

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

Minutes for September 10, 2025

Delegates present: 24

The meeting began at 7:15 pm with a salute to the flag
of the United States of America

A moment of silence fallen people of Sept. 11 in NYC

Introduction of guests: Paula Kay, Assembly member (under Legislation), ECO Ricky Wood & ECO April Boyce

ECO Boyce introduced herself, new to Sullivan County as an ECO, lives in the area and plans to spend her career here.

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

Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the August 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion, Second, carried.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications:

John Van Etten, President: John

Carl Lindsley, Vice President:

Marlene Osterhout, Secretary:

Patty Lindsley, Treasurer:

August 2025 Bills:

Patty Lindsley	\$ 498.00	Treasurer - September \$400.00; Internet \$98.00
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 490.52	Secretary \$400.00 & Internet \$95.00 (discounted for setting up automatic pay). September
Shoprite	\$ 82.41	Youth Day
Premier	\$907.50	Bags - Youth Day & Youth Ice Fishing
New Munson	\$240.54	After Youth Day - volunteer meals (10 people)
Gary Muthig	\$234.59	Internet, toner & paper
Gary Muthig	\$529.58	Fall convention & mileage
Bill Norris	\$ 18.38	beverages/snacks
Liberty Press	\$ 182.00	Tickets for Youth Day
Carl Lindsley	\$ 51.21	Youth Day (worms & BB's) pre-approved
SC Democrat	\$ 79.21	Youth Day ad (pre-approved)
Walmart	\$41.88	Debit - youth day pre-approved
Oriental Trading	\$ 190.93	Debit card - Marlene - gifts for goody bags at Youth Day

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: John VanEtten received paperwork from County, approved contract of \$20,000.00.

Legislatures currently working on 12 year olds to hunt. Bear not included.

Vice President: Carl Lindsley keep your nieces, nephews, grandchildren, children in mind for Camp DeBruce for next year, so it can continue to be in operation. They're about to remodel and bring things up to code.

Secretary: Marlene Osterhout

Treasurer: Patty Lindsley \$50.00 gift card donated by All Things Accuracy, intended for Youth Day.
DEC attendee \$350.00 reimbursed.

July 31, 2025 Balance	\$1,419.24
August 2025 Income	\$6,400.00
August 2025 Expense	\$1,374.54
August 31, 2025 Balance	\$6,444.70

Breakdown of current expenses presented to delegation, by Patty Lindsley.

Motion to approve, seconded, APPROVED.

REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Council Delegate: Gary Muthig 3 day convention was Sept. 5, 6, 7. Topics were wolves and DEC; lead

Ammo - DOH stopped venison program; Osego, Herkimer and surrounding areas still testing deer - 3

red deer were found on a farm and walleye plan going in within the next year.

NYSOC.com click onto bills. Grassroots news *Sunnysideneews* is the password

Trustees: Keith Krauss; Gary Muthig; Hank Samyn Gary Muthig and Keith Krauss.

No report.

Fish: Co-chair: Seymour Streigold and Bruce Terwilliger went to the fish hatchery to take 3,000,000

eggs. They also made sure the trout would be supplied. The fishery took care of water for tank one day

(youth day). The fish were delivered the next day, again for youth day. Bruce requests a thank you go

out to the DEC hatchery for all their assistance. Seymour spoke with Andy of Trout Unlimited, they'll

help with distribution of trout in 2026. An area of Beemowack to get up and running, again.

Small Game: Hank Samyn Sightings of turkeys and poultis were noted.

NWTF reactivated in Ulster Co. Sept. 20th is their first event, according to Butch Kortright. Tickets are

available on-line, but no site was mentioned.

Big Game: John VanEtten Carl saw a buck in hard velvet.

Bow Hunting: Ray Otto, absent. A 3-D shoot in Walden, according to Harry Walker. They had pretty bad

storm damage and are setting up a new area. All Things Accuracy getting ready for fall leagues. More

concerns about incidents with accidents and tree stands.

Trapping: Carl Lindsley Spoke about DEC going to do testing for Fisher update. The traps are being

modified due to their legs (fishers). A study is being done in the northern part of the state, where the

population is higher.

Legislative: John Van Etten Paula Kay brought up any threats for children schools, increase safety for

students and staff, in January, a new bill will be introduced.

Paula Kay discussed the Move Over Rule, attempt to slow down motorists, to increase Points to help

road crew(s), someone fixing their vehicle, flag people, fire police or anyone on side of the road's safety

also coming up in January.

Cross bow passed Senate and passed through Assembly. It got to Governor's desk and she recently

signed it.

12-13 year olds, Sullivan County passed hunting, same policy that has been in place. Lawyers involved

ended up putting an expiration date of 2028 in place.

