

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC.

Minutes for April 09, 2025

Delegates present: 17

Guest(s): ECO G. Parker

Several new recruits have been "released into the wild" and are in the field training process as of Mid March. Joan Boettcher is local and one of them.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Carl Lindsley See areas below.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley Deming says zones were changed a little, again. Some DEP officers now have jurisdiction over Sullivan County. Sullivan County was cut by 2. He further shared to contact the local officer, you go online to the DEC webpage to get the Cell phones number.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the March 2025 meeting minutes. Second, carried.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications:

John Van Etten, President:

Carl Lindsley, Vice President:

Marlene Osterhout, Secretary/Treasurer:

Katie Dauch, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer:

April 2025 Bills:

Katie Dauch	\$ 100.00	Asst. Secretary/Treasurer Apr. 2025
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 400.00	Secretary/Treasurer Apr. 2025
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 98.00	Internet Mar. 25- Apr. 2025
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 12.00	mileage for banking and office supply Mar. 2025
Bill Norris	\$ 28.17	beverages/snacks Mar. and Apr. 2025
Cooper Arias	\$1,125.00	Tax preparation and non-profit filing fee
Thomas O'Neill	\$ 350.00	Summer Camp (website wasn't working well.)

A motion was made to pay current bills, seconded and CARRIED.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: John VanEtten

Vice President: Carl Lindsley

Secretary/Treasurer: Marlene Osterhout

Feb. 28, 2025 Balance	\$ 9,705.43
Mar. 2025 Income	495.00
Mar. 2025 Expense	<u>4,685.85</u>
Mar. 31, 2025 Balance	\$ 5,514.58

Breakdown of income and expenses presented to delegation, by Marlene Osterhout.

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The expenses included, those noted on March 31, 2025 bank statements were assumed to be debit charges by Gary Muthig. Since he was absent, no receipts were received. A charge on 3/18/25 for Carson City Hotel for \$235.50, a charge on 3/25/26 to Exxon in Kiamasha for \$82.75 and a charge on 3/29/25 for \$75.00 to NY State was noted. A discussion and comments ensued by the delegation.

Motion to accept as read, seconded, APPROVED.

REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Council Delegate: Gary Muthig Absent Old news: NYSSC has a spring meeting slated for April 11-13, 2025 at Arnot Forest.

Trustees: Keith Krauss; Gary Muthig; Hank Samyn Nothing to report.

Fish: Co-chair: Seymour Streigold and Bruce Terwilliger Bruce spoke of Monday & today's stocking of fish in Sullivan County. There was a with a good turnout and several clubs were represented with about 3 hours the first day, 4 hours today. More volunteers are still needed, even if you can help out on one location. Bruce thought the one year old trout smaller than usual, perhaps 6" long. The hatchery used a new hybrid fish.

Small Game: Hank Samyn Carl Lindley states turkeys are breeding early this year.

Big Game: John VanEtten Carl Lindley states bears are out. If you have birdfeeders out, you should take them down. No deer report for New York, but PA is out and is up 19%. He also stated the PA take was the highest since the 1980's. John suggests checking out HuntFishNY app, since it's an incredible resource for sportsmen and sportswomen.

Bow Hunting: Ray Otto Bow season not open now. Turkey season is a lot of fun to try. All Things Accuracy has several events coming up. Into The Wild, location Holiday Mountain, July 12 & 13, 2025. Flyer attached.

Trapping: Carl Lindley nothing new.

Legislative: John Van Etten Bill Gates states if you contact legislators, please don't just call. Put it in writing so there's a paper trail or a digital record. Tim Manzollino heard from Paula Kay that she's not going to support anti gun legislation.

Conservation Education: Keith Krauss/Carl Lindley Keith stated there are 9 kids preauthorized for DEC camp. Please reach out to him for the code, so the Federation can sponsor kids. His number is (845) 932-8923

Carl reminded everyone with 60 + clubs, please be sure to let your youth know, so summer camps will continue to be open in the future. He was happy to report DeBruce and each camp will be opened this summer. They are still looking for a few male counselors, at least 18 years of age.

March 23, 2025, at 1:00 pm, was opening registration day for kids to sign up on DEC website.

According to Derming, 2 weeks have been approved by DEC for kids to go. A motion was made to approve any kid that wants to go for up to 2 weeks, even if it goes over budget (\$5,500.00). Second, Carried

FWMB: Gary Muthig (absent) and Bruce Terwilliger Bruce says he's starting to figure it out. Regarding Avion Bird influenza, it's most commonly spread through fecal matter. It's doing a number on raptors.

He's found Anne McNamara, who has been very helpful and provided several good references to him. Food banks have partnered with sportsmen to donate 8,700 lbs. of venison this past hunting season. Carl brought up a couple local venison processors. Then they have to be reimbursed for what they have processed. Bruce would like to see this restarted. He asked for more thoughts and additional resources for next meeting.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch Fred stated applications for Habitat are the same as last year. 8 clubs have picked them up. Time to do soil tests, if you hurry. There are lots of programs out, like in the past.

