

ERIE COUNTY REDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS
MEETING MINUTES – 9/8/05

Call to order – 7:32 Springville Field and Stream

Pledge to Flag:

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused – Tony Gonnello, Dave Reed, Joe McAdams, Dave Barus, Joe Fischer, Tony Scime, Mike Smith, Al Baur, Spencer Schofield

Absent – Al Commerford

Quorum of member clubs – Present: Yes

Approval of previous month's minutes – NO SECRETARY AND NO MINUTES

Motion to approve - 2nd

Secretary's report –

Membership report – Mike Smith

Treasurer's report – Tony Scime

Motion to approve - 2nd

Correspondence report – Will Elliott

President's Report – Chuck Godfrey

Hunting and fishing task force meeting – 8/15 - productive meeting with the Republican Assembly Members Hunting and Fishing Task Force (trapping also an interest of this committee)

Next meetings and locations:

10/13/05 – Bd. Meeting – 6:30 -- Gen. Meeting - 7:30 - Hawkeye Bowmen - 13300 Clinton, Alden

11/10/05 – Bd. Meeting – 6:30 -- Gen. Meeting - 7:30 - Bost. Valley Cons. Soc. - 9624 Zimmerman Rd.
Boston

12/8/05 - Bd. Meeting - 6:30 -- Gen. Meeting - 7:30 - Bison City R&G - 511 Ohio St., Buffalo

GUESTS: Russ Biss, Jim Snider, Bill Culligan, Don Einhouse, Lt. Tom Scott, Mike Wilkinson, Connie Adams, Officers Ron Bocella and Chris Lohr

Reports By Guests:

Mike Wilkinson – report on proposed 2006 fishing reg's, particularly 18-Mile Creek “no-kill” proposal and Lake Erie Trophy Bass season – send comments to Paul McKeown

- Tony Scime received the Stephen R. Mooradian Fisheries Partnership Award from DEC

- Reported on everything happening in Erie Cty fishery

- “ on NYPA-FERC relicensing projects by DEC

- “ on access initiatives in Erie Cty

Russ Biss - gave waterfowl hunting dates

- report on “habitat/access” stamp grants in Region 9

- report on deer and turkey take in Erie Cty

- report on pheasant stocking in Erie Cty

- Erie Cty again leads the state in sales of hunting and fishing licenses

Don Einhouse - report on state of Lake Erie fishery – 2003 walleye year class is tremendous –

just starting to reach legal size

Connie Adams - reported on cormorant control in Buffalo area

Jim Snider - any centerfire rifle is legal for deer in Catt. And Allegany Ctys within Region 9 this regular deer season

- cwd update

- 4 public information meetings on cwd in Region 9 - see attachment

- DMU permit numbers down

- explanation of and report on “deer damage permits” and DEMAP permits

Tom Scott - extensive report on activities and accomplishments of Conservation Officers

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: MOST WAS COVERED DURING DEC PRESENTATIONS

Law enforcement –

Archery & Bowhunting – Dave Reed

Crossbow – Tony Gonnello

Fish – Dave Barus [Fish committee report- click here:](#)

Small Game – Dan Tone

4-H pheasants are released (over 1000 birds)
paper work has been distributed for fall release

Big Game – Paul Stoos

Attended CWD meeting in Syracuse and gave report
Federation's Big Game Seminar is 9/25 9am-5pm at Elma Conservation – 600 Creek Rd. – Elma 822-1353 WE NEED HELP!!!!!!

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

report on “land trapping” season
report on 330 conibear trap modifications
motion to oppose the Federal trapping bill by Dan Tone – 2nd Tom Ryion – passed unanimously

Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski

Report on festival by Lake Planes Waterfowl Assoc.

Conservation Council - Joe Fischer

Dan Tone has applications for the NYSCC committees - YOU MUST APPLY TO BE ON A COMMITTEE EVERY YEAR!!!! Always looking for new people also.

The Federation has decided to promote the voluntary “Buck A Member Program” proposed by the Council. This, if successful, will insure a reliable source of income to meet the future needs for our only “conservation rights” lobbying organization in our state.

For those clubs who feel this is a worthwhile cause, please make checks payable to - “New York State Conservation Council” and send to – NYSCC, 8 East Main St., Ilion, NY 13357.

To those clubs that donated last year, we hope that your commitment will carry on. Please don't wait until the Council solicits for your help. They need the resources now to fund the year's budget needs.

Also, to those clubs who chose not to participate, please consider what the Council is asking for: “a dollar a member.” A buck doesn't buy much these days, not a beer at a bar, not a pack of cigarettes or a good cigar, not a decent fishing lure, or even a couple dozen worms. Perhaps it's time we sportsmen and women consider putting this all in perspective!

The Conservation Council has requested an updated list of Federation clubs with names and addresses of contact people. It has been the Federation's policy not to give this list out to any other organization for privacy considerations.

Clubs wishing to receive the Council's “Grass Roots News” monthly publication, which gives updated information on state legislation and conservation issues, should contact the Council at 315-894-3302 and ask for Linda Coffin. You can also e-mail them at - nyscc@nyscc.com with the information.

Clubs can send their “club's news” for publication to - NYSCC, 8 East Main St., Ilion, NY 13357 - or e-mail the by the 2nd Monday of the month. The Council also has a policy of not arbitrarily giving or selling private club information.

Finally, there is an ongoing new member/renewal drive for individual Council memberships, with prizes available. Contact the Council or visit their website for details.