Conservation Education: Keith Krauss/Carl Lindsley 10 kids went to camp (prepaid). During week 7,
one of our sponsored kids was asked not to attend Camp DeBruce, due to COVID. Keith Krauss will check
into this, to see if this will be a credit to the sponsored child or a refund to the Federation. There were

1108 campers, with 78% enrollment. 164 attendees took hunter safety and 33 took trapper course (across all camps.) DeBruce had the most for hunter safety. Bids are being taken for the dining hall at DeBruce Sept. 17 schedule next year. March 27th, 2026 is the sign up date.

FWMB: Gary Muthig and Bruce Terwilliger New Paltz meeting is on September 22 with striped bass on the agenda.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch Several clubs have picked up applications. He's received a few so far, if any inspectors want to inspect early, that would be helpful. The deadline is prior to start of September 10, 2025 meeting, please turn in to Fred. Two clubs reached out to Marlene on 9/9/25 for applications. One turned theirs in at beginning of September meeting.

That is so they can be inspected and calculated, prior to being turned over to the Patty Lindsley, Treasurer at the October 4, 2025 dinner.

Eric Akerly, Hank Samyn, Joe Kaiser, Deming Lindsley, Gary Muthig and Fred Bosch are inspectors.

The final criteria will be that a club has met, at least, the minimum raffle sale(s) of \$400.00 or 20 books and turned it in, to get reimbursement.

Sportsman Education: John Van Etten Bow course at the Sullivan County Conservation Club this Saturday. Water Fowl safety course taught by John Van Etten as an apprentice recently in New Paltz. He's believes there were 35 participants. Duck certificate is valid until revoked, but permit must be renewed.

BOW Becoming an Outdoor Woman: Carl Lindsley spoke about this. Federation will sponsor up to 6 women. One person is confirmed to attend, she got in the lottery. Motion, second, carried.

Please watch emails, as the DEC periodically sends updates and notices of when and where activities are occurring and when a person can register. Also, a reminder that any club can sponsor one or more of their ladies. The person should register themselves and pay for it. After the event, bring a copy of the receipt and give a little talk, at a monthly meeting, of what they attended and briefly what they learned about. The expense can be reimbursed the same night.

DEP: Needs a chair. Nothing is happening.

Grahamsville Fair: Approached by President of Fair Board. Wanted some type of proposal from us to stay where we are or move us. John to meet with him.

Tabled an idea to purchase a couple new light weight tables for next event. This will be on hold, until outcome of meeting with Fair Board President.

Suggestion to discard antiquated table/benches & kiosk. Motion, second, approved.

Youth Day: Hank Samyn, Chair and Marlene Osterhout, Co. Chair September 6th, 2025.

Carl spoke. Considering the storms and other things such as Sullivan County parade going on, 74 children and their families turned out. All the kids had a great time, even without the archery shoot this year (Harry was ill.)

Special thanks to all volunteers, Butch Kortright for putting together bird house kits, Mike Curry's trapping demonstration, Deihl Farms for their Maple cotton candy, Sheriff's office with drones, Andy Boyer with fly fishing, Sage from Fish Hatchery, the Lion's club for providing and serving soda, plus passing out ice cream and Brian Bunce and his Birds of Prey; as well as all the club's volunteers and family members of Kay Danchak.

The event could use a little more organization, such as who is volunteering at which station(s).

Motion: Gift card for Brian Bunce \$50.00 and put ad with thank you and photo's from the 2025 event. John to put in S.C. Democrat. Second, Approved. A suggestion was made to ask for a reduction in cost, since the Editor is a member of one of the clubs.

Leftover chips, motion to donate to JAKES event. Second, approved. Hank wants to purchase toilet paper and paper towels. Motion, second, approved.

Hank added he'll no longer be chair. Motion to move Youth day to 2nd Saturday in September 12, 2026. Pending availability, second, approval. Late addition: the Sullivan County Firemen's parade has been confirmed for the same day. Grahamsville is hosting it, our date will need to be moved. Motion to sell Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc. raffle tickets at Youth Day; second, approved.

Youth Fishing Day: Carl Lindsley & Ray Otto, Co-chair Nothing until 2026 Perhaps a little more advertising for next year, to bring in a few more children.

NRA: John VanEtten John nothing in Sullivan County.

Reminder: Sept. 27, 2025 Kingston, Friends of NRA banquet.

Sweepstakes: John Van Etten, Marlene Osterhout, Seymour Streigold, Bruce Terwilliger

If club sells up for 40 books, 20% rebate; 41 books 30% and 40% for highest sales, only. This would also qualify the club for Habitat and/or Pheasants.

The early bird still exists, 10 clubs will be drawn, if they turn in stubs and money for books sold by beginning of September meeting and be in current standings with dues.

