's cabin, Shelter #10

\$150 for shelter rental

Last one is NHFD event

Thank you Dave Barus for his input and help, over 200 kids had to turn some away

Had 36 volunteers, 216 kids, 300 parents and friends, had to turn away 35 kids,

Some parked half mile away.

FAB - got \$2500 this year - Rich tossed out idea to use the money for the board to hire

board members to craft the scope for mobile app development

NYS Released Pocket Ranger, Tom Marks downloaded, took 20 minutes to find Sturgeon

Point, and has not been able to find it since! Terrible

Small Game – Dan Tone

June 3 day old chicks, 12:45, East Aurora, delivery on that day

Small Game Committee has to be there for distribution

430 chicks, with a possible 100 more, because one backed out, but may have another to replace her

Last two weeks of PA season will be allowing all day spring hunting

Studies from NY still ongoing

Did not feel the hens would leave the nests during that time anyhow in PA

Start thinking of the resource, not how to kill more

Big Game – Paul Stoos

Covered

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

Pat Arnold Youth Trapper Camp at Rushford

Looking for \$250 Motion by Patti Wattengel

2nd Joe Jemiolo

Motion carries

Please provide the letter to Rose

National Trappers Assn, Convention at Hamburg Fair Grounds, 3-day event, next year

Old Business

None

New Business

Should have available next month ECFSC camo hats, 96 purchased, \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members for General public sale

Kathy Hochul selected for Lt Gov

Was endorsed by NRA, now says she supports the SAFE Act

Motion to write excoriating letter to Hochul on this flip flop

2nd Dan Tone

All should write letters

Motion carries

Rich recommends to copy the NRA

Chuck will copy the NRA

On the other side, Sheriff Moss has been outspoken opponent of NY SAFE

In the past we had a Federation decal; maybe we get decals for vehicles again?
Stickers for kids, too

SCOPE designing counter displays, printed out 100,000 voter registration forms, 5,000 displays

Sending to FFLs, every club

Also ordered 1,000 signs, Get out the Vote Register to Vote

\$8/ sign

We should have these at our events - all of them!

Magnet signs as well? Maybe

Paul would ask Joe concerning pricing for these things?

Joe can provide suppliers and general pricing to us for our consideration

Stickers - will not be able to use them at the fair.

Magnets get around it

Jack Boquin had a very serious operation, doctors said no work for 6 months

Should have a fund-raiser for him?

West Falls is aware, please keep us in the loop

Two weeks ago AGLOW had a cast and blast at Chautauqua Lake

24 writers were selected

Highly influential writers

Great exposure for our area

12 went hunting, 12 went fishing

2 of 12 got turkeys

Anglers caught monster bass, musky, walleye, perch, crappie

Stayed at the Hotel Anthenium, was wired by Thomas Edison, his house was 2 doors away - Chautauqua Institute

Informed them of SAFE Act, they already knew

Joe Fischer met with Chuck Giglia

NYSOWA coming to EC, sponsored by Erie County, Spring 2015 conference

Sport commission meeting was one week ago

Lake Erie ranked #3 on planet for fishery by Bassmaster

Nothing to do with tournaments all about the writers

Broke up lake Erie into west, central and east basins

Outdoor Writers

Thank you ECCS

50/50

Winner is East Aurora Fish & Game
\$33.00

Good & Welfare

Paul Stoos' Birthday tomorrow - 60!
Official campaign kickoff event
Williamsville, UAW region 9 HQ, 35 George Karl Blvd, 12:45PM

Rich motion to adjourn
2nd Dave Barus

ECFS General Meeting Minutes; June 26, 2014

President Chuck Godfrey opened the meeting at Glencoe Conservation Society, Glenwood, NY, with a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag at 7:15 p.m. 26 in attendance, see registration log for ID.

Roll Call; the following members were excused: Rich Davenport, Hope & Gary Melnick, Gabby, Frank Miskey Jr., others...

Membership: Antoinette Grote reported that 42 member clubs are paid for 2014(so far). Discussion regarding who paid and who can vote, possible need to establish a deadline. Also, need proper completion of annual application to insure proper roll call vote status when required.

Treasury: Rose Barus provided a verbal and written summary of financial status. Motion to accept Frank Miskey Sr., Dave Wharton, Passed. A written copy of the treasurer's report is available for all board members upon request.

Correspondence: D Barus read a thank you letter received from Captain Fred Forsythe in response to the support check from ECFS for the "Fishing with Hero's program for 3-day weekend summer event for purple heart holders of all U.S. military branches and wars; event set for July 18/19/20 at Barcelona Harbor/Lake Erie. Also received letters of information from Congressman Higgins (waterfront news) and Senator Gallivan (Safe Act information). Discussion followed. Chuck volunteered to write a letter to Kathy Hochul regarding her new position opposing the Safe Act, after Hochul was a staunch firearm supporter prior to nomination as running mate with Governor Cuomo. Motion Tom Fischer, Joe Jemiolo, passed.

President's Report: Have poor response for manning EC Fair booths. Extended dates/times now require 36 shifts of coverage, per Chairman Dave Wharton. Asking clubs to consider a day. More discussion on Springville Dam and letter to be written by Chuck, see board meeting minutes. Southtowns Walleye has accepted request to hold November ECFS meeting, date will be 11/6/14, prior to NYS firearm season start. (This wasn't confirmed yet at the meeting at Glen Coe. I was anticipating that this would probably be the date, but haven't heard yet.)

Special Committee Reports

Nominations - (Paul Stoos), none

Awards – (Frank Miskey Sr.), none

Banquet – Frank Miskey Jr accepted request as new chairman, not present. NOTE: next banquet is moved back to first Saturday of March, set for 3/7/15.

Fund Raising – (Larry Jones), not present, but Joe Jemiolo reported that a fund raiser meeting is planned in near future and will include options for funding Teach-Me-To-Fish family fishing clinics. Mention of Chuck Booker event planned for September 2014.

Educational Opportunities: (Chuck Godfrey), will add details to be included for September newsletter, including programs supported for consideration (environmental conservation, etc.).

FWMB - (Paul Stoos); discussion on mission for FWMB to promote public access on private land to Paul McKuen, for new facilitator replacing Russ Biss, as current FWMB meetings seem to be a simple rehash of WNYEF and ECFS meeting info for those who do not attend either of those gatherings. Paul S noted that Bob Church attended.

Shows – (Dave Wharton): 1) noted we still have many openings for EC Fair. 2) Agri-center Expo next March (2015), Chuck noted that \$250 booth rental fee was always waived in the past, but was now included in most recent letter/contract to ECFS. Chuck to contact/call office to question/clarify.

NHF Day – (Rich Davenport), not present. Event set for 4th Saturday in September. Meeting set for committee to be held at Metzger's at 6:30 p.m. on July 8. Committee members include Rich, Gabby, George R, Dave S, Chuck G, Frank Jr and Sr, Dan T, Dave & Rose B, Tom F. Dave Barus noted that Sahlen's has approved ECFS request to sponsor of event with Sahlen's grill and 60 lbs of hot dogs. Need to identify clubs that will plan to attend this year and begin promotion. New agenda for promotion (less expense).

WNYEF – (Dan Tone), reported good attendance, minutes not in yet for last 2 meetings, Rich D has been buried with job related work. Next meeting will be held on Sep 14, 1PM at Hoak's in Woodlawn.

Youth Lifetime License Program – (Joe Jemiolo), see board meeting notes regarding selling tickets for program support. John Susz requests consideration to get a booth to sell tickets for raffles at general upcoming firearm shows.

Budget & Finance – (Rose Barus), no outstanding bills, financials presented earlier during treasurers report.

Website – (Dave Smyczynski), not present. Dave S has new job now. Joe McAdam has volunteered time to help with website, details at later date.

Law Enforcement – (Jeff Jondle), new acting executive director is Tim Duffy. Now have 8 encon's in Erie County, up from 4. Bob Pinkofer is back from retirement. Only have 3 lieutenants, 1 short, need 4. NYS DEC will be purchasing 100 new vehicles for DEC staff, sorely needed.

Archery – (Jim McAnn), no report

Crossbows – (Frank Miskey Jr.), not present, Chuck Godfrey reported that comments for crossbow regulations proposal are due with July 21 deadline. Frank Miskey Sr mentioned that crossbow training is now included in hunter safety training course and is in new manual, may require some changes.

Fish – (Dave Barus), reported on Teach-Me-To-Fish family clinic at Ellicott Creek County Park (new site that temporarily replaced Tiff Nature Preserve while HQ there is under construction), had 71 kids in attendance, and 4 adults that had no kids that wanted to attend, had 14 ECFS volunteers, windy day after heavy rain storm made fishing in creek not possible, but Tonawanda Creek overflow pond was useable and people caught good fish there, including panfish, perch, black bass. Event was huge success for all new attendees who requested ECFS to return next year. DEC is in support of such a new event for

next year, ECFS will need to consider if we wish to man the event. Barus requested more volunteers for Chestnut Ridge event to be held next Saturday, June 28, starting at 9AM.

Also reported on DEC Woodlawn Beach public outreach Lake Erie information meeting. Facilitated by Steve Lapan, new DEC Region 9 coordinator. Lapan reported that NYS now has 365 day fishing license from date of purchase starting after April 1, 2015; also that there are new regulation changes proposed for minimum musky length in Buffalo Harbor and Niagara River for 54 inch minimum, starts April 1, 2015. Several presenters followed.

