



Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

ECFSC July 26, 2018 General Meeting Minutes

Host Club: [Niagara River Station](#)

Call to order – [7:55PM](#)

Pledge to Flag: [George Rockey](#).

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused: [R. Davenport](#), [M. Alessi](#), [C. Schenne](#), [J. Fischer](#), [D. Barus](#), [R. Barus](#),
[J. Bittner](#), [D. Tone](#).

Quorum of member clubs – Yes

Approval of previous month's minutes

[K. Bittner](#) / [T. Fischer](#)

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport

[D. Rosner](#) / [T. Fischer](#)

Membership report – Hope Melnyk

[Down to 1-2 clubs.](#)

Treasurer's report – Dave Rosner

Reconciliation report and summary presented.

- \$25204.66 checking
- \$5056 Grants
- \$3709 Youth License

[F. Miskey Jr.](#) / [D. Hochseber](#) ?

Bills presented for payment.

- \$290 fair tickets
- \$124 Zen Olow (mileage)
- \$333 Joe McAdams (reimbursement for TMTF)
- \$29 Chuck Godfrey

[F. Miskey Jr.](#) / [Larry](#)?

Correspondence report – Jeff Jondle

[C. Godfrey](#) – letter to Governor thanking him for support of Bill

[C. Godfrey](#) / [T. Fischer](#)

President's Report – Jeff Jondle

Next meeting will have 2 guest speakers. Budd Schroeder and Max Tresmond will discuss SAFE Act to date.

Next meetings and locations:

Date	Location
August	Erie County Fair
9/13/2018	Springville Field & Stream, Springville, NY
10/25/2018	Hawkeye Bowmen, Marilla
11/18/2018	Southtowns Walleye (TBD)
12/20/2018	Bison City Rod & Gun, Buffalo, NY (TBD)

GUESTS:

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law enforcement – J. Bittner

Uniform ECO at full staff. Lieutenant Niagara County retired. DEC has positions approved. Vacant Captain position. ECO dragged in Niagara County by UTV is OK.

Archery & Bowhunting – Jim McCann

West Falls youth archery clinic.

Crossbow –Frank Miskey, Jr.

<none>

Fish – Tom Fischer / Joe Fischer / Larry Jones

Sturgeon Point – Opened in March 1989. Town cost \$40-70K to dredge. Evans 23% increase in tax. \$5mm grant exhausted. Collins, Jacobs, DiPietro, Evans DEC to meet. Could cost \$10mm for needed repairs and maintenance. New grants unlikely – as rated “recreational” and a low priority. Need letters of support. Motion to have all member clubs write letter of support.

[H. Melynk.](#) / [T. Fischer](#)

Chuck – meeting Niagara County Lake Ontario

Tom – VIP day in Dunkirk > August 8th

Teach Me to Fish Clinics – Joe McAdams

Need to get trailer complete for next year. Will drop off to Frank Miskey Jr. to build out interior. Will rent storage facility for 2 months. Donate 20 rods to Valley Community Association.

[T. Fischer / J. McAdams](#)

Small Game – Dan Tone

Chuck – DEC wild turkey survey.

Big Game – Marc Alessi

Tom – drop in bow hunting 6.5%. Increase in crossbow 24%.

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

[<none>](#)

Waterfowl – George Rockey

[<none>](#)

Conservation Council - Dan Tone

Chuck – council does not send out resolutions anymore. Motion to as delegates in Sept. meeting to request resolutions from CC.

[C. Godfrey / F. Miskey Jr.](#)

Environment & Pollution – Chuck Godfrey

Program for sea lamprey control with artificial pheromones. Now testing in Michigan.

Legislation – John Susz

[<none>](#)

Resolutions – Rich Davenport (Dan Tone)

[<see Conservation Council>](#)

Motion to purchase 5 tickets – Don Einhouse

[F. Miskey / H. Melynk](#)

Membership Outreach – Chuck Godfrey

[<none>](#)

Hunter Education – Frank Miskey Sr.

Chuck Dente retired. Kelly Stein newly appointed.

Motion to purchase 4 tickets to Region 9 banquet.

[T. Fischer / J. McAdams \(question by D. Hoseburger: can we afford it?\)](#)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations – Frank Miskey Jr.

<none>

Awards – Frank Miskey Sr.

<none>

Banquet – Frank Miskey, Jr.

Need to meet with committee soon. Banquet date March 2nd 2019

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

<none>

Fund Raising – Frank Miskey Jr.

