



Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs ECFSC October 11, 2018 General Meeting Minutes

Host Club: Southtown's Walleye

Call to order – 7:15PM

Pledge to Flag: Franklin Thompson

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused: Rich Davenport, Gary and Hope Melnyk, Larry Jones

Quorum of member clubs: Yes

Approval of previous month's minutes

None / waived

Motion: Dave Rosner, 2nd Frank Miskey Sr. • Passed

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport

None / waived

Membership report – Hope Melnyk

None / waived

Treasurer's report – Dave Rosner

Reconciliation report and summary presented (see attached reports)

Motion: Cheryl Schenne, 2nd Frank Miskey Jr. • Passed

Bills presented for payment:

- \$100 – Joe McAdams: Buffalo Cigars gift card for Frank Miskey Jr. for building out our trailer.
- \$389.48 – Chuck Godfrey: Calendars

Motion: Nancy Schill, 2nd Fred Langdon • Passed

Correspondence report – Jeff Jondle

None / waived

President's Report – Jeff Jondle

FAB running meeting with the Town. Going with the flow for now.
Delegate responsibilities will be formalized and adopted into bylaws.

New Delegates

None

Next meetings and locations:

Date	Location
12/20/2018	Bison City Rod & Gun, Buffalo, NY
01/25/2019	Elma Conservation
02/22/2019	George Washington Club

GUESTS:

Ryan B.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law enforcement – J. Bittner

Received report from Bob O' Connor. No date for academy.

Archery & Bowhunting – Jim McCann

None

Crossbow – vacant.

None

Fish – Tom Fischer / Joe Fischer / Larry Jones (report attached)

Joe Fischer: currently looking at repairing / expanding.

Jeff Jondle: ACE will take a minimum of 5 years to complete.

Joe Fischer: Spoke to Spencer Schofield re: ACE – very slow.

Chuck Godfrey: Nov 19th Outer Harbor Coalition hosting meeting – Lexus Club @ Keybank Center. Erie Canal Harbor Development wants to develop for homes. OHC brought ECHD to a halt. Not sure is taking public access.

Jeff Jondle: Back in the 80's the group wanted to make duck blinds.

Chuck Godfrey: Meeting in February to present plan – then start construction.

Joe Fischer: They recognize year-round access.

Teach Me to Fish Clinics – Joe McAdams

Sample layout complete. Will present December meeting. Trailer stored at Frank Miskey Sr.'s house – for easy access. We need to purchase swag for giveaways at Kidsfest in February. We have approximately 22 poles for 2019 TMTF season.

Tom Fischer: We need to secure Commissioner's cabin by paying fee. Joe to investigate.

Motion to approve \$150 to secure cabin: Tom Fischer 2nd Dan Tone • Passed

(Note: Fee is actually \$175. Contacted office @ 716.858.8355 and have not received a call back.)

Small Game – Dan Tone

Today is last day that DEC Region 9 released pheasants; Niagara County and Zoar Valley. Heidi Kennedy husband checked permits. Need a thank you letter to Ranger Kennedy.

Big Game – Marc Alessi

DEC in middle of working with Cornell – sending out 11,000 questionnaires to land owners. DEC reminding hunters to report take. Failure to comply is \$250 fine. Recently online discussion on Bovine Tuberculosis – none in NYS only Michigan. Left over DMP available November 1st. DEC check point on Rt. 16 open November 17th from noon to 8pm and on November 18th from 10am to 6pm. Will age deer / bear, measure teeth, etc.

Franklin Thompson: DEC sent out based on lottery. Some received automatically by mail.

Chuck Godfrey: No one should have been denied 9H for 1st choice. Lots 9H as 2nd choice available.

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

Thank-you letter sent to Jeff. New event Saturday December 29th from 9am to 1pm: Fur handling @ Collins Conservation Club. Multiple stations, skinning, etc.

Waterfowl – George Rockey

Duck / goose open. Tonawanda still has low water. No birds in Oak Orchard.

Region 9 ECO – early hunt. In past we've donated to Youth Waterfowl Hunt.

Motion donate \$200 to Youth Waterfowl Hunt: Dave Rosner 2nd Frank Miskey Jr. • passed.