- 1) Tim DePriest, a new biologist for Region 9, provided summary of changes, plans and ongoing ecology work in progress for Strawberry Island, Frog Island, Motor Island and area near Beaver Island State Park. Provided historical maps and photo's references. Using NYPA funds to remove certain seawalls, add offshore berms (reduce boat wake energy), restore swamps, marshland, current eddy's and spawning areas for several fish species (particularly musky spawning areas) and wildlife, including nesting colonies for several species of heron's. For Motor Island, adding 2 acres of emergent/submergent marsh.
- 2) Buffalo State received a \$2M grant for conservation study of emerald shiners habitat in Upper Niagara River and related eco-system effects on terns, bald eagles, sport fish, bait fish, migrating waterfowl, etc. Dr. Alicia Perez-Fuentetaja provided details and discussion including details of effects of rip-rap walls, water current changes over years, water velocity, fish mortality, migration path changes. Multiple sampling sites identified for study details, precise data collection, analysis to be done on genetic factors for western vs eastern basin vs Lake Ontario, etc., species of emerald shiners. Outcomes will identify restoration needs, fish management changes, outreach and education needs and better understanding of necessary Niagara River food base.
- 3) Christopher Legard, also a new employee to Region 9 DEC (he comes from Michigan), provided details of a Lake Erie sturgeon study for 2011-2014. Sturgeon were nearly extirpated in Lake Erie. Note that they do not spawn every year, but only 1x for every 5 to 8 years. They are susceptible to over-fishing; in 1880's, Lake Erie exported over 5 million pounds per year. Species is now protected from possession, but study showed that Buffalo Harbor is a spawning site from mid-May through June each spring, when water reaches mid-50's. One specimen found dead in 1998 was 198 pounds, 7'8" feet in length, identified to be slightly over 100 years old. Today, study shows several year classes now exists, they are healthy and show that the species is returning. DEC request (is law) that anglers PLEASE release sturgeon if they are hooked by cutting line or removing hook as soon as possible to minimize handling and damage to fish.
- 4) DEC Fisheries biologist, Jim Markham, presented a steelhead issues slide presentation with comparison of Chautauqua Creek and Cattaraugus Creek, noting and concluding that size matters at time of stockings. Early study results show that the length of stocked fish needs to be 6 to 8 inches to insure survival and return, smaller that, smolting does not occur and high mortality rates are in evidence. Future plans may include fewer stocked fish, but bigger fish.

- 5) Don Einhouse provided details of Lake Erie walleye study that covered 17 years of walleye tagging that is in progress across 5 Lake Erie jurisdictions (Ohio, Pennsy, Michigan, NYS and Ontario) with largest commercial fishing fleet and largest recreational fleet on the same body of water – creates quite a diversity in management goals. West vs East species discussion, changes in Lake, invasive species, mention that eastern basin favors walleye and yellow perch species. Changes include 80's intro of white perch peak, 90's had intro of zebra mussels, 2000's had intro of gobies, VHS-v and botulism-e, now we have considerations for algae blooms and Asian carp threat with eDNA studies also in progress. Excellent eastern basin walleye hatches occurred in 2003, 2010 and again in 2012. Will bode well for future fishery. Ongoing studies include effects of west vs east migration, if west migration sustains east population, if the migration volume is variable each year, and related studies.

- 6) Another new biologist, Jason Robinson, has been assigned to the Lake Erie Dunkirk office, he is new to DEC Region, from Albany, NY, area, and Robinson is responsible for a Lake Erie Acoustic Telemetry Project for 3 species: Walleye, Lake Trout, and Sturgeon. The project is part of a larger effort entitled the Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System (GLATOS) and involves implantation of an internal transmitter in the fish (a colored antennae protrudes in the area of the dorsal fin) and uses several external receiver configured in an array to a fixed underwater location to track the tagged fish. The receivers can monitor the fish within a range of about 2 kilometers, that will record date, time, etc., to a chip that is retrievable. The battery/receiver cost is about \$1,500, the transmitter is \$250-\$300 each. The objective of the study is to quantify the consistency, timing, extent, demographics and drivers of the western basin walleye migration and describe the movement and areas occupied by the eastern basin stocks seasonally. There was concern among the viewers that this could devastate the walleye fishery if the commercial fishery folks were to receive this data real time. Perhaps there should be a digital code to prevent signal theft, was mentioned. For more information on this project, visit <http://data.glos.us/glatos/>.

Chuck Godfrey mentioned 18-MileCreek access restrictions that may be in jeopardy. Change in land owner. Owner is very wealthy, money not an issue, but is concerned that trash, garbage, contamination in area was not an issue until DEC parking area was established. Now hikers, bikers, campers, dog walkers and anglers access the area. Owner is planning to put up a fence, signs and ask for police protection of area. Plans to hire separate security force. Owner has spent more than \$10K more than once to clean up area. The mess is not **all** from anglers, but access to the area is in question.

Small Game – (Dan Tone), reported that Manchurian Pheasants have been requested for the 4H rearing program this year. They are wilder, tougher. Asking mentors to check pens to assure they are suitable. On the youth pheasant hunt, Lakeshore did not provide a candidate, Alden is in. On the turkey recon project, with transmitters, etc., all went well with the NYS statewide study, but in WNY, the 4 birds tagged were found dead in different WNY tagging areas. Technicians not the same, etc., other factors may be involved, so Region 9 problem not clear, but data will be missing.

Big Game – (Paul Stoos), no report. Dave Barus mentioned that the Black Bear NYS Management Plan deadline for comments is July 7. Send remarks to DEC.

Trapping- (Rick Wattengel), not present.

Waterfowl – (Paul Pietraszewski), not present. George Rocky mentioned that on Feb 20, NWTF and DU signed a mutual agreement with federal authorities to solidify waterfowl and bird population restoration efforts. Also, on Aug. 23, is Green Wing Day set for Elma Conservation.

NYSCC – (Dan Tone, Joe Fischer); two areas:

- 1) There is an on-going discussion and was a recent special meeting held at the Tonawanda Sportsmen's Club regarding a new public shooting range for Carlton Hill area. Attendees included Patti Reixinger, Gordon Batchellor, NRA, SCOPE, Pennsylvania representatives and others. All in attendance took a trip to Carlton Hill to review 3 possible proposed sites. Options were discussed, suggestions proposed. Then second side trip to John White Game Farm area for optional site review of that location. The range is planned for construction in 2014 at one of these two sites.
- 2) Deer Search attended the NYSCC board meeting – explained their mission and need/interest for a request regarding a separate associate membership to NYSCC. They presented a solid case. After a recess, the board voted 11-3 rejection of their request, offering that Deer Search did not meet all the criteria for separate club ID. Dan and Joe both felt that Deer Search did meet the requirements and that the decision was disappointing for WNY and for Deer Search.

Environment & Pollution – (Tom Marks), not present.

Legislation – (John Susz):

- 1) Concern for membership in NYS Assembly and Senate balance.
- 2) Concern for possible licensing or registration discussion of ALL firearms, including shotguns and rifles, and related possible annual fee.
- 3) Mention of NYS Police who refuse to give SCOPE a report on # of assault rifles registered.
- 4) Noted that Supreme Court rules 5-4 regarding straw purchase interpretation
- 5) Jeff Jondle mentioned that there has been some discussion that wild animals, including fish, may face future legislation and that all species may be subject to protection through lawmaker legislation that is outside of the NYS DEC management.
- 6) Also, Jeff J has concern for NFTA transfer to NYS State Parks and other org's where summer access is fine due to public obvious use, but whereas in winter, NFTA allowed angler access, that may not be the case for ice anglers. Chuck to review with NFTA and consider writing a letter.

Resolutions – only 2 resolutions submitted so far.

Sportsmen Education – (Frank Miskey Sr.), no report, except that crossbow education now a part of NYS Hunter Safety Programs (firearms).

Old Business – none

New Business –

- 1) New delegates from Grand Island Rod & Gun present. Welcome!
- 2) Eden Speaker, Charley Alsheimer, looking for participation from ECFS for Sep 13 date. Note this is same date as Chuck Booker Hunting and Fishing Show
- 3) Aug 7 is the date set for Cabela's Grand Opening. ECFS is invited to participate. Joe McAdams is working with Cabela's management.
- 4) FREE BOAT LAUNCHES for anyone 62 years of age or older at NFTA Small Boat Harbor from Monday thru Friday each week. New policy, **due to fact that State Parks now operates the marina and this is standard policy for NYS Parks, with few exceptions.**

Good & Welfare: Frank Miskey provided all in attendance with first viewing of a beautiful wall plaque that lists all the names of Erie County sportsmen inducted into the NYS Outdoorsmen's Hall of Fame for use at public events such as the Erie County Fair.

Thanks to Glencoe for sponsoring the meeting and dinner.

50/50: George

MTA: 9:50 p.m.; Dave Wharton, Paul Stoos

Respectfully Submitted;

David L. Barus for Rich Davenport



Rich Davenport, 2014 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC September 2014 General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Springville Field & Stream, Springville, NY

Call to order: 7:10PM

Pledge to Flag: Completed

Moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11/2001

Officers or directors not wearing badges, bring your buck up

Quorum of Clubs: Yes

Attendance:

Excused: Dave and Rose Barus, Larry Jones,

Sign in please, including guests

The green card is a get well card for Joe Jemiolo, please sign for him.

Update: Joe was having kidney stone problems, thought medicine was hurting him,
turned out to be brain cancer

Operated, scanned, still has a couple spots on brain and lung

Fell and broke hip

Emergency surgery for hole in colon

He is at Mercy Hospital, ICU

Send cards and such to his house

If any donations would like to be made, please do, Paul will handle

Help with expenses and such

Please send prayers for Joe Jemiolo

Reading of the Minutes

I think I posted them, but I do not know, will check

If not posted, will post and send

Secretary's Report – Rich Davenport

Same - Given

Treasurer's Report – Rose Barus

Sent around

Statements not in as of yet

Correspondence Report – Dave Barus

Thank you letters from Fred Forsythe for wounded warrior support

Ag Society for donating prizes for casting contests for kids

Dave sent a personal letter to Kathy Hochul, has not received a reply

Chuck also sent a letter to her, to her home address, no reply received

- 1) Received a 2 thank you letters from Captain Fred Forsythe. One for our money donation to the “Fishing With Heroes” program that he hosts. The program takes wounded U.S. Military veterans, many on active duty and in recovering medical status, out to fish for walleye on Lake Erie at Barcelona. There were 14 veterans at the 3-day event that featured 5 charter captains and over 20 volunteers, and over 20 additional veterans went fishing with Forsythe over the rest of this summer on 1-nite stay events. Forsythe received an award from ECFS fat the 2014 Annual Banquet for his organizational and patriotic efforts. The second letter we received from Forsythe was a thank you letter for that event.
- 2) Received a thank you letter from the 175th Erie County Fair on Aug. 22, 2014, thanking us for the donation of individual prizes for kids participating in the “Casting Competition” held at the Conservation Building. Letter was from Paula Smith, Competitive Exhibits Manager. If we would like to contact her, she is located via phone at: 716-649-3900 ext 6386. She said “It was greatly appreciated,” adding, “All that participated in the event were thrilled to receive prizes.”
- 3) I sent a personal letter to Kathy Hochul. Since she is no longer our county clerk and no longer a Congresswoman who is employed, she did not have a public address until she was nominated to be NYS Lt. Gov. with Cuomo. Her temporary address is: Friends for Kathy Hochul, P.O. Box 122, Buffalo, NY, 14201, the phone number for this group is: (212) 551-9441. Mysteriously, did not receive a reply.