Environment & Pollution – Tom Marks

Report on Buffalo River sediment sampling informational meeting

Legislation – John Susz

To keep in touch with what's going on with firearm legislation in New York, check out SCOPE's website at - www.scopeny.org

bills to watch – S5504 – Senator Padivan and companion bill A2446 broaden the definition of “assault weapons” under state law.

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT UPCOMING

Resolutions – Bob Fuller - report on results of vote on resolutions (see attachments)

Membership Outreach – The membership secretary would like all club presidents to consider attending at least one regular Federation meeting a year. This might not only prove to be a learning experience, but may also provide a better insight as to the importance of having representation on behalf of their clubs. If any club would like a visit from a Federation spokesman, please contact president Chuck Godfrey at 675-0057 or steelheader@cheekcentfcu.net. The president will also try to visit one club or so per month.

IF ANYONE KNOWS OF AN ERIE COUNTY CLUB WHICH IS NOT A MEMBER, PLEASE LET THE PRESIDENT KNOW SO HE CAN CONTACT THEM ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Sportsman/woman Education – Frank Miskey Sr.

Classes are in full swing - 8 waterfowl classes in Erie Cty

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Awards – Will Elliott

- Banquet – Dan Tone

First Sat. in March

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

See scholarship application attached

CFAB – Fred Langdon

Meeting 9/12 in Albany

Fund Raising – Tony Gonnello

Calendar money due tonight

FWMB – Bob Church

- Shows – Fred Langdon

Report by Fred.

Thanks to Fred for all he's done with this.

National Hunting and Fishing day – Tom McCormick

9/24 @ Wood 'n' Brook

- WNY Environmental Federation –

Next meeting is at the Sept. Council meeting

- Budget and Finance – Tony Scime – (motion to pay bills)

Motion to approve - 2nd

Website – Paul Stoos - eriectyfsc.org

Nominations – Mike Smith

Nominations are to commence at the Oct. meeting – WE NEED A SECRETARY!!!!!!!!!!

All offices are one year terms, so Pres., 1st VP, 2nd VP, Recording Sec., Corr. Sec., Memb. Sec., Treas. And 5

Board of Directors seats

- Old Business:

Motion by Bob Fuller, 2nd by Don Davis to support the DEC's proposal to establish a Lake Erie Trophy Bass season, with statewide regulations to be in effect the rest of the year - passed

- New Business - any new delegates present?

Raffle at SCOPE Meet the Candidates Night

There will be a team shooting academy asking for donations for purchase of rifles and ammo. Would like to have 10 donations of \$125 for the Team Shooting Academy – contact Bob Church

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

Alden donated \$300 to Hurricane Relief - challenges all other clubs to do the same.

- 50/50 Raffle

Winner – Bob Osika

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Gabby Cronin

2nd – Tom Ryion

Thanks to Host Club

Springville Field and Stream

.2005 NYSCC RESOLUTIONS RESULTS FROM ECFSC

<u>RES #</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>PASSED</u>
1	not a resolution		
2	22	23	NO
3	3	39	NO
4	12	26	NO
5	45	4	YES
6	45	1	YES
7	46	3	YES
8	46	3	YES
9	33	16	YES
10	45	0	YES
11	38	4	YES
12	35	10	YES
13	37	12	YES

[Click here to see how the NYSCC voted and a review of the resolutions:](#)

**ERIE COUNTY FEDERATION
OF SPORTSMEN’S CLUBS INC.**

***COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS***

As part of the Erie county Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs efforts to enhance our environment and wildlife appreciation, we award up to five \$200 college scholarships yearly.

To qualify for a scholarship you must be a high school senior enrolled in an accredited college, or attending an accredited college with your major in any one of these areas: environmental conservation, law enforcement, or environmental pollution **and must be a**

resident of Erie County.

Scholarships are awarded based upon need and the area of study. To be considered for one of these scholarships complete the form below and return with a short essay telling of need, any projects you have **engineered or participated in**, your future goals, and proof of enrollment (i.e., course enrollment, course schedule, report card, etc.) to the address below prior to **December 15.**

**SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN
29 YVETTE DRIVE
CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14227**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ COUNTY: _____ NY ZIP: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____ OTHER: _____

COLLEGE: _____

GRADE LEVEL: _____ MAJOR: _____

[Click here for a printable version of the application:](#)

Support the Teen Shooting Academy

The Teen Shooting Academy will open it's first four month basic rifle course in October 2005. Local teens will be taught the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to safely handle firearms by attending a two hour class twice a month at Hamburg Rod and Gun Club. The Teen Shooting Academy is working in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America - Greater Niagara Frontier Council, the Safari Club International, S.C.O.P.E., and the NRA to bring our young people quality instruction in a safe and secure environment. Boy Scouts will earn their rifle merit badges by completing this course. Once the students complete the basic class, they will have the opportunity to take more advanced courses in rifle, shot gun and even air pistol.

Gander Mountain has agreed to provide ten Savage Mk II .22cal rifles with hard shell cases for only \$125 each. That is virtually at cost for the rifles and they are donating the cases for free. The Teen Shooting Academy is looking for ten sponsor clubs willing to invest in the future of our young people and our shooting sports heritage by making a donation to the school of at least \$125 to cover the cost of these rifles.

Please make your donation to the Teen Shooting Academy. Contact coordinator Bob Church at 592-7211 or head rifle instructor Stephen J Aldstadt at 716-846-5448.

Send checks to: Teen Shooting Academy

P.O. Box 294

Springville NY 14141-0294

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