

- Call to order:** Time: 7:43PM Host Club: Hawkeye Bowmen
- Roll Call - Officers & Directors:** Absent -
Excused – Joe Fischer, Dave Barus, Dave Reed
- Quorum of member clubs:** Yes No
- Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes as written.
Motion: Paul Kurzdorfer 2nd John Susz Approved Issues?
- Secretary's report:** <acting secretary>
- Membership report:** <Mike Smith>
Dues notices will be sent out this month.
- Treasurer's report:** <Tony Scime>
Motion: Mike Smith 2nd: Fred Langdon Approved Issues?
- Correspondence report:** <Chuck Godfrey>
Read response from Governor's Office on Cuba Lake.
- President's report:** <Chuck Godfrey>
Sent Niagara River Greenway letter.
- Future meeting locations;** Nov 10th @ Boston Valley Conservation Society on Zimmerman Road.
Starting next year – the meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month.
- Guest Speaker:** Pat Manning gave a rousing presentation on his position on sportsmen's issues. He is asking our support on his bid for office.
- STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- Law** <NYS DEC>
Nothing to report.
- Archery & Bowhunting:** <Dave Reed>
Three day bear season in Penn.
Tony Gonnello – Nov. 15th & 16th special archery season in Penn.
- Crossbow:** <Tony Gonnello>
Maryland dept. of Natural Resources – established 2k5 season.
Virginia and Penn. Followed suit. Pennsylvania very progressive.

- Fish:** <Dave Barus>
Excused.
Paul Stoos presented the PETA piece on “Your daddy kills animals”
- <Spencer > ECFAB still has \$5K in the budget to support the kids fishing program. Federal moneys still in the works.
- Small Game:** <Dan Tone>
This Saturday is the opening of pheasant season. First time ever open on Sat. Monitoring return on banded roosters. (over 1000 4H birds in Darien Lake State Park.) Ruffed grouse survey – call Mike Murphy at the game farm and get in on the survey.
- Big Game:** <Paul Stoos>
Big game day at Elma Conservation on Sept. 26th. Great seminar – poorly attended. (15-20 people) Hope to have it again next year. Gary Huber did 99% of the work. Paul attended the CWD meeting the next day. Nothing new to report. If you hunt in the Oneida area, there are certain rules and regulations relating to CDW.
- Trapping:** <Patti Wattengel>
Excused.
- Waterfowl:** <Paul Pietraszewski>
Season opens Oct. 22nd. Significant changes – bag limit down on blue bills. Canada season started end of September. Better than usual. Should be a good indicator of our season here.
- Conservation Council** <Joe Fischer >
Dan Tone – results of the resolution. New President, VP, etc.
Tony Gonnello – Looked at resolution 2 and 4 and pointed out the difference between the ECFSC and the NYSCC positions. Dan stated that the NYSCC position is comprised of the position of all member clubs. Bob Fuller – just a matter of numbers. Tony cautioned the ECFSC and NYSCC should be more informed with these resolutions.
- Legislation:** <John Susz>
HR1312 introduced on a Fed. Level – targeting 65 guns by name. Another assault weapons bill. Ban all semi-auto shotguns. Give Attorney General the power to ban any weapon that they feel is not a
- Motion to write a letter to all Erie County representaives
Motion: Tom Fischer 2nd: Nelson Cronin Approved Issues?
- HR800 added amendments by House and back to the Senate. John sent a letter to Brian Higgins and echoed Johns feelings. Did not say he was going to vote for or against it.
- Nov. 9th – Friends of the NRA banquet at Classics on Niagara Falls Blvd. Contact Debra 876-8424 for more information.
- (added info)
American hunters and shooters association is NOT a gun rights group.

Steve Aldstadt – presented a letter by Marshall Brown in support of Tim Howard. Asked to include letter in the minutes and post on the web site.

Budd Schroeder – commented on Tim Howard and how Tim spoke against the NYS Sheriffs Association against their support of the gun ban. Please get out and vote – Tim Wroblewski lost a big primary because of the lack of voter turnout. Don't let this happen to the Sheriff's office. Please make sure you are voting for pro-gun politicians.

Environment & Pollution:

<Tom Marks>

Mark Gaston contact Chuck Godfrey for organizations to help get a grant to help educate farmers on controlling pollution on Cat. Creek.