No other official US Mail activity for ECFS through our listed US Mail address (ECFS, Attn: D. L. Barus, PO Box 560, East Aurora, NY, 14052)

Respectively submitted,

David L. Barus, Corresponding Secretary

Received thank you letter from Alex Jones who won a lifetime license.

President's Report – Chuck Godfrey

No quorum at Director's meeting

Zen Olow and Lance Erhardt heading to Albany for a meeting tomorrow repping

ELECBA

Inequities between guides fees in other states

Looking for reciprocal fees

Fees are being discussed

Paul Stoos motions to support the ELECBA position on guide's fees

2nd Tom Fischer

Discussion

Passed unanimously

SCOPE Banquet coming up Oct 18, Saturday at Lucarelli's

\$50 single/ \$95 a couple

We discussed buying four tickets for this banquet during our budget framing earlier in the year

Rich Davenport motion to buy 4 tickets

2nd Frank Miskey Sr.

Motion carries unanimously

Roll call votes

Dues increase - passed 32-0, will increase 50% next year

Guests

NYS DEC

Paul McKeown

Officer Gill

Tim Spierto

Emilio Rende

Connie Adams

Chris Legard

Scott Cornett

Gary Bobseine (Retired)

Mark Kandell (Retired)

Russ Biss (Retired)

Law Enforcement

New stuff - crossbow back in

vertical bow 150', crossbow 250' discharge distance from road or structure

Licenses - new system less than stellar - old paper being used as well

Discussions on the tags, etc. different colors, poor printing on tags sent by Albany
We do not envy the ECOs

Lt Jeff Fondle retired, Gary Bobseine, Russ Biss, Mark Kandel, all retired
Russ Biss recognized for 40 years as hunter ed instructor

Update on Scoby Dam, working on fish passages, working with US Army Corps
DEC and Erie County are the non-federal sponsors

Key is working out an agreement with Erie County, \$1.3 mil must be paid by non-federal
sponsors

Moving ahead slowly, with 3 entities

Access - working on transfer of section of Cazenovia Creek, from West Seneca DDSO to
NYS. DEC is finished with their process, now in hands of OGS
Deed problems needed to be cleared up, but this will happen.

Hampton Woods WMA, acquired additional 15 acres of road frontage
Tonawanda Creek off Transit Road

Clear Creek Correctional property, hoping to secure this as well.

If transferred the reservoir would be lowered due to dam condition, no longer used as
water supply

Not willing to accept the property with the dam conditions

In preliminary phases

560+ acres of property that would be opened for hunting, trapping and wildlife recreation
Statewide, 50 Governor's priority projects, a few in this region

Spicer and Watts flats

Wag trail in Allegany and Phillips creek in Allegany County

Chris Legard, Fisheries biologist, out of Erie County, took over from Mike Wilkinson
Started in December

From Michigan, spent 10 years in Coast Guard after HS, Oregon State got degree, SUNY
Syracuse to finish

Mainly warm water fish thus far, Niagara River and Chautauqua

Fish stocking update

One in Buffalo, very good year there, all 10,000 in pen project kept for full 3 week
period, very low mortality, went very well this year

Lake Sturgeon monitoring - head of river/ Buffalo Harbor

Spawning aggregation there and have monitored for last 3 years

Seeing lots of fish and multiple age classes

Will continue this next year, acoustic telemetry will be done next year as well

Will be moving to other parts of NY waters of Lake Erie to see if they can find other
spawning areas

2016 - creel survey for Niagara River, Canada and US, upper and lower, in cooperation with Canada

Will be walleye telemetry work as well?

Is Canada also involved? Guess is yes, but do not know

Lake Erie unit is in Michigan sampling for Asian Carp - caught only one grass carp - good news, dry run for states working together on this

Willie asks when the dredging will be done on Buffalo River?

Fall of 2015 and project is on schedule

Worried about the contaminants and the steelhead

A concern the DEC has as well

Chautauqua Lake - lots more algae, due to nutrient loading

History of usage and how the transformation from seasonal cottages to year-round homes and the associated increased usage

Scott Cornett

Cold water Fisheries, inland trout and access

Cayuga Creek - Como Park Lake last few years stocking the lake itself

Suggested to examine, surveyed the stream, good place to try more trout stocking, will include lake, plus stream to Bowen Road, 3100 yearling in trout in two flights

Hoping to get angler usage, predominantly spring fishing - hoping for high angler usage

Finding smallmouth, rock bass, also trout from little Buffalo Creek, browns

Trout are moving downstream after stocking

New stocking for Erie County

Habitat Restoration project - Springville Village Park, project starts next week, Co-op project

Lots of bank erosion, village wants bank stabilization, asked if this could be expanded, they agreed

Grant from Great Lakes Habitat and the Village, stone bank protection and lunker structures, cribs and artificial cut banks for lunkers to hide

Those are currently stacked at DPW barn

Springbrook Park, only has wild brook trout

Barrier at Buffalo Street - keeps steelies and browns out

Artificial falls - 6' high slide is the result when it was replaced. Most likely will install a metal lip to keep steelhead from getting into the wild brookie stream

Emilio Rende - Wildlife

Acting manager since Mark retired

Connie Adams and Tim Spierto also here

Access projects - Watts Flats is almost complete, road rehab and observation deck/
hunting blind platform

Meeting with contractors on Spicer Creek on Grand Island, will be a similar type of structure, improving accessibility for sportsmen and wildlife enthusiasts, both should be complete by end of Oct

Wild Turkey Summer Surveys

Mixed reports, wet spring, early rain, normally get 75-100 during summer, this year 51, 3.6 poults per hen this year. Last year 3.7, seeming to be remaining @ 3-4 chicks per hen
Some of the birds being reported are small, meaning could be 2nd or third nesting attempts - should be near adult size by summer

Need to hope for dry springs to come

Beginning 3rd year of hen survival study

May see some changes to fall hunting season starting next year

What would those changes be, shorter season?

That would most likely be the changes in fall.

Eastern part of state may be seeing limit to 1 bird per season

2 weeks in Northern plain

4 weeks in S tier

trying to promote passing on adult hens during fall

Please reach out and invite DEC to band birds if you own private property and are seeing turkeys

Any work to control the predators

2nd season of Bobcat, working on Fisher plan

Landscape aspect to study as well

Habitat has changed, increased timber management, young forest management to increase improved habitat

Is DEC waiting for turkey Federation study to be done as well? Not connected

Study will be completed in 2017

Will have to go to public comment period

Eastern part of the State - lots of birds, observation seems to contradict what was said

Also hunting has never been the impact on population, and that will not affect it

Suggesting the changes to protect hens as best as possible, not hunting's fault

We offered a resolution to extend coyote season through end of May, nothing happened
Its not just one predator will be the answer

Connie Adams – DEC Wildlife

Numbers of spectacular birds, vs spectacular numbers of bird

Large numbers in R9

Waterfowl

Lots of dead and dying waterfowl, lots of birds everywhere, mass starvation, caused by record ice cover on Great Lakes. Depend on open water for survival

300,000-350,000 diving waterfowl winter here in NYS

The birds could not get to their food

some went to rehabilitators, where they were fed, would not put on any weight, very bad event

Come to the Buffalo Harbor in wintertime, you will see many, many birds

Season will start week early this year in Western Zone
Does not coincide with the goose season as it has in years' past
Good populations up north, no reduced bag limits this year
Good year for common tern breeding, 2100 breeding pairs, largest flock in the Great Lakes
Great nesting success, not too many large storm events helped a ton
6 nesting pairs of Peregrine falcons, compared to 1 pair in 1996
5 in Buffalo now, 1 pair in Dunkirk
Eagles and Ospreys, 42 nesting pairs of bald eagles, 52 nesting pairs of Ospreys in Region 9
Special license exams this past August
Leashed tracking dog courses (2)
7 nuisance wildlife control
16 wildlife rehabbers
Cormorants - holding the population steady, increase is being contained, control efforts in summer, motor island in Niagara River, lethal control of adults (600 removed) and oiling of eggs (1500 nests)
Finished in June
Mostly eating gobies and shiners
Seeing cormorants in ponds and such
Yes, this is being seen, attributed to either post breeding dispersal, and either is a migrant or a lost bird from here
Saw a lot of cormorants during the Con Club Tournament
Early August is the start of the migration
What is DEC's involvement in Eagle nests
2 technicians monitoring birds and nests, checking chick counts, predator guards and some banding
17,000 purple martins using grass island off grand island

Tim Spierto – DEC Big Game

Update: June – DEC partnered with several state and federal law enforcement agencies, along with private rescue groups to seize exotic animals from two unlicensed facilities in Chautauqua County, one of the largest seizures of exotic animals in Chautauqua County in years - seized tigers, grey wolves and a number of black bears
Network of folks from across the Nation lined up to secure the animals
2nd Seizure, black bear, mountain lion and cervil, in Chautauqua County again
Both were unlicensed, could be the last of these operations

Legislature passed the crossbow bill, and DEC had to work with the law to create the regulations

Not perfect but step in right direction

Deer, lots of deer in WNY

Our reproduction does not change, 80%+ of does, producing 2 fawns routinely
How many survive is the question

