



*Rich Davenport, 2006 ECFSC Recording Secretary*

## *Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs*

### **June 2006 General Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting opened at 7:36 PM – 6/22/2006**

**Location: Glencoe Conservation Society, Glenwood, NY**

#### **Call to order – 7:30**

#### **Pledge to Flag:**

Completed

#### **Roll call – Officers and Directors:**

Excused - Joe Fisher, Steve Aldsadt, Tony Scime

Absent -

#### **Quorum of member clubs – Present: YES**

#### **Approval of previous month's minutes**

Motion to approve Gabby- 2nd Lawrence

Motion carried

#### **Secretary's report – Rich Davenport**

Crow's Nest – email addresses?

#### **Membership report – Mike Smith**

Nothing to report

We do have some clubs that have not yet paid their dues - will be dropped from the roles

#### **Treasurer's report – Tony Scime**

Not here

#### **Correspondence report –**

Need of a corresponding Secretary - No report

Chuck will send letters out for the time being

#### **President's Report – Chuck Godfrey**

Attended a meeting Buf Niagara River keeper - coordination for remedial action plan -

Buf River from Caz Creek to the lake - Grant money involved to get this done

Looking for anglers who fish that section for input

Working to get the funding to clean it up. Chuck will keep us informed

Meeting today on Buf Niagara River Greenway - 4 Public hearings held by Commission - Report in yesterday's paper - will monitor this.

ECSFC representatives were invited, we could not make it, due to timing issues.

More meetings are coming up. We will continue to be invited. Hopefully we can get more advanced notice of these meetings.

**Next meetings and locations:**

4/27/2006	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Erie County Conservation Society – 13319 Miller, Chaffee
5/25/2006	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Alden Rod and Gun, County Line Rd - Alden
6/22/2006	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Glen Coe Cons Soc., 9869 Foote Rd. - Glenwood
7/27/2006		6:30		7:30	Gen Meet	Evans Rod & Gun, 864 Cain Rd, Angola, NY
9/14/2006	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Springville Field and Stream – White St. – Spvle
10/12/2006	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Hawkeye Bowmen – 13300 Clinton – Alden
11/9/2006	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Boston Valley Cons. Soc. – 9624 Zimmerman – Boston
12/14/2006	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Bison City R&G – 511 Ohio St. - Buffalo

**GUESTS:**

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Law enforcement – Dwight Mateer**

*Deferred to Dave Smyczynski*

Graciously invited to take a ride on the new DEC patrol boat. Should help DEC out - 30' aluminum, 225 HP, excellent technology for patrols thank you for the invite

**Archery & Bowhunting – Dave Reed**

Donations to West Falls archery program has been questioned

**Crossbow – Tony Gonnello**

None

**Fish – Dave Barus**

24th at Chestnut Ridge kids fishing clinic.

Tiftt - DEC was responsible for signing up people, and the person who was responsible became ill. 34 kids signed

Currently - for 24th Boys & Girls Club of EA to sign  
652-4180

Fish fun & folly day at Oppenheim Park

This weekend is free fishing days

July 5th Erie Canal Fishing Derby - 9 day event

July 12, 13 - Erie County - 5th Annual BassEye Celebrity Challenge for

July 15 - Annual pause for the day bass tournament - Sponsored by Brighton

SWA entered 1,030 12.64lbs - winner

10.76 10th place

States that Lake Erie is one phenomenal fishery!

Not too many anglers are leaving the lake without limits of walleye. Running size 0 dipseys index of 2-3, 8' leader of vanish. Copper is hotter! Renosky's, KaBooms, the fish are out there. Sturgeon Point to Myers - 30-40 feet. Fish are bigger towards Dunkirk

July 22, C&R Kids day at Tifft for SWA.

On June 9, stocked at Seneca and Elk Street - Walleye - 28,400 all alive! Continuing their program from DEC to grow more walleye, and enhance the Buffalo River. Scent recognition of the stream same as trout. Stocked walleye didn't waste time in feeding!

Spencer S. Thank you for all the folks that helped at Tifft. Thanks Norby for the work he did!

Mike Wilkinson for his educational efforts.

Chestnut Ridge - Expecting between 80 and 90 kids.