Conservation Council - Dan Tone

Meeting January 13th – 1pm @ Hoaks.

Dan Tone: Chuck Parker thinks NYSCC will make it. (financially)

Environment & Pollution – Chuck Godfrey

None

Legislation – John Susz Vote!

Three men in the room determine what legislation will be presented. Safe Act 2 lined up to register long guns.

Mark Alessi: Mike Carvelli attended club meeting and discussed some of the Safe Act 2 language. Hand gun renewal - going from 5 years to 2. Fees increasing. Other programs like microstamping.

Resolutions – Rich Davenport (Dan Tone)

None

Membership Outreach – Chuck Godfrey

Still looking for new members. Need help – please make other organizations aware.

Hunter Education – Frank Miskey Sr.

Nothing going on. Not enough classes.

Cheryl Schenne: Anyone interested in confiscated tree stands? They are available for instruction purposes only.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations – Frank Miskey Jr.

Frank called for the following positions – 3x as per requirements:

- President
No other nominations.
- 1st Vice President
No other nominations.
- 2nd Vice President
No other nominations.
- Treasurer
No other nominations.
- Recording Secretary
(Rich unavailable to accept nomination.)
Joe McAdams - alternate
- Corresponding Secretary
OPEN
- Membership Secretary
No other nominations.
- Conservation Council:
No other nominations.
- Director
Jim Bittner – accepted nomination.

Awards – Frank Miskey Sr.

No nominations. Application online.

Banquet – Frank Miskey, Jr.

Had banquet meeting October 25th at Dog Bar. Moving time back 1 hour to allow for banquet to end early. Need \$3K to fund banquet. Price remains @ \$35 per person.

Motion to approve \$3K for banquet: Dave Rosner 2nd Joe Fischer • passed

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Application on website. We issue 5 per year, but only have 1 applicant so far. Due date December 15th

Amy Plecas: Consider moving date. Will discuss next meeting if open to schools. Narrow focus to support schools – open to \$500 scholarship.

Fund Raising – Frank Miskey Jr.

Need to get gun raffle tickets sold.

FWMB – Chuck Godfrey / Dan Tone Alternate

Meeting 1st week of December.

Shows – Hope Melnyk

Expo 2nd weekend in March.

Motion to purchase 4 Safari Club tickets @ \$30 each: Tom Fischer 2nd Tony Gonnello

- passed

NHFD – Rich Davenport

None

WNY Environmental Federation – Dan Tone

Meeting at Hoaks January 13th at 1PM.

Youth Lifetime License – Chuck Godfrey

Chuck has more tickets. Need to get these in before December meeting.

Budget and Finance – Dave Rosner – (motion to pay bills)

No new bills presented for payment.

Website – Joe McAdams - ecfsc.org

Working on it.

Internal Controls – Tom Fischer

None

By-laws update – Cheryl Schenne

Nothing

Old Business

West Falls Club and Rails to Trails

- **Jeff Jondle:** Need something on record stating opposed.
- **Cheryl Schenne:** Overheard someone suggested installing a net to catch bullets and arrows.
- **Dan Tone:** We should invite Jack Bouquin to next meeting for update.

Kids day

- Need budget for prizes ASAP

Computer

- Motion to spend up to \$600 for computer and printer for membership chair: Cheryl Schenne 2nd Dave Rosner • passed.

Trailer Wrapping or Decals

- Suggestions taken. Mockup for next meeting.

New Business

Greenway Committee ECHDC

Sunshine Committee – Cheryl Schenne:

Flowers / Card for Hope.

Motion to spend up to \$50 for flowers: Franklin Thompson 2nd Nancy Schill • passed

Cards for: Rich (mom) and Jim

Upcoming Events

Greater Niagara Fishing & Outdoor Expo: January 24th – 26th

Kids Fest: February 2nd – 3rd

Expo: March 7th – 10th

Thanks to Host Club

Thanks to host Southtowns Walleye

50/50

\$25 Won by Region 9 Hunter Ed. Donated to NYSCC

Additional Items:

East Aurora Fish and Game would like to host March meeting.

East Aurora has committed to an entire day at the EC Fair

West Falls every April.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Frank Miskey Sr. 2nd Cheryl Schenne • Passed