Seeing more deer now, first 30 days of its life is critical
 Finishing up DMAP now applications are on par, less than 20 new this year
 450 applications usually received, most renewals
 DMPs - Oct 1 ends the lottery
 Unit 9F will probably go in second issuance as well as 9A
 Hired a new bio-statistician, mathematician

WMU aggregate work will be his priority - hoping to secured this position over a year
 Nightmare for both enforcement and wildlife managers

Black bears - open statewide for the first time ever
 If you happen to get an opportunity to take one in Niagara County, take it
 Those would become nuisance bears
 More we can get harvested, the better
 mange in black bears in Catt County - Limestone/ Allegany psycoptic and ursacoptic
 mange, devastating to the animal, hair falls off skin gets ratty, organ shutdown, cannot
 eat, they then die, had to destroy 6 bears from mange, LE has taken as many, this year.
 All sent for pathology
 Trying to narrow down what mite is causing this in bears
 Will likely have mange bears harvested, and they may get a replacement tag, recommend
 against consuming bears with mange
 CWD - testing regiment the same as last year
 Sampling 500-600 animals this year, adjacent to PA border. Need high samples near
 there, due to outbreak in PA. Getting worse
 Records on captive cervids in PA were so poor, cannot track, bad news across the board
 Movement of deer through PA, lots of movement - not good
 Will boost testing in this area
 EHD - caused by biting midge - this is the critical time - prevalent in warm, wet
 summers, if you are in the woods, encounter numbers of dead deer in woods, look healthy
 like they fell over dead, numbers near water.
 Be aware, please report if you see this
 Any feedback on early bear season in Catskills, 48 bears taken first few days, complaint
 load did not drop, amazed at that. Seems to be effective

Dale Dunkelberger, from Niagara County - Region 9 Rep to CFAB is also here

Upcoming meetings

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
10/9/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Hawkeye Bowmen, Marilla, NY
11/4/2014	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Southtowns Walleye, Hamburg, NY (date tentative)
12/18/2013	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Bison City Rod & Gun, Buffalo, NY

Dec 18 at Bison City - youth lifetime license drawing

Waterfowl - Paul P

Nothing to add

NYSCC

Convention next weekend - Received nice letter from Chuck Parker, nominated ECFSC for NYSCC President's award

We are receiving that

Environment and Pollution

Wind farm updates given

Legislation

If a change is not made M=Nov 4, we will have lots of issues

Meeting candidates night Sept 25, Chicken Coop VFW on Lydecker road 7PM

Resolutions

Both resolutions passed

Wyoming County resolution is being pulled

Anticipating being pulled, and being replaced by the crafted by the Resolutions Committee

Frank Miskey Jr motions to oppose the council resolution due to no clarity of the existing wording

2nd Paul Stoos

Alden Yes

Allied

Bison City - Yes

Blasdell

BV

Collins

Crow's Nest

Deer Search - Yes

Depew

East Aurora

Eden

Elks Head

Elma - Yes

ECCS - Yes

EC Trappers - Yes

Evans

Finger Lakes

George Washington

Glen Coe - Yes

GIRG

Hamburg - Yes

Hawkeye - Yes

Holland
Lackawanna
LE Fly
Lakeshore - Yes
Millgrove
NY Musky
NY Walleye
NWTF
Niagara Musky
NRAA
Niagara River Station - Yes
SCI
SCOPE - Yes
SWA - Yes
Springville - Yes
Um
WLO - Yes
West Falls
TU - Yes
Wood & Brook

Unanimous

Voted opposed due to vague language well open for creative interpretation

Outreach

Invite Chuck to Meeting

Sportsmen's Ed – Frank Miskey, Sr.

Banquet this past weekend, thank you ECFSC and Clubs for support

Lots of fun and successful

Couple instructors

2 - 40 years

1 - 50 years

Wayne Jones Instructor of Year Award for the Region - Frank Miskey Jr recipient for R9

Youth lifetime raffle - sold \$420 worth of raffle tickets

Awards – Frank Miskey, Sr.

Nomination form will be inserted in the minutes starting now

Accepting online

Nominations

Next month

5 directors and all officers terms are up

Banquet

Still waiting on Dave S

Chuck will call him, but communication made today, will drop offstuff to Tony Gonnello

Banquet date is set

Need baskets

Need some volunteers

Great committee - set up meeting for Sept 25 at Elma - next date available will be set up if this is a bad date

Debbie will help again with the baskets

Need a club to donate 6 or so bottles of wine

SCOPE will handle

Fund raising – Larry Jones

Hats \$10/ each, tickets for youth lifetime license raffle, calendars

Please order tonight

Educational Opportunities

Scholarship application

On website and will be in minutes

FWMB – Paul Stoos

Meeting last week, covered everything needing to be covered

Access issues 18 mile creek

Shows & Expos – Dave Wharton

Nothing new

Had the fair, thank you to the people who helped out

Could have used more help

NHFD – Rich Davenport

Everyone is confirmed as in!

Card - everyone sign

All tickets that Joe had, please if clubs can take some of the tickets

Youth lifetime license

\$250 donation from Elma for NHFD

Budget and Finance

None

Website

None

Law Enforcement

9 new vehicles in Region

Last recruit class stuck downstate for last 7 years

Until the upper ranks get filled, no new openings for new officers

Everyone is short a LT in each region

May wish to consider writing letter to push for approval on personnel to get these things moving

Will wait until more information is secured

Archery – Jim McCann

Thank you letter from Hawkeye and certificates for donating to youth bowhunting camp
Evans

Lakeshore

EC Trappers

Bison City

ECFSC

Millgrove - will be mailed

Crossbow – Frank Miskey, Jr.

None new

Fish – Dave Barus

Lake Erie fishing action for 2014 may have been the best in 20 years.

- 1) Buffalo area: boat anglers enjoyed fish-catching walleye action from June through the end of July, with many anglers catching their limits on a repetitive basis for the first time in their lives. The best lure was a simply spinner/worm, the best spot known to so many was behind the old steel plant outside the 28' drop-off 1/2mile of Smokes Creek and roughly in line with the Seneca Shoal buoy. Didn't matter if you were trolling on the bottom or half-way down, the walleye found their presentation. The fish were usually in the 3 to 7 pound range, with many angler's also catching, yellow perch, smallmouth bass and sheepshead with the hook and meat offering. Shore anglers did well too, with Buffalo breakwall fishermen catching rainbow trout, rock bass, smallmouth and yellow perch in between gobies. Shore anglers at the foot of Ontario Street did as well.
- 2) Sturgeon Point area: Yellow perch anglers enjoyed the best fishing here from May through September. Some walleye anglers did not go walleye fishing and stayed with the stripe-backs all year, it was that good. Emerald shiners on two hook rigs was the top offering, but many anglers tried many other new lures too, including plastic tail jigs and scored with those too. Walleye anglers enjoyed good catches from Myers Reef to the shipping lanes off Evangola State Park from June through early August, then the fish moved into the suspended deep of the Catt, Dunkirk

- and Barcelona. Simple spinner baits with a single Colorado blade with photo-finish on 1 side, and only 3 or 4 beads (5mm) in perch colors tied on 18 lb clear jacketed cable to 2 hooks in line was the best “hot bait” Fish were also caught with Renosky’s, Rapala’s, Chatterstick’s and other stickbaits trailed with lead core or wire line or downriggers.
- 3) Dunkirk and Barcelona area: The fishing was good from the second week in May in the shallows from Shorewood Shoal to the Pennsy line. Best early bait was F9 or F11 Rapala lures or any other shallow running lure that would not catch bottom in 5 to 9 feet of water. After waters warmed, the walleye moved out and the bass moved in, with late May and June anglers catching 200 bass a day in Dunkirk Harbor, Barcelona Harbor and in the harbor at Northeast (Pennsylvania), with bass to 6 pounds and more. As June warmed, schools of big walleye arrived from the western basin and trollers often caught limit catches of walleye with mixed bag fish that included, big lake trout to over 20 pounds, steelhead and brown trout, though less brown trout were caught this year than last year. Occasional Coho Salmon were also taken this year.
 - 4) Youth Fishing Events: This year yielded a record number of kids and first time parents that participated in the events held at Bison City Rod & Gun, East Aurora Fish and Game, Ellicott Creek County Park overflow pond, Chestnut Ridge County Park lake and in other area youth events. This ECFS program was supported by a \$1,500 donation from the Western NY Safari Club, the only cash donor. NYSDEC participated at Ellicott Creek Park and Chestnut Ridge, making that program very professional and complete.
 - 5) The Lake Erie Experience VIP Event held at the Northern Chautauqua County Conservation Club at Dunkirk Harbor in early August was hosted by the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau with Andrew Nixon, the Chautauqua County Fish Advisory Board with Zen Olaw, Gene Pauszek, Lance Erhardt, Joe Jemiolo and Larry Jones directing the main participation traffic in conjunction with the Erie County Fish Advisory Board with Joe Fischer and team, and the Eastern Lake Erie Charter Boat Association. This event saw major participation from interested Erie County legislators, NYSDEC, Chautauqua County legislators and select guests from the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers, New York State Outdoor Writers and the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers. The event received good ink all across the northeast (see: <http://aglowinfo.org/horizons/>), helping to spread the good word about Lake Erie and benefitting economic impact. One thing most important for Erie County, Maria Whyte, Commissioner of Erie County Environment and Planning, and Troy Schinzel, Commissioner of Erie County Parks, experienced great Lake Erie fishing and ECFAB had a chance to share details talk about how important their roles are to youth fishing expansion and promotion of Lake Erie with a new map that can be delivered to areas around the country. Wheel are in motion on this effort and may be joint with Niagara County (Bill Hilts), Erie County and Chautauqua County.
 - 6) Just ahead: hot fishing action for tributary steelhead and brown trout in the Lake Erie flows is just around the corner; salmon and trout are about to turn on in Lake Ontario for boat anglers, and from shore at Devils Hole – including early bass right now, and also at the recently reopened NYPA fishing platform at the base of

the NYPA power dam. Access there is controlled by a free bus that transports anglers from the power vista parking lot to the platform every half hour between 7am and 5pm. AN audio tape with the rules can be found at 716-796-0135, extension 45.

Respectively submitted,
David L. Barus, Fish Committee Chairman

Chestnut Ridge Park - lake is awesome and being used
Signs up, only issue is handicapped parking area – but seems to be not a major thing.

Small Game – Dan Tone

Nothing

Big Game – Paul Stoos

Nothing

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

Nothing

Old Business

None

New Business

Sept 23rd Elma

Lost a member in Deer Search - motorcycle accident
Butch Beverland Scholarship award for \$1000
Letter will be coming for this, to benefit the clubs in the Federation
HS senior attending college in fall, criteria will be detailed
Hunting license holder
Member of Federated Club
Letter of recommendation

Cabela's has a round up for conservation promotion
Logos put up, the clubs will get a check from Cabela's
Get digital logo to Cabela's
\$20 off next purchase, see Gary will give coupon

Good & Welfare

Thank you Gary for getting the logo up there

Thank you Springville

Thank you DEC for being here

Banquet meeting Oct 2 at Elma

50/50

Winner is SWA

Paul Stoos motion to adjourn

Frank Sr 2nd

Sign Card!

Motion carries meeting adjourned at 9:11PM (weird)

3/12/14

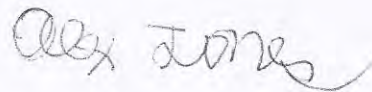
To whomever it may concern

Hello, my name is Alexander Jones and I was one of the recipients of the lifetime hunting and fishing license offered by your federation.

I would at this time like to thank all members of the Federation for this great gift. This license came just before Christmas making this one of the best gifts that I have ever received. Even though I am only 14 years of age this license will be put to great use in the many years ahead. I

would also like to thank your organization for the opportunity to attend the awards banquet. The food was great. Thank you for additional tickets so that my mother could attend with me. Thank you for the goodie bag and fishing pole, which will all be put to good use in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex Jones". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Alex Jones

ERIE COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMENS CLUBS

NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS FOR 2014

List of Categories:

Valerie E. Gonnello Sportswoman of the Year
Sportsman of the Year
Youth of the Year
Club of the Year
Volunteer of the Year
Public Servant of the Year
Public Relations of the Year
Dedicated Service Award
Lifetime Achievement Award
Stanley Spisiak Conservationist Award

Name of Candidate

Address

Contact person if applicable

Person's history and why they should be chosen

Greatest Achievement

Submitted by:
Phone Number:

Send to: Frank Miskey Sr.
62 Boll Drive
Elma, New York 14059

DEAD LINE 2/1/2014
E-MAIL WILL BE ACCEPTED
CANDIDATE CAN ONLY BE NOMINATED FOR ONE AWARD

ERIE COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS INC.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of the Erie county Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs efforts to enhance our environment and wildlife appreciation, we award up to five \$200 college scholarships yearly.

To qualify for a scholarship you must be a high school senior enrolled in an accredited college, or attending an accredited college with your major in any one of these areas: environmental conservation, law enforcement, or environmental pollution **and must be a resident of Erie County.**

Scholarships are awarded based upon need and the area of study. To be considered for one of these scholarships complete the form below and return with a short essay telling of need, any projects you have **engineered or participated in**, your future goals, and proof of enrollment (i.e., course enrollment, course schedule, report card, etc.) to the address below prior to **December 15.**

**SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN
29 YVETTE DRIVE
CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14227**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ COUNTY: _____ NY ZIP: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____ OTHER: _____

COLLEGE: _____

GRADE LEVEL: _____ MAJOR: _____



Rich Davenport, 2014 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

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Date: October 9, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Hawkeye Bowmen, Marilla, NY

Call to Order: 7:00PM

Pledge to Flag: Completed

Moment of silence for Joe Jemiolo, Ken Sprenger and Don Marshall

Attendance

Paula Wharton and Chuck Godfrey excused

Quorum of Clubs: Yes

Guests

None

Reading of the Minutes

Motion to approve Hope Melnyk

Tom Fischer 2nd

Motion carries

Secretary's Report – Rich Davenport

Technical issues have been resolved

Membership Report – Antoinette Grote

45 members in the ECFSC

Treasurer's Report – Rose Barus

Sent along

Reconciliation comes in on the 10th or after

Statement on the income/ expenses

Received \$250 from NFHFD

Received \$580 from Chuck Booker for Kids Fishing Clinics

Any reimbursements over \$20 will have to wait until finances are better

Still paying out more than we have coming in

We have over \$3000 for the LT Licenses as of today

\$2,736.85 in Savings

\$7844.47 in checking

Rich Motion to approve

Dave Wharton 2nd

Motion carries

Correspondence Report – Dave Barus

Light this month

Lake Erie VIP day results, Joe Fischer and Dave Barus, got to fish with Maria Whyte and Commish of Parks

Chestnut Ridge

We have the Commissioner's Cabin in perpetuity for free rental of cabin 4th Saturday of June

For as long as he is in charge

Received formal letter and contract for same

President's Report – Chuck Godfrey

None

Upcoming Meetings

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Date Change for November meeting - November 6 at SWA

Nominations - Paul Stoos

Officers

Chuck Godfrey - President

Frank Miskey – 1st VP

Joe Fischer – 2nd VP

Dave Barus – Corr Sec
Rose Barus - Treasurer
Rich Davenport – Rec Sec
Antoinette Grote – Memb Sec

Jeff Jondle motions that Paul nominates
2nd Dave Wharton

Officers nominated above, no others

Directors up for re-election
Dave Smyczynski
Paula Wharton
Dan Tone

Mark Alessi has agreed to run for Director
Dave S will run if needed

Hope Melnyk motions to nominate
2nd Rich Davenport
Motion carries on director's slate

Nominations closed for this month
Will re-open next month

Jeff Jondle has accepted the position to fill the balance of Joe Jemiolo's term
Appointed by President and approved by the board
Thank you Jeff

Awards - Frank Miskey, Sr

Looking for nominations for awards this year, have until Feb 1, 2015

NYSOWA conference in Cortland over the weekend
roughly 30 writers and sponsors

Pass It On award was awarded to Dave Barus
Outstanding!

Recognized the Federation and the Clubs as that is the real meat for the award, all the
volunteers

Three officers/ directors did not wear their badges, all paid \$1

Banquet - Frank Miskey, Jr

Meeting held on Oct 2. Discussed the prices, tickets will be the same, its \$35 straight across

March 7, 2015, doors open at 6PM

Friar Justin's

Pre sale tickets only, none sold at the door

Need volunteers

A couple changes will be implemented this year

Running into this blind, but we should be good

Fund Raising - Dave is not here/ Larry Jones is not here

Calendar orders are due tonight

List is up here

Order now use the list

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Scholarship applications due in December

FWMB - Paul Stoos

Nothing new since last meeting

Shows & Expos – Dave Wharton

Nothing yet, March 5-8 is the Expo, falls on top of the banquet this year

NHFD - Rich Davenport

Details given about the event

Commercial concerns and donating

WNYEF

Next meeting is January

Youth Lifetime License

Joe has passed on, tickets are available for the big raffle

Anyone who has tickets, please sell them and bring money in

Budget and finance

Nothing new

No big bills to pay

Website - Dave S

None

Law Enforcement - Jeff Jondle

Nothing New

Archery and Bowhunting – Jim McCann

Archery is open

Last spring targets were repaired - New Life Target Repair
Tried them out and they are still in the same shape as when they were fixed

Guarantees the work, double original life

Will be picking up additional 20 targets - \$2000 cost
\$5000 is replacing

Flyers on the business, feel free to use this, as costs are expensive for the targets
Business is in Ohio, will come and pick up the targets and deliver for same price
Repair for @ \$100-\$125, will also paint them too.

Flyer will be in the minutes

Crossbow - Frank Miskey, Sr.

Open for big game on November 1
Do not use unless small game hunting (no broadheads)

Fish Report – Dave Barus

NYPA fishing platform is open remotely at the base of the dam. This year will provide
sportsmen trolley ride up and down hill, each 30 minutes, 7a-3p
free of charge
Fish are running

Small Game – Dan Tone

All 4-H birds are out, two bands back today
DEC will be stocking usual areas soon
Drawing for opening day permit, did not see Joseph Davis Park on the list
Talk to Town of Lewiston, they are running the lottery - they didn't run it, EC did
DEC didn't run it, who did? No one knows
What do we have to do with the DEC to extend the coyote season
Study in Georgia, and same one in Michigan
Coyote are the number one predator taking fawns. Fawns do better when aggressively
hunted during the fawning period

DEC is a brick wall
What could happen, cable restraint traps have to get this passed
Something we are all for

Extend Season until end of May
Good opportunity for a resolution to expand the coyote season

Big Game – Paul Stoos

Season opening in November - regular season
Another big push being made, yet the big bucks came from Erie and Monroe counties

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

Nothing

Waterfowl – Paul P

Season opens Oct 18, do not shoot a goose until they open a week later

EnCon waterfowl hunt at the swamps, successful. Some of the youth shot as many as two boxes of shells in 4 hours, to get two ducks, but they had lots of fun, good future waterfowl hunters - 20-30 kids. New hunters coming in.

Side note - Megan Gollwitzer is back to work

Heidi Kennedy - Manager of Tonawanda and Oak Orchard - she called, discussed water levels, pheasant stocking, etc. will be sending Dan Tone a report on this

NYSCC – Joe Fischer

BAM is way down, council short on money. Clubs that are in the BAM program, please get back into it, and please add to the numbers
Those who dropped or have not paid will get calls

Council increased dues like we did

Officers are same as last year

TIPP program, \$30,000 left in this fund. Supposedly this is to go to the ECOs, NWTF and NYSCC

Keeps getting swept under the table
Make an effort to look into it and get the money

Three resolutions, two pulled, one left, only three left to oppose it
At the THM, we were questioned, and we carry our vote and that's how we vote
Bill Connor said that was stupid, Chuck wants to hammer this, ECFSC received the NYSCC President's Award

Martens was also there
\$4Mil for hatcheries, hired 10 new fisheries biologists
DEC seems to always discuss the possibility of cutting the numbers of fish being stocked
Keep eyes on this, as the sportsmen want this to continue, and it is our money

Environment & Pollution – Tom Marks

LEEDCO has 3 windmills up to 6 received \$2.8 million grant from Feds

Legislation – John Susz, Jr

John Susz - get out and VOTE on November 4!!!

Seminar coming up at Hamburg R&G 7-9P, Oct 16, sponsored by DiPietro, on unSAFE Act 2

Also on 23rd in East Aurora, same times

Senate level, Harry Reid freezing legislation so Dems cannot take stands in advance of the elections

Legislative session ending on the latest two-year cycle. All bills will be re-numbered
SAFE Act had no bill number until it happened

This will happen again

Downstate will push harder if we cannot change some landscape

Right now gun owners do not matter

Get out the vote!

And if your candidate loses, get a hold of these folks immediately, do not wait

Gallavan may have some issues with teh Federal prosecutor as well....

3 key races that could turn the Senate

O'Brien

Gibson

Tchachek

If we can hold two seats, plus three seats that we are vying for, could all come down to the 60th

Resolutions – Rich Davenport

Get in resolutions by November please, we had discussion on a coyote resolution

We had another resolution

<break for dinner>

Rose will be having surgery on her neck, disk removal, won't be able to talk for a few weeks, hahaha... Dave better go hunting next month or he won't be talking! hahahaha

Membership Outreach - Chuck will attend meetings if desired, find new clubs to join

Sportsmen's Education – Frank Miskey, Sr.

Classes this year almost done

Changes coming up, no more registration at the door, all will be pre-registered

Also shortening the registration time

Maximum 30 day registration prior to class, no more months in advance

Book going around from banquet, Will Elliott has right now, check it out

If you would like copies, let Frank Jr or Sr know and they will be ordered for you

Old Business

Mute Swan bill is actually an anti-hunting bill, call the Governor, and have him veto this bill

No one contacted the senators and told them any different.

Many are opposed in wildlife to this anti-hunting bill

Bill to stop eradication of the invasive mute swan

Call your reps and the Governor

Mentioned again that dues are increasing next year (2015)

Next year's dues will reflect the new dues fees

New Dues

\$20 Associate non-voting - now \$30

\$45 small club to \$67.50

\$60 would go to \$90.00

\$75 would go to \$112.50

\$90 would go to \$135.00

New Business

Joe Jemiolo started the YLT Program, would like to motion to change the name to Joe

Jemiolo Memorial Raffle

2nd Dave Wharton

Motion carries

Paul also motions to invite Maggie to the banquet and have her present the awards to the winners

No motion needed, Banquet and YLTR committees can handle

She will donate birdhouses that Joe made for raffles and such

Oct 18, SCOPE banquet at Lucarelli's

Lots of great gun raffles

Tickets are available.

Donation of firearms from Troy Arms - 8,000 worth of rifles, will be raffling three of them at the banquet

AR-15 models, but are pump action, not semi-auto

Signs for anyone to take, put them in the yard

put them up, do not leave them in the garage

Good and Welfare

We should perhaps think about having a Chaplan representative.

Joe passed, and this is what he noticed

Volunteer Chaplan to attend such things on behalf of Federation

50/50

Winner is Alden R&G

\$25.00

Rich motions to adjourn

2nd Dave Wharton

Motion carries meeting adjourned 9:48PM

Thank you Hawkeye for hosting!

ERIE COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS INC.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of the Erie county Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs efforts to enhance our environment and wildlife appreciation, we award up to five \$200 college scholarships yearly.

To qualify for a scholarship you must be a high school senior enrolled in an accredited college, or attending an accredited college with your major in any one of these areas: environmental conservation, law enforcement, or environmental pollution **and must be a resident of Erie County.**

Scholarships are awarded based upon need and the area of study. To be considered for one of these scholarships complete the form below and return with a short essay telling of need, any projects you have **engineered or participated in**, your future goals, and proof of enrollment (i.e., course enrollment, course schedule, report card, etc.) to the address below prior to **December 15.**

**SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN
29 YVETTE DRIVE
CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14227**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ COUNTY: _____ NY ZIP: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____ OTHER: _____

COLLEGE: _____

GRADE LEVEL: _____ MAJOR: _____

ERIE COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMENS CLUBS

NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS FOR 2014

List of Categories:

Valerie E. Gonnello Sportswoman of the Year
Sportsman of the Year
Youth of the Year
Club of the Year
Volunteer of the Year
Public Servant of the Year
Public Relations of the Year
Dedicated Service Award
Lifetime Achievement Award
Stanley Spisiak Conservationist Award

Name of Candidate

Address

Contact person if applicable

Person's history and why they should be chosen

Greatest Achievement

Submitted by:
Phone Number:

Send to: Frank Miskey Sr.
62 Boll Drive
Elma, New York 14059

DEAD LINE 2/1/2014
E-MAIL WILL BE ACCEPTED
CANDIDATE CAN ONLY BE NOMINATED FOR ONE AWARD



Rich Davenport, 2013 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC November 2014 General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 6, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Southtowns Walleye Assn, Hamburg, NY

Call to order – 7:00

Pledge to Flag: Completed

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused: Tony Gonnello, Rose and Dave Barus, Tom Marks, Joe Fischer, Rich Davenport,
Paula Wharton, Larry Jones

Quorum of member clubs – Present: yes

Approval of previous month's minutes

Not up yet

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport

Excused

Membership report – Antoinette Grote

Treasurer's report – Rose Barus

No statements received as of this meeting

Correspondence report – Dave Barus

President's Report – Chuck Godfrey

Next meetings and locations: I'm working on sites for the 2015 meetings. We will put out announcements as soon as we confirm dates. - Chuck

11/6/14- “ - 6:30 -- “ - 7:00 - Southtowns Walleye, 5895 Southwestern
Blvd., Hamburg
12/18/14- “ - 6:30 -- “ - 7:00 - Bison City Rod and Gun, 511 Ohio St.,
Buffalo
1/22/15 - “ - 6:30 -- “ - 7:00 - Elma Cons. Club, 600 Creek Rd., Elma

GUESTS:

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law enforcement – Jeff Jondle

None

Archery & Bowhunting – Jim McCann

None

Crossbow –Frank Miskey, Jr.

Fish – Dave Barus

Motion to support proposed changes to fishing regulations By Jeff Jondle, 2nd Hope - passed - Chuck will send

Small Game – Dan Tone

Last day for pheasant stocking
Snowshoe rabbits of years ago did not fare well

Big Game – Paul Stoos

Opens next week
State screwed up the bonus DMU permits
Chuck will send letter asking for explanation Motion Hope, 2nd Paul - passed

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

Youth trapping camp at Rushford and 2 other locations on Columbus Day Weekend

Caught and released a bear cub. 80 kids attended

Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski

Conservation Council - Dan Tone

The Federation has decided to promote the voluntary “Buck A Member Program” proposed by the Council. This, if successful, will insure a reliable source of income to meet the future needs for our only “conservation rights” lobbying organization in our state.

For those clubs who feel this is a worthwhile cause, please make checks payable to - “New York State Conservation Council” and send to – NYSCC, 8 East Main St., Ilion, NY 13357.

To those clubs that donated last year, we hope that your commitment will carry on. Please don't wait until the Council solicits for your help. They need the resources now to fund the year's budget needs.

Also, to those clubs who chose not to participate, please consider what the Council is asking for: “a dollar a member.” A buck doesn’t buy much these days, not a beer at a bar, not a pack of cigarettes or a good cigar, not a decent fishing lure, or even a couple dozen worms. Perhaps it’s time we sportsmen and women consider putting this all in perspective!

Clubs wishing to receive the Council’s “Grass Roots News” monthly publication, which gives updated information on state legislation and conservation issues, should contact the Council at 315-894-3302 . You can also e-mail them at - nyscc@nyscc.com with the information.

Clubs can send their “club’s news” for publication to - NYSCC, 8 East Main St., Ilion, NY 13357 - or e-mail them by the 2nd Monday of the month. The Council also has a policy of not arbitrarily giving or selling private club information.

Finally, there is an ongoing new member/renewal drive for individual Council memberships, with prizes available. Contact the Council or visit their website for details.

Environment & Pollution – Tom Marks:

State has issued Aquatic Invasive Species plan

Legislation – John Susz

To keep in touch with what’s going on with firearm legislation in New York, check out SCOPE’s website at - www.scopeny.org

Resolutions – Rich Davenport

Due at Dec. meeting. Clubs interested should contact Rich

Membership Outreach – Chuck Godfrey

The membership secretary would like all club presidents to consider attending at least one regular Federation meeting a year. This might not only prove to be a learning experience, but may also provide a better insight as to the importance of having representation on behalf of their clubs. If any club would like a visit from a Federation spokesman, please contact president Chuck Godfrey at 440-6995 or steelheader03@hotmail.com . The president will also try to visit one club or so per month.

IF ANYONE KNOWS OF AN ERIE COUNTY CLUB WHICH IS NOT A MEMBER, PLEASE LET THE PRESIDENT KNOW SO HE CAN CONTACT THEM ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Sportsman/woman Education – Frank Miskey Sr.

Nothing new

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations – Paul Stoos

The present officers have all accepted nominations to continue next year. That is:
Chuck Godfrey-pres., Frank Miskey,sr-1st vice-pres., Joe Fischer-2nd vice-pres., Rose Barus-Treas.,

Rich Davenport – recording sec., Dave Barus – corr. sec., Antoinette Grote – memb. sec.
The following have accepted nominations as Directors: Mark Alessi, Tom Fischer, Dan Tone, Dave Wharton, Paula Wharton. Additionally Dan Tone and Joe Fischer will continue to represent the Fed. at the NYSCC.

Secretary casts one vote for the slate. Chuck to send letter to Dave thanking him for his service.