Sportsman Education: John Van Etten John Van Etten did an in person hunter safety course on April 5th, 2025. 6 students showed up, even though several more had signed up. That seems to be the new normal. John firmly believes that hands on, in-person safety courses are the best. Hunter safety and hunter safety bow are also on-line. They're trying to start up a trapping one, too.

BOW Becoming an Outdoor Woman: An upcoming event was emailed to Federation email list last week.

DEP: Gary Muthig absent.

Grahamsville Fair nothing until August 2025. 15, 16 & 17th. Hank will be out of town for the event. Hank Samyn has 3 tables and the info. boards in his storage shed, since the Agricultural Society won't allow the Federation to store things there. Does anyone have space store them? Seymour Strelgold will store them.

Youth Day: Hank Samyn, Chair and Marlene Osterhout, Asst. Chair September 6th, 2025. Nothing else, at this time.

Youth Fishing Day: Carl Lindsley & Ray Otto, Co-chair Nothing until June 2025, first Saturday after Bass fishing season, projected. June 21, 2025. Carl or Ray to reach out to Arnold Sletsky to make reservation. Marlene & Patty to do giveaway and prize shopping.

NRA: John VanEtten John nothing going on in Sullivan County. Ulster County NRA, Gary Muthig on the committee.

Sweepstakes: John Van Etten, Marlene Osterhout, Seymour Strelgold, Bruce Terwilliger, Gary Muthig & Katie Dauch (committee) Meeting was on March 5, 2025. If club sells up for 40 books, 20% rebate; 41 books 30% and 40% for highest sales, only. Early bird still exists, 10 clubs drawn, if they turn in slips and money for books sold by September meeting.

Seymour distributed to clubs in attendance.

Motion to mail out raffles for clubs that don't pick them up, and get postage reimbursement. Second, Carried.

Three prizes only \$10,000, \$1,000 and \$500. to Cabela's/Bass Pro Shops. The winner(s) could buy what they want such as a boat, a hunting or fishing trip, fishing gear or gun, etc. John heard back that they may support us, as a non-profit, through grant applications, which they'll be sending information to him.

Additional prizes, will be door prizes at the October dinner, for attendees, only.

For Habitat or Pheasant must sell 20 books.

Annual Banquet: Chair; Gary Muthig diners, Marlene Osterhout (raffle & 50/50 sales at event)
1st Saturday of October. Slated October 4, 2025 at the Rockland House.

Sports person of the Year: Chair is the oldest person present. All prior Sportsmen and Women are the committee. Applications due in June 2025. Announcement will be at October 2025 banquet and appreciation dinner.

Pheasants: To qualify, a club must sell 20 books.

Youth pheasant hunt: Gary Muthig; Co-host Sullivan County Long Beards

Fall: Sept. 27 & 28, 2025 statewide.

Ice Fishing Derby: Carl Lindsley Nothing else until January 2026. We have to wait for some ice.

Scholarships Carl Lindsley: Nothing until later in 2025. There are a few in the works.

Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto Soil & Conservation,

you can still buy some things.

Fund raising: Federation of Sportsman's Clubs Annual Dinner 1st Saturday of Feb. 2026

Opposing the Ban for Ammunition with Lead: Eric Akerly absent.

Unfinished or Old Business: Current dues are \$55.00, we'd like to increase to \$75.00 starting 2026. This is the second time. Motion to start the process, second, Carried. Notice of pending by-law change for

one more meeting, then vote it in.

New Business: Michelle Poprawski from Catskill Fish Hatchery to address the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs losing stocking places. She would like to come to a meeting to explain the importance of this.

Update: She plans to attend the May 2025 meeting.

To be addressed is the debit card held by Trustee that is no longer the Fish Stocking chair. Motion for

Trustees to talk with party, second and Carried.

Motion for unofficial facebook page be taken down, permanently. To be addressed by Trustees speaking

to the party. Second, Approved.

Misc. Keith Krauss said a good book to read is "A Splendid Savage" by Steve Kemper, it's about the start

of the Boy Scout movement around the world.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:25 pm, Second and CARRIED.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 9 2025, 7:00 pm at the White Lake Fire Department

Located at 1596 NY-17B White Lake, NY

Submitted by:

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Marlene Osterhout

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC.