Hawkeye Bowmen to be there

Joe Fischer and Paul Stoos for bringing the rods

Thanks DEC Mark M -

Tom Scott - Mark was asking some kids about fishing, asked if they had a pole, they said no, but they were wanting to fish. He then gave the kids fishing poles!

Place found to provide secure place to store rods & reels that were not passed out, to be used at a future ECFSC event

Big thanks to Crow's Nest - Check for \$200.00 to offset cost of Chestnut Ridge! Thank you Crowe's Nest

Hope to see more volunteers

Paul Stoos - would like to have a letter written to Will Elliott to cover the Tifft farms

Paul S Motion - 2nd Dave Barus

Motion Carried

Spence adds in the past at Chestnut ridge prisoners would cut the grass

George Wagner - volunteered to cut the grass along the lake, Write a letter to George Wagner

Dave Barus - Last meeting Will Elliott brought up Jane Kwiatkowski was writing an article about fishing. She knows nothing about fishing, but Will gave plenty of names, and the story was in Lifestyles on 6/17 - over 100 column inches. Great article! We will write a thank you letter to the Buffalo News for this article.

Chuck - Concern about lack of publicity at the Tiff Farm event every year. This year the same. Would like a motion to send a letter of concern over the amount of publicity it did not get. Something needs to be done

Dave Barus motion - 2nd Joe Fischer  
Motion Passed

### **Small Game – Dan Tone**

Pheasants growing - SCI provided some netting. Through the grant of 4-H pheasant program, check for \$1015.00 - from NRA for the pheasant program.  
Dan will send a thank you to NRA.

Gabby - Can we have the check put up at the booth at the Fair? Yes

### **Big Game – Paul Stoos**

Public comment period is over for Reg 3 QDM

Letter concerning QDM by Rich Davenport as follows:

Indeed, hunter attitude may be the main issue to some. But no one addresses any attitudes through restrictive laws. This is accomplished through education, not a law which could result in higher instances of poaching and loss of hunters due to the loss of an opportunity. NYS Deer herds are pretty darned healthy. To say otherwise ignores the numbers of deer we have in NYS, discounts the fact that trophy deer are trophies because of where they live, in the thick, and succumbs to a laziness that is prevalent in our ranks today. Many, many hunters (certainly not all) walk less than 200 yards, or use an ATV, and that's where there search for a deer ends. The concept of QDM in my opinion is a drive to increase larger bucks closer to home. Yet, a trophy buck is a trophy for a reason. Attempting to manipulate this is foolhardy and delusional. Conservation of the herds is the top priority, not attempting to have a trophy buck within a short walk.

I also take umbrage to the statement that hunters do not take time to identify their target. Horse-puckey. If that were the case, the recent seasons would have seen far higher instances of hunters shooting hunters. No, they are identifying their targets just fine, as is evidenced by their harvest.

To some hunters, it is about the meat. Having a freezer full of venison every year is what indeed does drive many to hunt, coupled with

the knowledge that through harvest, we maintain a healthy balance for lands to continue to support a healthy deer herd. Whether you are motivated by simply harvesting venison, or the trophy motivates you, it should make no difference, as our ranks are declining which means fewer hunters practicing conservation for the benefit of the overall herd. Attaching any form of QDM is nonsensical, works great on paper, but this is not a contained lab, and nothing, I repeat NOTHING happens in the wild like it does in the lab. That's the beauty of Nature, is it not?

Further, our educational focus should be heavily geared towards becoming a steward of the environment through hunting and fishing. Hunters are the stewards of the forests, wetlands and meadows, in the field more so than any other group, with the power of observation being an early warning defense system for State F&G agencies. Yet I have seen nothing, or very little, from deer management and wildlife management planning boards as to address this critical, and ever-growing importance to this fact. As development puts increased pressure on available wild food supplies, we as conservationists must take up our responsibility as stewards, and this is done through education and reinforcement, not through legislation. Removing opportunity will result in removing hunters from the field, which results in lower numbers of potential observations which could allow faster response time to detrimental and dangerous changes in the lands, either caused by man (pollution, et al) or natural succession (natural loss of food sources).

Our efforts are better served through education, not through removal of opportunity.