Council Resolutions:

<Bob Fuller >

Resolutions passed were printed with comments. Any new resolutions should be presented by the December meeting.

Membership

<Chuck Godfrey>

Sportsman/woman Education:

<Frank Miskey Sr.>

Contacted by George Schadel – group of hunter safety instructors trying to put together a banquet to honor hunter safety instructors. Requested to be able to use 501(c) 3 status to help give contributors tax deductions. Chuck will get back to all on the date of the banquet.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards :

<Will Elliott>

Not available

Banquet:

<Dan Tone>

Tickets available next meeting. Banquet is the first Saturday in March.

Fred Langdon suggested that we send out donation letters to vendors as soon as possible. Tony mentioned that the Presidents raffle is the biggest fund raiser for the banquet. Requested that if anyone is aware of someone that could donate a hunt – it would help the raffle.

Educational Opportunities:

<Chuck Godfrey>

Last month minutes – application for scholarships. Have not received any yet. Was posted in the Buffalo News.

CFAB:

<Fred Langdon>

Big discussion last meeting – cost of CWD. Have not gotten an estimate – the DEC seems to “dodge the bullet”. Trying to get a handle on it for their annual report on Nov. 15th.

Fund Raising:

<Tony Gonnello>

Remington art calendars ordered. Received \$50 from SCOPE and from Erie County Conservation.

- FWMB:** <Bob Church>
Nothing to report – meeting in December.
- Shows:** <Fred Langdon >
Requested to be replaced as Chairman of the show committee.
The outdoor show application has to be sent in ASAP. Dates
March 9th – 12th
Motion to support the Spring Outdoor show
Motion: Dan Tone 2nd: Tom Fischer Approved Issues?
Chuck requested that somebody volunteer for Show Chairman.
- National Hunting & Fishing Day:** <Tom McCormick>
Long discussion at the Board Meeting – Chuck will give Tom a call
and find out what’s going on. Hawkeye President commented
that only Boy Scouts were present and there wasn’t any
advertisement.
- WNY Environmental Federation:** (nothing to report)
- Nominations:** President – Chuck nominated by Paul Stoos
1st. Vice President – no nominations
2nd Vice President – Tony Gonello resigned – no nominations
Treasurer – Tony Scime
Recording Secretary – Spence nominated
Corresponding Secretary – Will Elliot
Membership Secretary – Mike Smith
- Motion for recording sec. to purchase a recorder to use at meetings.
Motion: Stoos 2nd: McAdams Approved Issues?
- Budget and Finance:** <Tony Scime>
Motion to pay the bills.
Motion: McAdams 2nd: Fred Langdon Approved Issues?
- Website:** <Paul Stoos>
Nothing new to report
- Old Business:** Steve Aldstadt reported on the Teen Shooting Academy and
renewed his request to support the program. Only SCOPE and
Safari Club stepped forward to support.
- New Business:** Nelson Cronin commented on the removal of monies that were
earmarked for the Great Lakes region to send it to New Orleans to
help after the hurricane.
- SCOPE is raffling ATV – tickets are \$20 and only 1,000 tickets will be
sold. Winner to be determined by a drawing.
- John Susz – If you’re not interested in purchasing a ticket for the
ATV – please purchase a membership to SCOPE.
- New Delegates:** McAdams - Introduction to We Love Outdoors and their efforts to
help sportsmen and sportswomen through effective
communication and community support.
- Good and Welfare:** Tony – Dan Tone received a lifetime achievement award at the

annual awards banquet of the NYSCC.

The Annual Officer's and Directors Christmas Party is on Saturday, December 10th at 6:00PM at the Elma Conservation Club. It is a couples event and it is FREE!!!! (Two requests.) If anyone can donate a prize for the fun raffle at the dinner, please contact Val or Tony at 652-4728. (2nd Request.) If you would call Val or Tony and let them know if you will be attending, that will save them the usual phone call to you to see if you are attending and if it is one or two people. Thanks for your help.

50/50 Raffle:

\$35 to Bison City Rod & Gun Club

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: John Susz

2nd Paul Stoos Approved

Thanks to Host Club:

Hawkeye Bowmen