



Rich Davenport, 2017 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC July 2017 General Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2017

Niagara River Station, Grand Island, NY

Call to order – 7:03PM

Pledge to Flag: Completed

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused: Debbie Godfrey, Dan Tone, Joe will be late

Quorum of member clubs – Yes

GUESTS:

AL from NWTF

Approval of previous month's minutes

Mark Alessi

Fred Langdon

Motion carries

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport

None

Membership report – Hope Melnyk

Need dues from 8 clubs, have a lot of clubs without complete information

Please get info to Hope for our records

Treasurer's report – Debbie Godfrey

Unofficial, have not yet received the statement from the bank

Healthy treasury, but \$3,000 was a grant for the NRA pheasant program, has to be spent, or returned, on the birds/ program

Only written 3 checks

Donation for Youth Trapper Camp - \$250

Youth Pheasant Mentor Hunt \$140

Used the debit card we have received for the fair, plus \$108 to reimburse Chuck for his advance, board corrected the expenditures on fair tickets to \$250.

Received \$150 check from Chestnut Ridge Conservancy for the fishing clinic held out there on 6/28/2017 – check is made out wrong... Should send a thank you letter to them for the donation

Rich motions to write thank you letter
2nd Hope Melnyk

Motion carries

Question concerning the raisers and reimbursements, could we provide extra money to them for the care of the birds? Need to find out as the cost may be set in the grant language

Cheryl Schene motion to accept treasury report
2nd Tom Fischer

Motion carries

Correspondence report – Joe McAdams

See treasury report for letter, Chuck will handle the letter

SAGA letters – reached out to Collins’ office, assured there will be a press release and a bill number

Support to President Trump online and to our local representatives

President’s Report – Joe McAdams

Disappointed in fair sign up, we need to fill these slots. SCOPE member and her Dad is volunteering to take a shift

Heading to Bass Pro to pick up a check for a new trailer for the Federation, August 9-11 will be in MO.

Next meetings and locations:

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
August						No Meeting
9/14/2017	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Springville Field & Stream, Springville, NY
10/12/2017	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Hawkeye Bowmen, Marilla
11/2/2017	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Southtowns Walleye (TBD)
12/14/2017	-	6:30	-	7:00	Gen Meet	Bison City Rod & Gun, Buffalo, NY (TBD)

We need to send to the appropriate DEC people an invitation to come to the meeting as they do not just come. 2nd Thursday starting Sept. Will take care of doing that.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law enforcement – Jeff Jondle

Nothing to report

Archery & Bowhunting – Jim McCann

None

Crossbow – Frank Miskey, Jr.

None

Fish – Tom Marks

BassEye tournament is tomorrow at Safe Harbor

Walleye fishing is excellent out of Dunkirk, small fish bodes well for future

Media Day is August 9, 22 charter boats, and 70 people heading out.

Launch – Harlem Road canoe/ kayak launch – not handicapped accessible, steps not a ramp, did not follow through after assurances handicapped access would be there. Joe talked to Paul McKeown and Mike Todd, as it is the DEC launch, and they will see if it can be corrected.

Algae bloom in western basin Lake Erie

Grant for \$250,000 for South Park Lake – Tom Hersey is involved in this

Requesting the \$750 from Erie County for our clinics

Fishing hotspot online coming

Field & Stream estimates 2.5 MIL anglers with \$4 BIL in economic impact

Teach Me to Fish Clinics – OPEN

June 24- Chestnut – All set on the cabin – Sooth running event, 150 kids, well done, great day, report is on website, feedback was fantastic, ad the Conservancy donated some funds (thank you) to help out!

Well done

One of the attendees a mom with her kids, sent a thank you letter to us through the Conservancy – will scan and insert into the minutes

Small Game – Dan Tone

None

Big Game – Paul Stoos

Licenses go on sale August 1, lifetime licenses sent out

DMP lottery Aug 1 start

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

Checking on Pat Arnold Youth Trapping
Must have registration in by Sept 25

Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski – Ken Zolnowski

Ken Zolnowski has not sent in the letter – will be was in bad car accident

Green Wing Day August 26, more info coming

August 15, Grand Island town court house, a project called Spicer Creek WMA/ Habitat Improvement Project – starts at 9AM, to discuss improvement in Spicer Creek and Niagara River – Would be good to get a few people there

George, Chuck and Jeff will be going

Cheryl made the bags for the fishing poles – storage bags, 16 made.