Now, an alternative which would make far more sense is as follows:

- \* A return to the single Buck tag for all hunters, removing the deer of either sex tag from archery and black powder license holders (which I am one who holds a super sportsman license). Maintain the antlerless only tag.
- \* Allow the standard buck tag to be filled throughout all seasons, but for a buck only, with antlers measuring at least 3", as it stands today.
- \* For early season archers who harvest a buck, allow a special second buck tag, purchased for \$10.00, if purchased prior to start of regular season, and this special second buck tag would be valid through regular and extended seasons.
- \* This special second buck tag cannot be consigned, just like the primary
- \* This second special buck tag will require AR restrictions, either 3 points on one beam, or beam width measurements, you pick it.

This maintains opportunity, addresses the multiple buck tag issues caused by the change in tagging practices when DECALS was launched, increases potential revenues through restoration of purchase of the second special buck tag, and limits hunters who may harvest two bucks in a season to one buck that must be of a specific age class.

Further, education and promotion of our responsibility as stewards of the lands and waters is paramount. Hopefully, the NYS DEC will be able to establish an educational program within the schools to address this very important component to conservation education. Sportsmen clubs, too, should begin to develop and address such a program, offering perhaps some classes to youth in our communities, which will serve not only to educate the new generations and expose them to what hunting and angling is all about, generate more interest in these sports with younger folk, while also getting the opportunity to recruit new and younger club members to secure the future of each club for years to come.

To affect any positive change requires hard work. Passing a law is symbolism over substance, and is the "easy" way. In the end, the "easy" way will not deliver the results intended, in fact, the "easy" way will have just the opposite affect. After all, the only reward for doing things the easy way is that it was easy.

Thanks

Rich Davenport

Nothing else

**Trapping – Patti Wattengel**

None

**Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski**

None - last minutes the proposed seasons posted

**Conservation Council - Joe Fischer**

Bob Fuller - Will know more Saturday after Council Meeting

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](mailto: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**

None

Chuck - on the Buffalo River cleanup - looking for "captains" to help volunteer to traverse Buff River every couple of weeks to spot signs of pollution

### **Legislation – John Susz**

A-1379,S-7778 - Bill proposes Clubs founded before Jan 1, exemptions on taxes up to \$100K. Property taxes would include exemptions on R&G - property

June 24-7/7 - Meeting on World Global ban on guns at UN.

Folks would register, then they decide what guns to ban.

UN Representative Bolton, USA will not sign onto anything that hurts our Bill of Rights

State Legislature - session ends today or tomorrow - Rifle for Chemung Steuben and Yates to be added to Hunting with rifle bill

Bill to allow 5 million felons to vote in all elections. They will vote for Gun Control HR-939 - More info at [www.NRAILA.org](http://www.NRAILA.org)

Two bills introduced to stop local authorities from confiscating firearms from people in event of emergencies

Judges are able to restrict permits (pistol) at their will - Legislating from the bench, A-10063 - to take this away from the Judges. Bi-partisan support in NYS Assembly - Killed in Senate

Q - Who are those behind this thing in the Senate? We need to know names.

To keep in touch with what's going on with firearm legislation in New York, check out SCOPE's website at - [www.scopeny.org](http://www.scopeny.org)

**Resolutions – Bob Fuller**

Presentation and discussion of 2006 resolutions - Voting to be held at July meeting.

**Res 1 -**

**06-1 Livingston County**

Whereas a fee of \$6.00 is currently being charged to enter, park and/or utilize a boat launch site;

Whereas the responsibilities of operation of many of the state launch sites have been transferred from the DEC to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYS OPRHP) over many years;

Whereas the NYS OPRHP does not consider that there is any difference between a boat launch site and any other state park, thus the same fee is imposed on all users;

Whereas some state parks have multiple uses, other state parks have one primary use, and that is a boat launch facility, which could be differentiated from a “typical state park;”

Whereas any launch sites that have not been transferred to the NYS OPRHP and are still under DEC ownership are free launch sites;

Whereas the NYS OPRHP does not consider the current fee a “boat launch fee,” but a site user fee for parking and/or other recreational purposes;

Whereas the NYS OPRHP considers the fee a normal park fee for fishermen as well as non-fishermen;

Whereas any fisherman or woman fishing in New York State waters must also have in possession a current year fishing license;