Gun raffle tickets – 12 guns. Drawing Jan. 24th, 2019 at Elma Conservation. Offering sellers prize \$50.

FWMB – Chuck Godfrey / Dan Tone Alternate

<none>

National Hunting and Fishing Day – Rich Davenport

Meeting called – no one came. Date set September 22nd

Shows – Hope Melnyk

Setup for fair - Tuesday 7:30am – 4:30 pm.

WNY Environmental Federation – Dan Tone

Chuck – informational sheets printed.

Youth Lifetime Licenses - Chuck Godfrey

Chuck – has tickets for sale

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

Website – Joe McAdams - ecfsc.org

Please use existing tools to post events.

Internal Controls – Tom Fischer

<none>

Bylaws update: C. Schenne – need feedback by Sept. meeting.

Old Business:

Jeff Jondle – Cabela’s grant. Need pictures / video.

Erie County Fair exhibits – Dave Rosner needs more pictures. Will donate small fridge for booth.

Hope Melnyk to review staffing.

Jeff Jondle – requesting alternate chairpersons.

New Business - any new delegates present?

Gary – DEC license sales @ Cabelas. Don’t know about habitat stamp.

Family of Paul Stoos donated LCD tv for fair.

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

<none>

Sunshine Committee – Cheryl Schenne:

<none>

50/50 Raffle

\$24 – Region 9

Thanks to Host Club

Thanks to host Niagara Station

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

H. Melnyk / T. Fischer



New York State Conservation Council Inc.
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**STATEMENT OF NYSCC BIG GAME COMMITTEE
REGARDING S4739 AND ANY SIMILAR BILLS
By Rich Davenport, Co-Chair**

In regard to recently introduced Senate S4739, a bill to impose mandatory antler restriction on hunters for buck harvest across NYS, the NYSCC Big Game Committee is not only opposed to this bill in total, but is appalled and disappointed by yet another selfish attempt to undermine the NYS DEC and its ability to effectively manage whitetail deer on behalf of the People of NY.

It is policy of the NYSCC to maintain much responsibility for wildlife management within the authority of the NYSDEC and its wildlife professionals, rather than having management dictated by politicians through a process which cannot ever respond to the often rapidly changing landscape of stewarding our wild treasures.

To be clear, no support of significance exists for mandatory antler restriction, either via regulatory or legislative action. The recent DEC-sponsored study conducted by Cornell University concerning this issue revealed as much. This very expensive and extensive study confirmed NYSCC's position. For a number of years policy resolutions were submitted to the Big Game Committee, made up of representatives from the organized sporting community across NYS. Each resolution failed to gain the positive recommendation of the Committee and failed official adoption by vote of the statewide membership during NYSCC's Annual Meeting. We also note the sponsor's memo for this bill cites a survey done in 2006 rather than the most recent study results released in 2015 - which in our eyes is deceitful at best.

Our position has been education over regulation or legislation, and the DEC's structured decision-making study confirmed this is the best course of action to take concerning alternative buck management, and this is the approach adopted.

Further, considering the incredible time and effort wildlife officials at the DEC spent on the issue of mandatory antler restriction -- dealing with pilot programs, FOIL requests, continual headaches dealing with attempts to legally handcuff their capacities by those unqualified to decide on wildlife management

decisions and direction -- they had asked for no further efforts concerning mandatory AR for at least the next 3-5 years.

Yet, once again, the agenda of one very small group with questionable credentials cannot seem to respect the wildlife management and deer management challenges NYS faces. Larger issues such as chronic wasting disease (CWD) prevention and overcoming suburban and urban deer management challenges take far higher priority. Crop damage and public health concerns such as rising rates of Lyme disease would not improve by further restricting NY hunters from being effective deer management tools. Harvest rates will admittedly drop with AR implementation, a costly and counter-intuitive "benefit" to the goals of S4739. And let us not forget that from a biological standpoint, mandatory AR in any form is completely unnecessary in NYS, as DEC big game biologists have repeatedly stated over the past 8 years.

We are understandably appalled and disappointed with this bill's introduction and are adamantly opposed to its entirety for the above reasons. We therefore urge the NYS Senate and all members of the NYS Legislature to reject this bill and future bills of its kind and continue to allow wildlife professionals to do their jobs.

our 22nd Banquet 21st Banquet Salvatore's Italian Gardens Salvatore's Italian Gardens

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Mail to: NFFNRA c/o J Mitchell c/o Bob Sieman

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