Thank you Cheryl from the ECFSC

On Spicer Creek meeting, may have been a request to notify that you're coming, George indicates he spoke to them, and if you show up you're fine.

Sent the invite to a few clubs who may be interested in attending
Scott Gauld and Scott McKee also received info from Chuck

Conservation Council - Dan Tone

All,

The Fall NYSCC Convention is not that far away. While much is in the planning and awaiting reply stage, I thought I would give you an update

- Friday 9:00am BOD Meeting. Sunday am BOD Meeting.
- Presentation of colors by DEC Encon is scheduled Friday 1:00pm
- DEC F and W is Scheduled for Friday pm
 - Bureau of Habitat will most likely also be present.
 - Division of Marine Resources may also attend.
- Hoping to have a presentation on the various apps DEC is now using (Friday most likely but hoping for Saturday).
- Tony Wilkinson, may attend Saturday's session. Jim Farquhar Division of Wildlife Chief may Saturday as well as Friday
- Ken Lynch most likely will not attend conflict with a family commitment do not know about Basil Seggos.
- Venitia Lannon, the Governor's Deputy Commissioner for the Environment has agreed to speak at our Convention

“Thank you for your kind words and I would be honored to speak at your Fall Convention. While not a hunter myself, I am a devotee of the work of Aldo Leopold and the foundation that continues his work promoting an understanding of the critical nexus between sportsmen and conservation. I

am particularly interested in the need to get young people engaged as we combat the growing concern of ‘nature deficit disorder.’”

Having heard several speeches from the Governor’s staff and the Governor promoting access and recognizing the sportsmen I am pleased that she is able to speak to us at the Convention. I am assuming she will speak on Friday but I am hoping for Saturday. More later.

- Fred Monroe will Speak on Saturday. Subjects include;
 - Relative Impact from land classifications (Wilderness and Wild Forest)
 - Invasive species.
- Looking for more speakers for Saturday Calls are in at Cornell and ESF. Any Ideas?
- Resolutions only one to consider to date, I do not see any emergency resolutions on the horizon.
- Position Statement Review. Position statements over either 3 or 5 years are supposed to be reviewed.
 - We have been remiss in that task.
 - Stephen Wowelko will lead the task in reviewing the older position statements for the membership to determine if they stay or go.
 - Most likely not all the position statements requiring review will be gone over. We will do what we can and further complete the review task at another general meeting.
- We will also have elections.
 - We could do a little advance planning there. (I am talking about the process not necessarily who is running.)
- Nominations for awards to date are few and far between.

There is much more to discuss but this email was suppose to be limited to the Convention.

Please encourage attendance by the counties you represent. Hearing from the County Representative, having them involved with the decisions that will be made is important. Having our membership hear first hand when the DEC and the Deputy Commissioner speak is also important.

Thank you,

Chuck Parker

SCOPE website has been rebuilt – engaged a pro developer – also has a membership database.

Also had been some discussions concerning one of the members, Don Hay, who showed support for an atty, Steve Cohen, as the legal proceedings was to be a ruling, turned into a lawsuit, and he lost, was not brought in by chairman of board, and the BOD will be sanctioning at the meeting this coming Saturday. Will be looking for a letter of apology and such. Not a big deal, but some mistakes were made. Rumors are flying, and it is being made a mountain from a molehill. Good news, banquet volunteers are rolling in, banquet is in Canadaigua.

250-300 tickets

Guest speakers will be David Bellavia, plus a representative

SCOPE picnic has been cancelled due to lack of volunteers. No longer meet at the LAMM Post, now meeting at My Father's House, Elma, looking for a more neutral location, but could be want for beer?

Environment & Pollution – Chuck Godfrey

Already discussed – Spicer Creek project and meeting

Legislation – John Susz

Nothing new

Wanted to know where the bill number is, will be coming, presser will be soon, tomorrow Monday at 3:30PM, Chris Collins will be at Hamburg Rod & Gun, Hickox Road to present the bill before Congress. Morning will be at Rochester Brooks.