REGISTRATION

Apr. 09, 2025

MONTHLY MEETING

NAME OF CLUB

Delegate/Alternate

1	ROGUOIS	Ray C. H.
2	FE BASK SPORTS CLUB	Shirley Bouch
3	Buck Hunting Club	Carl Hunter
4	Slout	Kent K.
5	WOLF LK COHO CLUB	HARRY WALKER
6	Hunter Rd.	Paul Sanger
7	Sullivan County Conservation Club	John S. Van Etten
8	WANAKSINK LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB	Bruce Jewell
9	Tri State Rtg	J. W. Gatz
10	Tusten Rod & Gun Club	Paul Robinson
11	Woods Pond Rtg	Seymour Strabou
12	BBEGC	J. P. LANG
13	Highland Waterfowl	James Sturges
14	Spring Lake	Paul Harris
15	Cherokee	Tim Mangobell
16	Whippoorwill Camp	Eric Heinal
17	Whippoorwill Camp	Gunter Steiner
18	Buck Ridge	Mark T. Peral
19	Stay Branch	Bill Nott
20	Special Guest	Officer Parker
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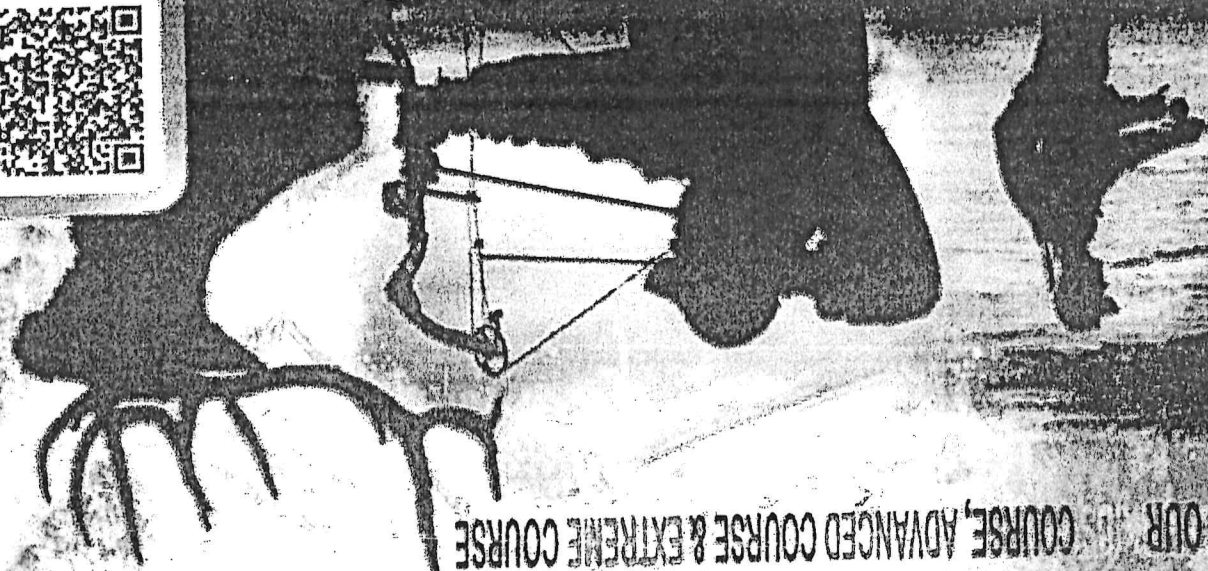
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Application for Sportsman/woman of the Year

Sponsor's name (individual): _____

Club name: _____

Candidate's name: _____

Please give a brief summary of who this person should be considered for the Sportsman/woman
Of the Federation.

*Please note, each submission should be in a sealed envelope, labeled
"Sportsman/woman of the year. *

Deadline: 2nd Wednesday of June, by 6:00 pm
All prior Sportsmen/women make up the Committee and are cordially invited to attend.

Application for Candidate for Sportsman of the Year

1. Nominee must be a member of the Federation who has worked for the goals and the betterment of the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County Inc. A non-Federation member may be considered for this award, in the event no qualified Federation member has been nominated. No discrimination for age, sex or creed.
2. Every Federation Club in good standing will have the right to submit one applicant resume. A past recipient can only receive this award once. President can bestow special president or club awards, as he may deem necessary.

3. Names shall be submitted before the June meeting. All past Federation Sportsmen members are invited to attend a special meeting date to be held prior to the regular July meeting for voting. The past sportsman with the most tenure present will chair the meeting. All nominee resumes will be read and a vote taken after final discussion.
4. After the nominees selection a 5x7 picture will be made available to the chair. The nominee selected will remain anonymous till the announcement at the annual banquet.
5. To qualify the said nominee shall have demonstrated exemplary service in any area of conservation as follows:

- a. A volunteer for significant sportsman activities.
- b. Legislative activities that benefit sportsmen.
- c. Writings - which have promoted the Federation goals and sportsmen.
- d. Teaching conservation in the fields of fish and wildlife.
- e. Other qualifying activities.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR RESUME

Please Print

Name _____
Address _____
Club Affiliation _____
Nominating Club _____
Date _____
Please explain the reasons why said nominee qualifies for Sportsman of the Year below: