

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

Minutes for May 14, 2025

Delegates present: 15

The meeting began at 7:10 pm with a salute to the flag of the United States of America

Introduction of guests: Michelle Poprawski, Manager of Catskill Fish Hatchery (Region 3), Logan Grisaber, Asst. Manager of Catskill Fish Hatchery, Amber Gray, District Technician of Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District, and ECO G. Parker

Michelle Poprawski updated delegation regarding recategorization of NYS Trout streams. This included "accessibility, size of streams, carrying capacity and angler pressure" (per slide presentation).

4 sets of letters to landowners, that are stocked by DEC, are being sent out. Letters basically are asking if they are continuing to allow angler access or not, and if they have fishing permitted signs or not. When accessibility is not permitted, the stocking will be stopping. The signage is being updated, too. Regional offices have until October 2024 to get these in to State offices for adjustments or changes being made in 2026.

If there is no response by 4 letters being sent, this would indicate land owners do not consent, and fish stocking will cease at that location. This has resulted in a significant reduction of fish stocking and limited access to stream fishing, which affects counties all across New York State.

Amber Gray works for the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District. They are currently selling fish. She gave the delegation a brief presentation of what fish are available and which require permits. Please go to website at [sullivanswcd.org](http://sullivanswcd.org) for more information about the fish. Also, go to [www.dec.ny.gov/permits/25045.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/25045.html) for most fish, but for Triploid Grass Carp go to [www.dec.ny.gov/permits/25026.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/25026.html)

ECO Parker shared there was a hunting shooting incident yesterday, in Orange County. A turkey hunter shot another hunter in the face. The victim did not die, but managed to get to his automobile, get help and was transported to Westchester. The shooter ran from the scene and was later apprehended. ECO Parker also shared that Officer Heckler took a position in Oswego and will be done in a week.

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

**Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley** out sick. Academy will be starting 2026 with 45 students/cadets.

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

**BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communications:

John Van Etten, President:

Carl Lindsley, Vice President:

Marlene Osterhout, Secretary/Treasurer: Read Proposal, dated April 29, 2025, from United Insurance Agency, Inc. for liability went down. Offers are \$695.00 for \$1,000,000 in coverage or \$860.00 for \$2,000,000 in coverage. Both offers are for 1 year. Motion for \$860.00 check to be issued, second, approved.

Katie Dauch, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer:

May 2025 Bills:	
Katie Dauch	\$ 100.00
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 400.00
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 98.00
Bill Norris	\$ 18.43
Liberty Press	\$ 1,050.00
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer May 2025	\$ 1,002.00 for raffle tickets, \$48.00 Youth Fishing Contest
Secretary/Treasurer May 2025	Internet Apr. 25- May 2025
Secretary/Treasurer May 2025	beverages/snacks May 2025
Contest	\$1,002.00 for raffle tickets, \$48.00 Youth Fishing

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

Additional debit charges from Gary Muthig of \$90.01 at Speedway Binghamton for gas, and a missing receipt for \$4.00 with nothing notation also at Speedway, according to the April 2025 bank statement.

Gary Muthig, Trustee, also put in a voucher for \$185.50 for travel miles of 265 at \$.70 per mile. From that, he noted the \$90.01 and \$4.00. Additionally, his voucher requested dues of \$55.00 be paid for Muthig Family dues for 2025 and a reimbursement be issued for \$36.49.

Marlene Osterhout, Treasurer requested a gas receipt from March 26, 2025 which was on the March 2025 bank statement for Exxon Kiamasha for \$82.75 be turned in, identified and authorized, that was previously charged to the debit card that Gary Muthig maintains.

No motion was made for approval on the above items, but Gary did leave the meeting for the evening.

Questions/concerns were raised by several members of the delegation, such as:  
 Why does Gary have a debit card, that belongs to the Federation, if he is no longer the Fish Chair?  
 Why are Robert's Rules not being followed, by having purchases preapproved, even if in budget, when parties know there are upcoming events/meetings?  
 Why doesn't the Council pay for these expenses, when Gary has been voted in by them?