Monday afternoon.

Chris will explain the bill fully.

Wear your name tag if you go! Makes an impact! Wear the shirts as well.

Resolutions – Rich Davenport

Only 1 to consider – Mandatory Hunter Orange

Ballots are not out

Will need to send the ballots and get them back in before the NYSCC convention.

We have to take a roll call vote

NYS is safest hunting season in the Nation, even safer than those states with mandatory orange, other users (non hunters) would not be required to wear, comfort level, looking for orange instead of looking at the target and identifying.

Membership Outreach – 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.

Banquet is September 10, letters have gone in the mail, would request the \$250 donation from ECFSC preferably this evening
Paul Stoos will attend for the kids day drawing, based on approval from Cheryl, yes,

Looking for donations, please accommodate by Sept 1.
This is their way of giving back to the instructors.
Cost of Ads – see Joe Reservations by September 1, concrete

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations – Paul Stoos

None – Paul approached Franklin Thompson for interest in being a director
Joe McAdams has appointed Franklin to the board, member Southtowns Walleye
Thank you Franklin

No more nominations

Will need a new treasurer come the end of the year, she will retain the position until end of year

Awards – Frank Miskey Sr.

IN Conservation Building, Federation has a plaque with all the names of conservationists who have worked in the building, but all names have all passed on.
The change has been made to honor those who served while alive, not dead

NY Outdoors Hall of Fame – new inductees will be on it, and hanging in the building.

Banquet – Frank Miskey, jr.

Nothing new

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Nothing new at this time

Fund Raising – Open Position

None at this time – need a fund raising chairman!!! Very important

FWMB – Chuck Godfrey

Last meeting was in June, next meeting in September – Terms are up this December, and both Chuck and Joe would like to continue.

Chuck motions that we nominate Chuck and Joe
2nd Tom Fischer

Motion carries

Shows – Chuck Godfrey will handle for rest of year

Chuck filling the shifts for the fair, Aug 9-20. Please let him know, name and phone, of those who will help. We need the help!

National Hunting and Fishing Day – Rich Davenport

Reviewed last meeting, looking for a \$500.00 budget
\$400 motion by Frank Jr
2nd Franklin Thompson

Advertising – Etc.

Motion carries

Get the member clubs represented

Meeting August 24, 6:30 Smokey Bones

WNY Environmental Federation – Dan Tone

Next meeting is September 10, 2017, 1PM, Hoak's

Joe Jemiolo, jr. Youth Lifetime Licenses - Chuck Godfrey

Raffle ticket sales are behind from past years, badly, need some help selling these tickets. Need to buy some licenses! Please help sell some raffle tickets

Suggestion Mark Alessi – Every club should be able to buy \$20 tickets, please have the clubs purchase 20 tickets!

Budget and Finance – Debbie Godfrey – (motion to pay bills)

None

Website – Joe McAdams - eriectyfsc.org

4 years old and its about time for an overhaul.
Time to review the content and freshen it up.

Send email to website committee, so we can freshen things up.

Old Business:

Media Day August 9, cannot make it, asked Joe Fischer if anyone would be interested, Fred Langdon will go in Joe's stead.

New Delegates

None

Sunshine Committee

Sent a couple cards, notify Cheryl when something is awry and needing a card

New Business - any new delegates present?

Al Guy, NWTF. Fund raiser, Sept 9, KofC Union Rd, 1-5PM, some raffles, pizza party, \$25/ ticket

Call Al for more information

We will put on website

Hope Melnyk motions to donate \$50.00

2nd Rich Davenport

Motion carries

2 members will go, Sam and her beau Troy will go

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

Willy – doing well after broken hip

Condolences to Chuck and Debbie

Speedy recovery and welcome back Tony Gonnello

50/50 Raffle

Winner is Lake Erie FFF

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Chuck Godfrey 2nd – Frank Miskey, Jr.

Meeting adjourned 8:51PM

Thanks to Host Club

Thanks to host Hamburg Rod & Gun