Awards – Frank Miskey Sr.

Deadline Feb. 1

Banquet – Frank Miskey, jr.

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Scholarship applications due 12/15. One received so far. Deer Search also offering scholarship

Fund Raising – Larry Jones

Calendars are here. If you have not yet paid for them, please do so.

FWMB - Paul Stoos

No meeting scheduled until Dec. Not accomplishing as much as we would like. Paul planning on not retaining his position when term is up (Dec. 2014) Motion by Hope, 2nd Dave W. to nominate Chuck to replace. – passed. Will now need alternate.

Shows – Dave Wharton

March Sportsmen's EXPO March 6-9, 2014 Dave and Paula will take the entire Saturday due to our banquet being held on that date.

National Hunting and Fishing day – Rich Davenport

Elma was happy with the way things went. Motion by Frank, 2nd by George to send letter thanking them - passed. Chuck will send.

WNY Environmental Federation – Dan Tone

Meeting Jan. 11 at Hoak's at 1:00

Youth Lifetime Licenses - OPEN

Drawing will be Dec. 18 at the Dec. Federation meeting at Bison City Rod and Gun
Looking for new chairman!!!

Budget and Finance – Rose Barus – (motion to pay bills)

None

Website – Dave Smyczynski - eriectyfsc.org

Old Business:

SCOPE banquet big success. 500 attendees.

New Business - any new delegates present?

Motion to buy 4 tickets to Safari Wild Big Game Dinner by Dave W., 2nd Hope - passed

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

50/50 Raffle

Winner Alden – donated to Youth Lifetime License Program

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn - Hope

2nd – Gary passed

Thanks to Host Club

Southtowns Walleyes.



Rich Davenport, 2014 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC December 2014 General Meeting Minutes

Date: December 18, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Bison City Rod & Gun, Buffalo, NY

Call to order: 7:16PM

Pledge to flag: Completed

Moment of silence in memory of Pat Arnold, NYS Trappers

Tab at the bar, let them know we are in here

Attendance:

Excused: Tom Marks, Steve Aldstadt, Don Davis

In attendance: 7 Officers, 11 Directors, 25 Delegates, 3 guests

Quorum of Clubs: Yes

Guests: Zen Olow and Lance and JoAnne Erhardt, Maggie Jemiolo

Joe Jemiolo Bird House Auction - to Youth Lifetime license fund

Will Elliott will match the winning bid up to \$200 in Joe's name

Sold for \$135 Zen Olow

Youth Lifetime License Drawing

Maggie Jemiolo will be coming here @ 8PM, so we will wait for the drawing until she arrives

We have 1545 entries

Federation paid for the firearm, and the spotting scope - reimbursed from the fund

Hold \$800 back to buy the prizes for next year

Reading of Minutes

No minutes yet – Due to technical issues with Chuck Godfrey's computer the minutes/ notes did not get to the Secretary yet.

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport

Inquiries on the website
Attendance all good

Membership Report – Antoinette Grote

Membership dues letters have been sent out

45 members
Letters sent out
Chuck will sent over communication for transmission

Updated info will be requested

Received 6 renewals thus far

Treasury Report – Rose Barus

Couple checks written for under \$100
Received \$1000 from Deer Search for YLTL program

Safari Club dinner expense

Rich Davenport motion to accept
2nd Hope Melnyk
Motion carries

Financially we are in good shape, better than last year, but we are better
Some counties do receive funding still
Catt County legislature funded 18 kids to the conservation camp

Increase in dues should also help us out this year
Will also be submitting proposed guidelines for next year's budget, suggesting we hold
the line on spending

Correspondence Report - Dave Barus

Letter received about the Greater Niagara Outdoors Show
Thank You Letter received

Legislative Guides are coming out
Go back to the booklets

Motion Dan Tone - buy the booklets
2nd Rich Davenport
Order 20 Booklets
We will order the booklets

Motion carries

Maggie has arrived

Thank you letters going out from Federation for the donations made in Joe Jemiolo's memory for the YLTL Raffle

Thank you Deer Search for the \$1000 donation for the YLTL raffle
\$100 from Northern Chautauqua Conservation Club

Deer Search also donated \$1000 to Chautauqua County's program as well

Drawing for the Raffle will now be happening

1st Prize - The Gun - Justin Smith, 4710 Creekside Pkwy, Niagara Falls, NY - Ruger 77

2nd Prize - Spotting Scope - Lori Lux, 1925 Davis West Falls

3rd Prize - Walleye Charter with Lance - Keith Bivens, in Batavia

4th Prize - Musky Charter with Larry - Ed Nowicki, in town NT or Tonawanda

5th Prize - 6 Hour Bass Trip with Scott Gauld - Tim Foley, 7290 Boston Cross, sold by Joe!

Youth lifetime License Winners are as follows:

1 - 8029 - Cole Augustine, Lancaster, 13 - Hunting

2 - 8245 - Ryan Current, East AUrora, 11 - Hunting, end of December, done get LT Sportsman

3 - 9044 - Shawn A. Romanowski, Amherst, 12 - Big Game Hunting

4 - 8670 - Luke LaBoy, Amherst - 14 Fishing

5 - 8812 - John Meyers, Cheetowaga - 8, Fishing

6 - 8602 - Jacob Kelley, Concord - 2 on Tuesday, will be getting LT Sportsman

7 - 8328 - Jack Eagan Kenmore, 8 - Fishing

8 - 9400 - Lydia West Alden, 6 - Big Hunting, Sportsman she will get

9 - 8610 - Richard Kicak, Jr Depew, Big Game, Sportsman he will get

10 - 8944 - Andrew Pelczynski Grand Island, 4 Fishing

President's Report – Chuck Godfrey

Ban on Hydrofracking in NYS (horizontal, not vertical)

Very split across the State

Lance Erhardt - ELECBA - Received Community Service Award from Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce

Congratulations!

Next Meetings

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
1/21/2015 (WED!)	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Elma Conservation Club, Elma, NY
2/26/2015	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	George Washington Club, Buffalo, NY
3/26/2015	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Open – TBD
4/23/2015	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Open – TBD
5/28/2015	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Erie County Cons. Society, Chafee, NY
6/25/2015	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	TBD
7/23/2015	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	TBD
August						No Meeting
9/10/2015	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Springville Field & Stream, Springville, NY
10/8/2015	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Hawkeye Bowmen, Marilla, NY
11/12/2015	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Boston Valley Conservation, Boston, NY
12/10/2015	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Bison City Rod & Gun, Buffalo, NY

January meeting at Elma - Wednesday, Jan 21

Chuck is confirming host clubs for our monthly meetings over the next couple months

Waterfowl - Paul P

Observations - Duck hunting at Iroquois - very good seasons the past few years
Sound slike this season has been very good as well. If you are wanting to get youth into waterfowl, or even adults, think about Iroquios for the duck hunting

All things look good for next year as well

Could be open in Tonawanda and Oak Orchard in 2nd Season next year

Pretty cold weather out west up north, been seeing northern birds here a bit sooner than usual. Canvasback and Red Heads, plus Bluebills near S Gap of teh Harbor
Could be a very good 2nd season

Bill has been introduced concerning management of Mute Swans, on Governor's desk, indications are he will veto, but please write

Damaging and nuisance Invasive species should not be protected.
The Bill has been vetoed!

George Rockey - small boat harbor where Doug's Dive is located, will now be managed under the parks dept., will see if this can be kept open for the duck hunters for 2nd season this year and not have it blocked off

Duck Stamp will go to \$25 is Obama signs it next year.... 2015

<break time>

Environment and Pollution – Tom Marks

PTC is only renewed thru end of December, not extended for another year

Legislation – John Susz, Jr

SCOTUS ruled in favor of Obama's executive orders on immigration - looks like the SCOTUS and Congress will not stop the usurpation of powers.

We need to make noise - get with our reps and get them to re-secure their power

NYS Legislature coming back into session in January

SAFE Act - lots of things now popping up, pistol permit renewals, etc Looking to get the SAFE Act II.

Slim margin of GOP in the Senate

Deep Trouble

NYSCC – Joe Fischer

\$736 raised by Chautauqua for NYSCC, good job.

Committees - Region 9 is in good shape. We need someone for archery

Rest of the State - not filled

Lots of promising things happening with the Council, cannot mention yet

Check and see if your club has contributed to BAM.

Will be contacting the Clubs to get on board

WNYEF - Jan 11, Sunday, 1PM at Hoak's

Fund raiser for R9

PTC and wind crap, etc

Although membership dues have increased by the council, they need to do this, and

hopefully they will to keep things solvent

Resolutions – Rich Davenport

Call for resolutions

Need to get resolutions

Talked about a few ideas, coyote, extending the season to May, etc

Get them to me, need to vote on the resolutions and submit at next meeting

Membership Outreach – Chuck Godfrey

Chuck will go to a meeting if you want him to

Sportsmen's Ed – Frank Miskey, Sr.

Training classes for trainers coming up, refresher class for instructors March 21 and 24, Elma and Reinstein, respectively

Nominations/ Elections – Paul Stoos

Full slate of officers and directors

No add ons since October

Paul Stoos motions Sec cast the ballot

2nd Jeff Jondle

Motion carries

Congrats to the slate – Secretary casts the ballots

Mark Alessi is new board member, and your name tag is ready

Awards – Frank Miskey, Sr.

Not too much - get the nominations in, only has received 1. Get them in

Deadline is Feb 1

Banquet - Frank Miskey, Jr

Tickets are here, take some for the clubs, buy some whatever, Paul Stoos has them and is dealing with tracking that.

Will need someone to work the door that night

Same weekend as the Expo, Dave and Paula will be at the show

No ticket sales at the door! Advance sales ONLY

Clubs need baskets!

Fund Raising – Larry Jones

Not much to report at this point in time

Working on the big ticket stuff, need to regroup on this

Donating an underwater camera for the YLTL

Meat Raffle - when?

Will need to talk, and need some committee persons

FWMB - Paul Stoos

Met 2 weeks ago, Tim DePreist from DEC, projects with NYPA relicensing funding, 8 projects. Good reports

Frog Island, Motor Island, rehabilitating these islands, as well as Niagara River shoreline and spawning grounds...

Good projects - trying to restore the river to better health

Thank you for your years of service on this, as you have decided not to continue

Shows and Expos – Dave Wharton

March 5-8 - Fairgrounds, next meeting take volunteers

January 23-25, Larry will handle arrangements on this one

NHFD – Rich Davenport

Elma is secured again

Sept 26 2015

Meeting in April

Will list on National Site in March

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Received 3 good applications, and these will get the scholarships
\$200 per.

Recipient list is not here, but it is in hand at Chuck's abode

Budget and Finance

All good, no bills to pay

WNYEF

Already covered

Website – Dave S

Need to straighten out the website, and get the new forms, need to update/ refresh the site

Law Enforcement - Jeff Jondle

Scott Marshall ECO of the Year

Since Grisanti is no longer employed, mentioned for DEC commissioner

Heard nothing on this yet.

Pretty average deer season

Participation

Rich mentions observations, hearing more shots on last day of extended than on opening
day in Randolph

Last day of regular season was very, very busy - great weather, everyone out in S Erie
County

Seems like good harvests

Debbie is sorting the tickets used for YLTL raffle to use for next year

50th Anniversary tomorrow - Chuck and Debbie
congrats!

Archery and Bowhunting - Jim McCann

Nothing new

Crossbow - Frank Jr

Rich shares information on Crossbow activity

Not magical

NYCC pushing for full inclusion now

Getting chucked under the bus again

Compromise that was adopted was actually proposed by Sweeney and NYB! Not NYCC

Had included the 3 year wait for evaluation, NYCC wants to do it now, despite working that down to 1 year.

Fish Committee – Dave Barus

Rudd Report: NON-NATIVE SPECIES

Niagara River Rudd Chemical Contaminants Technical Paper Published Collaborative research between SUNY College Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) professors and NYSDEC staff yielded another published technical paper on ecology of Rudd, a non-native fish in the Niagara River.

The paper: Low Concentrations of Contaminants in an Invasive Cyprinid, the Rudd, in a Great Lakes Area of Concern was recently published in the Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology.

Rudd feeding ecology is substantially different from most native North American freshwater fishes. Niagara River Rudd consume submerged aquatic vegetation as their primary food source during summer and fall when waters are relatively warm and aquatic plants are available. During colder months, some animal matter, mostly small fish, and filamentous algae, are included in the diet. We questioned whether Rudd's atypical trophic status would result in different contaminant levels compared to other Niagara River fishes. Comparisons of contaminant residues are needed to update advice on human consumption of fish and to better understand how invasive species may alter contaminant pathways.

The technical paper compares chemical contaminants in Rudd muscle tissue with those of six other freshwater fishes (largemouth and smallmouth bass, rock bass, yellow perch, freshwater drum and common carp) from different trophic levels in the upper Niagara River. Fish were tested for nine classes of contaminants.

In summary, Niagara Rudd samples contained low concentrations of total dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT), Mercury (Hg), and total polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); levels were among the lowest for all fish species examined. Concentrations of aldrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene (HCB), total hexachlorocyclohexanes (HCH), mirex and total chlordanes were



The rudd is a large non-native minnow species that is abundant in the Niagara River.

less than the detection limit for all Rudd's tested. The paper discusses several factors which may have contributed to the low levels of contaminants observed.

Walleye Telemetry Study in Lake Erie

Over the next three years the NYSDEC Lake Erie Unit will be involved in a collaborative effort with Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ontario to better understand walleye movement dynamics in Lake Erie using acoustic telemetry. The technology will allow walleye movements to be tracked through a network of receivers strategically placed on the bottom of the lake. Unit staff have already deployed several acoustic receivers this past June, but the majority of New York's contribution to the Lake Erie walleye study with receivers and tags will begin this year (2015).

The acoustic tags are surgically implanted in adult walleye that will be harvested during their spring spawning period. This work is being conducted in cooperation with other researchers across the remainder of Lake Erie. By working in cooperation with other researchers in the Great Lakes Basin, DEC will gather data from sites located the entire length of Lake Erie.

Through previous jaw tagging studies, DEC has identified that the annual eastward migration of western basin walleye into our eastern basin contributes to the summer walleye fishery in New York. The arrival of western basin walleye may buffer our relatively smaller eastern basin walleye stocks from fishing pressure. By using acoustic telemetry in cooperation with other investigators, DEC will be able to describe the timing, consistency and magnitude of western basin walleye migration into the eastern basin. An improved understanding of the periods when walleye spawning stocks are mixed (or not mixed) will help identify periods when individual walleye populations are vulnerable to exploitation.

Through NYSDEC acoustic tagging efforts on walleye spawning shoals in New York portion of Lake Erie, DEC can determine the extent to which New York walleye stock contribute to fisheries in other areas around Lake Erie. For instance, DEC hopes to determine if the deep, thermally stratified portion of the eastern basin is a partial barrier to northward movement of New York walleye into Canadian waters. Additionally, DEC plans to assess the extent to which New York walleye move into the central and western basins. An understanding of the extent to which eastern basin spawning stocks are a shared resource with other jurisdictions will improve management resources.

Stream Habitat Enhancement Monitoring

Region 9 fisheries staff and angler volunteers conducted trout population sampling on the North Branch Wiscoy Creek. In addition, habitat enhancement work was completed on a 2,100 foot section of the stream in July, 2011. This work involved installation of over 450 feet of "Lunker" structures which act as artificial undercut bank habitat for trout. Two years of trout population assessment was completed prior to the habitat project. In 2014, DEC completed the third year of post-habitat enhancement fish population sampling. In addition to sampling the enhanced section, DEC also surveyed another site on the N. Branch and one on Trout Brook to act as "control sites".

Sites where Lunker structures were installed have narrowed and deepened substantially from pre-enhancement measurements. The overall abundance of yearling and older wild brown trout in the Habitat Enhancement Section (HES) varied substantially from 2010 to 2014, but was lowest in 2014 and highest in 2011. Compared to pre-habitat enhancement surveys (2010 and 2011), the abundance of brown trout larger than 12 inches more than doubled by 2014 in the HES, while it fell substantially in the two control sites. Biomass of adult brown trout also increased significantly, more than doubling from 2010 to 134 pounds/acre in 2013, but had fallen back to 70 pounds/acre

in 2014. Numbers of young-of-year brown trout captured fluctuated substantially between 2010 and 2014 at all sites.

With the exception of the abundance of larger brown trout, similar declines in the overall brown trout abundance and biomass were noted at the control sites as well as in the HES in 2014, thus it appears that non-angling environmental factors such as flood, drought and predators were responsible for the changes we saw in the brown trout population in 2014. Similar declines in brown trout abundance were seen in other Region 9 stream sampling in 2014 as well. DEC plans to continue monitoring stream morphology and trout population changes in the N. Branch in 2015. (For info, contact Bureau of Fisheries -Scott Cornett, 716-372-0645)

Collected American Eels

Youth fishing events are scheduled for next year
Discussions with Mike Todd
Talking about doing Ellicott Creek Park

New guys on ECFAB, George Johnson, running an event at Foot of Ferry, started a few years ago, has had between 5,000 and 6,000 kids, two-day event
He is moving this to foot of Ontario Street
Need to recognize this individual, organized this himself
Rich Products has donated some funding, Common Council provided funds
Mayor cooks burgers and dogs, both days!
Give away about 500 rods, gone in 90 minutes
We will be asking him to come to some of our events, exchange ideas

Online version of OMNR, fisheries regs for zone 20, LE and UNR, two rods are allowed in open waters (of Lake Erie was omitted), and the rod limit is 1 in the river. Tickets being written

Regulations for musky change is going through
Inland will start mid May, 30" to 40" minimum

ECFAB - Joe Fischer reports;
Through hard work of Chautauqua and Erie, our budget is now \$17500, up from \$2500, so we can do some things this year

Steelhead die offs in Salmon River, not sure of what is going on. Believe it is a vitamin B1 deficiency
Alewives are suspected as the problem due to a chemical in the alewives that deplete vitamin B1.

Small Game – Dan Tone

Pheasant season thru December 31.
Stocked birds are still there.
4-H birds, people are seeing them
received a couple bands back, from birds getting hit by cars

Youth Pheasant hunt, we will get 4 slots, only 2 showed up. Need to improve that one

NRA grant was declined this year - looking for donations
Federation will support @ \$500, need the clubs to help out with donations

Deer Search will donate \$200 to the pheasant program
Challenges all those involved to match this donation!
Thanks Gary and Deer Search

Big Game – Paul Stoos

Season is over
Early reports – deer take down 4%

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

Fur Handling seminar
Jan 10, 9a-1p, Collins Conservation Club
come on and check it out

Old Business

None

New Business

Southtowns Banquet is February 14, 2015, tickets will be available shortly

Would like a motion to buy 4 tickets, additional will split costs among all going
Hope motions
2nd Larry Jones

Motion carries

See Chuck tonight if you want to go to get a list started

Good & Welfare

Maggie, thank you for coming

50/50

Winner - Hamburg R&G

Thank you Bison City R&G

Motion to adjourn Frank Miskey, Sr
2nd George Rockey

Motion carries meeting adjourned 9:43PM

ERIE COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMENS CLUBS

NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS FOR 2014

List of Categories:

Valerie E. Gonnello Sportswoman of the Year
Sportsman of the Year
Youth of the Year
Club of the Year
Volunteer of the Year
Public Servant of the Year
Public Relations of the Year
Dedicated Service Award
Lifetime Achievement Award
Stanley Spisiak Conservationist Award

Name of Candidate

Address

Contact person if applicable

Person's history and why they should be chosen

Greatest Achievement

Submitted by:

Phone Number:

Send to: Frank Miskey Sr.
62 Boll Drive
Elma, New York 14059

DEAD LINE 2/1/2014

E-MAIL WILL BE ACCEPTED

CANDIDATE CAN ONLY BE NOMINATED FOR ONE AWARD