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

President: John VanEtten

Vice President: Carl Lindsey

Secretary/Treasurer: Marlene Osterhout

Mar. 31, 2025 Balance

\$ 5,514.58

Apr. 2025 Income

220.00

Mar. 2025 Expense	<u>2,420.68</u>
Apr. 30, 2025 Balance	\$ 3,313.90

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

An additional check was honored by the bank, from the 2023 Coyote Hunt. The check had been previously stale dated. Marlene went to the bank to see if it could be reversed, reimbursed based on bank policy of 6 months stale dated. Branch officer stated because the check went through a clearing house, the main office would not reverse the charge. Several delegates added comments, including to make an adjustment to the records.

The expenses included, those noted on March 31, 2025 bank statements were debit charges by Gary Muthig. A charge on 3/18/25 for Carson City Hotel for \$235.50; on 5/14/25 for hotel at spring meeting, a charge on 3/25/25 to Exxon in Kiamesha for \$82.75 no receipt and a charge on 3/29/25 for \$75.00 to NY State noted; turned in 5/14/25 for spring meeting.

Motion to approve, seconded, APPROVED.

#### **REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Council Delegate:** Gary Muthig left early.

**Trustees:** Keith Krauss; Gary Muthig; Hank Samyn Nothing to report. (Hank absent)

**Fish:** Co-chair: Seymour Streigold and Bruce Terwilliger. Seymour had previously been informed by Hank that prior records had been found and a box was to be delivered tonight. No box was present. Gary informed Seymour his house had been cleaned and records discarded.

Bruce said today would be the 12th stocking. Bruce commented they have had 2 great truck drivers and biologist and staff, that not only were very helpful, they are very knowledgeable.

**Small Game:** Hank Samyn absent.

**Big Game:** John VanEtten Nothing new.

**Bow Hunting:** Ray Otto Nothing at present.

**Trapping:** Carl Lindsley Nothing new.

**Legislative:** John Van Etten Nothing to report.

**Conservation Education:** Keith Krauss/Carl Lindsley 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 mentioned there is one youth that would like to attend for two weeks. As previously approved, the Federation can sponsor the child.

**FWMB:** Gary Muthig and Bruce Terwilliger Gary left early.

**HABITAT:** Fred Bosch Fred stated applications for Habitat are the same as last year. Several clubs have them picked up.

**Sportsman Education:** John Van Etten Nothing noted.

**BOW** Becoming an Outdoor Woman: Nothing noted.

**DEP:** Gary Muthig absent.

**Grahamsville Fair** nothing until August 2025. 15, 16 & 17th. Hank will be out of town for the event.

**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. June 21, 2025, 9 am to 2 pm at Morningside. Arnold Sletsky confirmed availability. Food to be verified who is purchasing and if the Morningside concession will prepare burgers & hotdogs for the event. Flyers were printed and brought to the meeting. Marlene & Patty to do participants prize shopping, according preapproval from the budget, in May 2025. We'll need the pop up (we think Hank has that) and one or two tables (Ray Otto has some) and a few chairs. Marlene has a cooler and will be sure there are beverages, ice and chips. Carl will pick up worms.

Any and all volunteers are welcome to attend, bring children.

**NRA: John VanEtten** John nothing going on in Sullivan County.

Ulster County NRA, Gary Muthig on the committee. He left early.

**Sweepstakes: John Van Etten, Marlene Osterhout, Seymour Streigold, 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. Sited October 4, 2025 at the Rockland House.

**Sportsperson of the Year:** Chair is the oldest person present. All prior Sportsmen and Women are the committee. Selection is 6pm, prior to June meeting at the White Lake Fire Department. Applications due in June 2025. Formal 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. Carl states there is no ice. **Scholarships Carl Lindsley:** Nothing until later in 2025. There are a three for review, from what Carl knows.

**Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto** Cochection Mills has ordered mulberry trees this year. Several delegates noted that deer love them. Susan doesn't know if they have any fruit trees.

**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, increase to \$75.00 starting 2026. This is the third time. Motion to start the process, second, Carried.

*Discussions ensued regarding debit card and charges, more notes above under bills and communications. There are a few reasons noted above. Motion made to cancel Trustee credit card, second and approved.*

**New Business:** Nothing

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

Next meeting: **Wednesday, June 11, 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*

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REGISTRATION 5/14/2005 MONTHLY MEETING

NAME OF CLUB

Delegate/Alternate

1 Woodspend B+B

2 P.E. Beach Sportsman's Club

3 Mch's Family P/S

4 College Brook P/S

5 St. Mary's Brook

6 St. Mary's Brook

7 Tusten Rtg Club

8 Tusten P+G Club

9 Winkas Lake Sportsman Club

10 510 A X

11 180 goats

12 EXETER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

13 Sullivan County Conservation Club

14 Bear Hunting Club

15 Silver Fox Sportsman Association

16 Cherokee

17 Sullivan County Long-Bow Archery

18 Sullivan County Long Bows

Seymour Striker

Steel Road

Gary Mathis

Bruce Mathis

Paul Mathis

Brad Mathis

Robinson Paul

William Ballard

Emile Jambler

Paul K

Ray O'H

DETROIT DOENK

John S. Van Ethen

Carl Kumbler

MINER TAPER

Tim Grampall

Wendy

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**Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc.**

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***SWEEPSTAKES 2025***

To All Federation members,

As Federation members, you are aware that the annual sweepstakes is a very important fundraiser for the calendar year. The Federation maintains many programs that are solely supported by the sweepstakes revenue. We are asking all clubs to make an extra effort selling the sweepstake tickets and please volunteer your time to help out at the Federation functions that are held throughout the year. We cannot purchase fish, continue the pheasant program, send children to summer DEC camp, continue the habitat program, award college scholarships and sponsor youth programs or accomplish any of the other important programs and projects without these additional funds.

Clubs must be in good standing to qualify for Habitat monies, Pheasants or any Federation funded programs.

A club must sell \$400.00 of raffles and **money must be turned in by the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**This is the deadline for bonus money, too.**

The early-bird cash drawing \$20.00 each for ten (10) individual clubs will be held at the end of the meeting.

*To qualify for bonus money, clubs must sell at least 20 books of 7 raffles.*

Amount	Rebate	Total Amount
<u>Sold by club</u>	<u>for club</u>	<u>to club.....</u>
\$400.00 - \$815.00	20% of sales	\$80.00 to \$163.00
\$820.00 and up	30% of sales	\$246.00 and up
Top sales	40% of sales	<i>To be determined and announced at October 25 Banquet.</i>

*"The club selling the most will receive 40% of their total sales."*

Note: There are seven (7) tickets in a packet plus a final ticket for club bonuses. Clubs turn in the last one by writing their or stamping their name on it, when turning in money. The amount sold and turned in determines the club's bonus. Please make checks payable to: Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. **For returns & on the night of the early bird (Sept. 10 '25), please have your stubs separated.** No staples, please. Be sure to fill in the stub with the club name. To qualify for Pheasants your club **MUST** be signed up at the July, August or September meeting. Enclose a note with your sweepstake returns if you wish to be signed up for the pheasants and will not be able to attend a meeting. Your help with the 2025 Sweepstakes is greatly appreciated. If you mail your sales, please send it to Marlene Osterhout, at the above address. Thank you.

**NO SIGN UP – NO PHEASANTS – NO EXCUSES!**

Respectfully Yours:

John S. Van Etten, Gary Muthig, Marlene Osterhout, Seymour Streigold and Bruce Terwilliger  
*the Sweepstakes Committee*





*Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc. presents:*

# **— 3rd Annual — YOUTH FISHING CONTEST**

***Join us at Morningside Park in Hurleyville, NY  
The contest will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. on  
Saturday, June 21st, 2025***

Rain or shine. Free for children ages 3-15, an adult must supervise.  
Bring a rod & reel if you have; loaners available.

We will supply bait, plus snacks and beverages for children. Bring sunscreen. Prizes for all. All decisions will be made by Federation members. Fish must be legal size for children to take home their catches.



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