Early Bird, 10 clubs will receive \$20.00, along with any other distribution from sales or habitat mid to late October 2025: Iroquois Hunting & Fishing Club, Inc.; Buck Hunting Club; Highland Waterfowlers; Wolf Lake; Happy Daze Hunting Club; Wanaksink Lake Sportsmen's Club; Sioux Hunting Club, Inc.; Delaware Hunting Club and Cherokee Preserve Club. Congratulations! *Whippoorwill was removed from the winner's list, due to not being in current standings of 2025 dues.*

Three prizes only this year: \$10,000, \$1,000 and \$500 prepaid gift card to Cabela's/Bass Pro Shops. The winner(s) could buy whatever they want.

Suggestion for John Van Etten to provide Patty Lindsley with information necessary to make the purchases of gift cards prior to the October 4th, 2025 banquet.

won't be attending.
Annual (fall) Banquet: Gary Muthig, chair of attendees; Marlene Osterhout (raffle & 50/50 sales at event.) The cost is \$65.00 per person, as noted by Gary at the July 2025 meeting. It's on the calendar for October 4, 2025 at the Rockland House. Cocktails at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm.

A question of door prizes was brought up. Gary stated there are none, unless clubs want to donate something. Two special raffles will be going on. One for a leftover gun, one for a crossbow. A price reduction recommended, for family of former sportsmen of the year. Discussion ensued, no change this year. To make a reservation, contact Gary at (845) 798-4612

Sportsperson of the Year: Selection was made prior to start of June meeting. Announcement will be made at October 2025 banquet. Pheasants: Hank confirmed price with Dawn Hardler from Pheasant Hill at \$16.50 per bird, this year. Clubs should get in touch with Hank Samyn or John Van Etten to let Federation know if they want pheasants.

This is needed to let Pheasant Hill know ahead of time. They have a limited amount of people available during set hours to collect the birds for pick up. Pick up date is Sunday, October 05, 2025 from 8am-12pm. Pheasant Hill Birds (570) 253-3750 Niles Pond Rd. Honesdale, PA 18431

Youth pheasant hunt: Gary Muthig; Co-host Sullivan County Long Beards Sept. 27 & 28, 2025, statewide. Location Aden Hunting Club between Smith Rd./Muthig Rd. in Parksville, NY. If a club qualifies but doesn't want their Pheasants, they can donate to this event. 3 clubs are Denman Mountain, Buck Ridge Rod & Gun and Three Oaks. To register, go on the DEC website.

A reminder, this hunt is for youth hunters, only. This was emphasized adults may NOT handle guns or hunt at all because it is before opening day.

Ice Fishing Derby: Carl Lindsley Nothing else until January 2026. It is being held at Crystal Lake at the Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp.

Scholarships Carl Lindsley: Nothing new until 2026.

Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto absent.

Fund raising: Federation of Sportsman's Clubs Annual Dinner 1st Saturday of Feb. 2026 Carl mentioned beef prices are rising, we may have to adjust prices or change the menu. He'll clarify the projected cost with Dennis Day from White Sulphur Springs Fire Department.

Opposing the Ban for Ammunition with Lead: Needs a new chair. Prior discussion that this could go under legislation however it will be starting back up, soon. The ban was initially brought up for state land.

Unfinished or Old Business: Bruce brought up idea of a tri-fold of "what is" the Federation. John will pen something up.

New Business: \$100.00 donation to St. Jude's in memory of Janice Yager, Tom Yager's wife. Motion, second, approved.

Motion by Gary Muthig to open separate account to pay Secretary/Treasurer. Second; verbally a few for, majority against. A hand count was requested, 3 for, majority against. Not passed.

Some suggestions were made, such as a transfer from savings to checking each month. Ultimately, the Treasurer makes that decision, as she sees fit according to By-Laws.

\$50.00 to Hospice Sullivan/Orange in memory of Harold Barber. Motion, second, approved.

Motion to Adjourn: 9:30 pm, Second and CARRIED.

Next meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 8th, 2025, 7:00 pm at the White Lake Fire Department
Located at 1596 NY-17B White Lake, NY

Submitted by;

Marlene Osterhout, Secretary after review by

John S. Van Etten, President

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MONTHLY MEETING
REGISTRATION Sept. 10, 2025

NAME OF CLUB

Delegate/Alternate

Heiter of Sportsman's Club

Bethel Sportsman Club

Sullivan County Conservation Club

T. State Rtg

Stony Brook

State Rtg

Bald Mt.

5104X

Denman Mt. Hunt + Fish

Cherokee Club

Hiram Jones Hunting Club

TAM NIGGOTT

Gary Muthig

Debbies Diner

Tustin Rod & Gun Club

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WOLF AR. COV. CLUB

B3 Rtg

Hughland Waterfowl's

Whipoorwill Camp

Whipoorwill Camp

WAWANAKSINK LAKE Sportsman's Club

Woodland Htg

Back Bay

Ala. S. Sargent

James Telesmanis

John S. Van Ertten

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