

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

Minutes for March 12, 2025

The meeting began at 7:05 pm with a salute to the flag

Delegates present: 16

of the United States of America

Guest(s): ECO Lovegren and ECO A. Heckler will be covering Mamakating, Fallsburg & northern part of Orange County.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Carl Lindsley Carl glad to be here. Updated us that in the past several weeks he went from a wheelchair, to a walker, to a cane and now is walking on his own.

Report of retired DEC Officer: Deming Lindsley Deming spoke regarding ECO Heckler, saying she's new and survived one of the toughest academy that he knows of.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the February 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:

March 2025 Bills:

Katie Dauch	\$ 100.00	Asst. Secretary/Treasurer Mar. 2025
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 400.00	Secretary/Treasurer Mar. 2025
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 98.00	Internet Feb. 25- Mar. 2025
Marlene Osterhout	\$ 49.00	mileage - banking, Post Office Feb. - Mar. 2025
Bill Norris	\$ 6.29	beverages/snacks

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: John VanEtten King of the Ice on what the thought was worst day of winter. Over 150 people showed up, about 250 registered and about 50 people that didn't make it, because of weather.

Vice President: Carl Lindsley

Secretary: Marlene Osterhout Nothing in this section.

Treasurer: Marlene Osterhout

Jan. 31, 2025 Balance	\$ 6047.70
Feb. 2025 Income	38,669.00
Feb. 2025 Expense	10,010.97
Feb. 2025 Trans. to CD	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
Feb. 28, 2025 Balance	\$ 9,705.43

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

Motion to accept as read, seconded, APPROVED.

REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Council Delegate: Gary Muthig Meeting, Tuesday Board of Directors, 3/18/25

NYSOC has a spring meeting slated for April 11-13, 2025 at Arnot Forest.

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

Fish: No committee chair Co-chair: Bruce Terwilliger

Small Game: Hank Samyn absent Bruce Terwilliger Says in NY Outdoor News; a study by DEC & Cornell in 4 states, cancer causing agents in ducks & geese, for Atlantic flyway. They can't say to not consume.

Health Department has to make that statement.

Harry stated pheasants sick and had to be killed, the only thing they could shoot was "Chukar" partridges. Big Game: John VanEtten John laughed that ECO Lovegren stole his thunder.

ECO Lovegren stated black bear totals on DEC websites. 564 lb. bear taken in Saratoga County. Oldest bear 21 in Herkimer County. The take was estimated 1027 bears in Southern Zone, 657 bears estimated in Northern Zone. Lovegren further stated now is the time of year to begin keeping your trash barrels in basement, garage. You can use ammonia on a rag to deter bear from getting into your trash. It's just one way to eliminate a nuisance bear from your yard.

Amanda Letton's new Commissioner of DEC, she's in New Paltz this week.

Bow Hunting: Ray Otto absent. Harry Walker had some raffle tickets, but sold out quickly. He'll bring more to next meeting.

All Things Accuracy's the league has a couple weeks for make ups, before 3-D to start up.

Tri-County and Orange County are about to start up their 3-D shoot, according to Bill Gates.

All Things Accuracy is also having an event the 3rd weekend of July at Holiday Mountain. Campout,

food vendors, etc. More details coming soon.

Harry also mentioned having a sleepover clinic at Sullivan County Conservation Club soon. If sign up numbers aren't high enough, it will be a Saturday and Sunday daytime event, only. Harry Walker also

stated getting volunteers/staffing for clinics is difficult, with requirements similar to DEC camp.

Trapping: Carl Lindsley nothing new.

Legislative: John Van Etten Bill Gates stated that many pieces of legislation fail due to misinformation

when regarding sportsmen. Furthermore, he emphasized the voice of a sportsman to provide correct

information and point of view.

Conservation Education: Keith Krauss/Carl Lindsley Keith stated there are 10 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 Lindsley stated Camp DeBruce informed him last year they had a waiting list, so interested parties

will have to reapply this year.

Keith stated he knows of 4 or 5 kids, Susan mentioned 3 more suggested by Muthig Family farm.