Whereas these fishermen or women who utilize boats as their fishing vehicle must also pay fees for boat and trailer registrations, plus the taxes on gas, oil and other fishing and boat related support equipment;

Whereas all fees (launch fees, registrations for boat and trailer, and inspections) are all considered forms of taxes;

Whereas fishing license fees paid to the State of New York are put into a special conservation fund so construction, updating, maintenance projects, and operational fees can be budgeted for future years;

Whereas the Wallop-Breaux Amendment of 1984 has provided grants to the State of New York for the construction of these launch sites from the revenues of fishing equipment and the taxes from motorboat fuel sales;

Whereas New York State fishermen (boaters or shore fishermen) consider that their license fees and taxes paid to New York State throughout the year have been enough compensation paid and that the current fee is unjustified;

BE IT RESOLVED that the NYSCC seek sponsorship to change the current New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation fee structure to allow the following:

- a. That any fisherman or woman with a valid New York State fishing license, boater or non-boater, be allowed to utilize the launch site areas with no other fee attached.
- b. This does not pertain to any other state park facilities that do not have a primary revenue of fees for launching boats.
- c. This is a statewide resolution for all New York waters.

Contact: Robert A. Ciecieroga, 4529 Carmichael Lane, Geneseo NY 14454  
585-243-3356 [rciecieroga@hotmail.com](mailto:rciecieroga@hotmail.com)

**Res - 2 Livingston County**  
**06-2 Livingston County**

Whereas current statute allows for each individual to have five tip-ups in service at any one time;

Whereas current statute allows for each individual to have two hand lines in service at any one time;

Whereas current statute allows for a combination of five tip-ups and two hand lines per individual at any one time;

Whereas new designs and technologies that have been introduced into the market are being used as a “tip-up” or a “hand line” in various situations;

Whereas these combinations and multiple uses make it difficult for law enforcement officers to interpret between legal intended use, negligence, or unlawful activities;

Whereas the law enforcement officers must determine the intended use, make a decision on the ice, and go with his/her best interpretation of the law;

Whereas Region 8 officers, as guests at the Livingston County Federation meetings, have expressed a desire for the State of New York to simplify the regulations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the NYSCC seek to eliminate the “intended use” distinction between hand lines and tip-ups and allow each individual to have the maximum of seven

lines in service at any one time, in any combination of hand lines or tip-ups that the fisherman sees fit to use.

Contact: Robert A. Ciecieroga, 4529 Carmichael Lane, Geneseo NY 14454  
585-243-3356 [rciecieroga@hotmail.com](mailto:rciecieroga@hotmail.com)

*Fish & Marine District Committee Comments:* Opposed as written. DEC is currently working on a definition of “hand lines,” which the committee felt was needed for clarification.

*Law Enforcement Committee Comments:* If the law enforcement officers determine that there is a problem with this statute, they can request a change through Department channels to simplify the definitions. Before supporting such a resolution, it should be determined whether this is a problem that exists all across the state from a law enforcement standpoint.

### **Res 3**

#### **06-3 Yates County**

Whereas angler-caught fish are saleable at any time if there is no closed season or minimum length. Saleable fish include popular sportsman-sought species such as yellow perch, bullheads and others;

Whereas in the United States only four states, including New York, still allow the sale of angler-caught fish;

Whereas sale of fish caught using a recreational license can lead to over-harvesting and poor management of fish resources;

Whereas over fishing caused by the lure of commercial dollars can quickly lead to reduced size and poor fishing;

Whereas poor fishing leads to fewer attempts to fish by sportsmen and loss of dollars to fishing related businesses;

Whereas poor fishing is especially discouraging to children and reduces the recruitment of younger individuals;

Whereas profits from the sale of fish caught using the recreational fishing license encourage the violation of fishing regulations and encourage poor sportsman behaviors;

Whereas recreational fishing generates a large economic impact for New York, the loss of fishing-generated income caused by over-harvesting far exceeds the economic gain from the sale of angler-caught fish;

BE IT RESOLVED that the New York State Conservation Council introduces and encourages passage of legislation that would prohibit the sale of all freshwater fish and fish parts caught while using a recreational license. Sale of bait fish would be exempt from this legislation.