John Van Etten says he got paperwork from the state to update his profile and secure his position there.

He's 99% sure it'll be opened. The new guy is Jackson Patterson according to Gary Muthig and John.

Keith reminds club members to talk to kids, so people can go be sponsored and go Camp DeBruce.

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

Camp DeBruce plans to vend out meals, if they can't find a cook.

FWMB: Gary Muthig and Bruce Terwilliger March 19, 2025 at 7 pm in New Paltz or can you can attend it online.

HABITAT: Fred Bosch Fred stated applications for Habitat are the same as last year. National Arbor Day catalog has Keefer Pear trees in a small catalog for about \$20.00, with small shipping charge. Sullivan County Soil Conservation has local availability, flyers were sent out with January meeting minutes. Susan Otto added they do not have Keefer Pears.

Sportsman Education: John Van Etten John Van Etten will be doing an in person hunter safety course at the Sullivan County Conservation club. Please go on DEC website to sign up. April 5th will be the hunter safety course, so people will be ready for May Turkey hunting. John stresses the importance of hands on experiences are vital.

ECO Lovegren stated he hands out most tickets to those that people that take on-line safety courses.

BOW Becoming an Outdoor Woman: Nothing

DEP: Gary Muthig nothing. They're not buying land, 'cause they spent all their money.

Grahamsville Fair nothing until August 2025. Seymour brought up that in 2024, Marlene was there mostly by herself. He stopped in to help, Fred Bosch helped, John Van Etten and Gary Muthig, too. As of last year, the Federation had 66 clubs. Of all our clubs even if an hour or two slot is taken, it would be a big help.

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 after Bass season.

NRA: John VanEtten John nothing going on in Sullivan County. Many claimed the lack of activity in the branches of NRA are due to loss of venue for Safe Shoot events and limited participation.

Ulster County NRA, Gary Muthig on the committee. Ulster County NRA is having a banquet at Safe Shoot in Kingston. Scheduled to September 27, 2025.

Sweepstakes: John Van Etten, Marlene Osterhout, Seymour Streigold, Bruce Terwilliger, Gary Muthig & Katie Dauch (committee) Meeting 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 books by September.

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.

This would cut down on overall expenses, such as insurance, as well as confusion of who actually has the prize in their possession.

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

For Habitat or Pheasant must sell 20 books.

Motion, second, carried.

Seymour to go to Liberty Press to get tickets printed.

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.

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

Pheasants: To quality, 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 was very pleased at turnout of 162 kids, and all the help while he

couldn't run it this year. Nothing else until January 2026.

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

Trees - Dunson Chestnut trees - a hybrid and Northern Spy Apples: Susan Otto added on to Habitat.

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:

New Business: Current dues are \$55.00, we'd like to increase to \$75.00 starting 2026. Motion to start the process, second, carried. Notice of pending by-law change for two meetings, then vote it in.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:16 pm, Second and CARRIED.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 9 2025, 7:00 pm** at the **White Lake Fire Department**
located at 1596 NY-17B White Lake, NY

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REGISTRATION March 12, 2025

MONTHLY MEETING

NAME OF CLUB	Delegate/Alternate
1 Mr. Thier	Gary McHugh
2 FE Boson Sportsmen	David Bosch
3 Woodford R+G	Seymour Steibach
4 Sullivan County Conservation Club	John S. Van Fatten
5 Slick	Paul K.
6 Back Ridge	Mark T. Pierce
7 Tusten R. + Gun	Paul Robinson
8 Tusten Rod + Gun	Bill Pollard
9 Iroquois	Susan G. H.
10 WANASINK LAKE Sportsmen Club	Bruce Jewell
11 Tn, State R+G	W. H. H.
12 Glenn M. Brown	Bill News
13 Wolf LK Cons Club	HARRY WALKER
14 Cherokee	Tim MANZUETTO
15 Sullivan County Longbeards	Longbeards
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17 Silver Fox Sportsman ASS.	Ken S. K.
18 Silver Fox Sportsman ASS	Adrian Champagne
19 Silver Fox Sportsman ASS	Sean Howe
20 Back Mountain Club	Carl Gudeby
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