Contact: Kevin Mortensen, 361 Elm Street, Penn Yan NY 14527  
315-694-2889

*Fish & Marine District Committee Comments:* Support. The committee in the past has supported numerous resolutions regarding the sale of fresh water fish caught with a recreational license. This one is similar to previous resolutions but now includes fish parts and the addition of bullheads.

*Law Enforcement Committee Comments:* Support.

Comment - John Susz - if people want to sell fish, get a commercial fishing license!

#### **06-4 Sullivan County**

Whereas in the past it has been the policy of the NYSDEC to require hunters to report the harvesting of certain game species (i.e., deer, bear, turkeys, coyotes) through the computerized DECALS system. This system was developed in order to gather information as to wildlife populations by management area in order to make decisions as to season lengths, bag limits and license limitations for the following year. Many sportsmen do not have faith in the current reporting system and therefore don't bother to report at all. The NYSDEC has acknowledged that many of these animals go unreported for various reasons, and therefore they use an estimate to come up with what they believe is a close guess as to the actual numbers of these animals that are harvested on any given year. It is our feeling that this system is entirely too inaccurate and therefore ultimately leads to the possibility of poor decision making. Current technology together with the already up and running DECALS system should make things relatively easy to go to MANDATORY REPORTING, meaning a licensee must report regardless of whether or not the licensee harvested an animal. Federal regulations (HIP) regarding the harvest of migratory birds might be used as a guideline for upgrading the current system. HIP regulations require mandatory reporting or face not being able to get a license the following license year. MANDATORY REPORTING would give the NYSDEC much more accurate figures to base their decisions for the future. More accurate reporting of harvest equals better game management that equals more hunters in the field. More hunters in the field means license income rises.

BE IT RESOLVED that in addition to the current DECALS telephone system, the NYSDEC should develop a simple reporting questionnaire on the NYSDEC website which could be filled in by a licensee. With the use of personal computers in conjunction with the DECALS system, it should be relatively easy for the NYSDEC to get much more accurate figures to base their totals of wild game taken in any given year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NYSDEC should make it MANDATORY that the reporting of certain game species be done by every licensee at the end of each season even if an individual was not successful in filling any of the license tags that they had purchased.

Contact: Clifford C. Horton, 514 Pucky Huddle Road, Bethel NY 12720  
845-583-4282 [chortoncherokee@pronetisp.net](mailto:chortoncherokee@pronetisp.net)

Small Game Comments: Opposed.

Big Game/Archery Comments: Opposed. Citing lost revenues from the Conservation Fund, coupled with all the various scenarios of failures within the system that would discourage a hunter who had reported, it was felt that this would help increase the rate at which we are losing hunters. ... DEC is already working on the reporting method, but is limited by the current provider's capabilities.

Law Enforcement Comments: Such a matter would probably be unenforceable and would require an enormous amount of manpower and hours. Mail can be lost, misdirected, or never delivered; and not everyone has access to a computer, either.

Comment - Dan Tone - Surveyed only 4 people. 40% is not reporting their harvest. This law doesn't make sense!

### **06-5 Steuben County**

Whereas non-ambulatory sportsmen are required to pay the same fee for hunting, fishing and trapping licenses as ambulatory sportsmen, thereby financially restricting many non-ambulatory sportsmen;

Whereas access to NYS lands has been severely restricted by rules and regulations of NYSDEC;

Whereas a reduced license fee for the qualified non-ambulatory sportsman would encourage the non-ambulatory sportsman to obtain a reduced fee license;

Whereas the number of licensed sportsmen in New York State has decreased considerably and any additional license sales would increase the federal per capita grants available;

BE IT RESOLVED that the New York State Conservation Council initiate action requesting the Legislature and Governor of the State of New York to enact legislation to provide qualified non-ambulatory persons with hunting, fishing and trapping licenses at a reduced fee of \$5.00.

Contact: Richard Stephens, 47 Fourth Street, Canisteo, NY 14823  
607/698-2675 [rhstephens@infoblvd.net](mailto:rhstephens@infoblvd.net)

Small Game Comments: Opposed.

Big Game/Archery Comments: While it was felt that some relief for these hunters may be in order, the \$5 fee may not be appropriate. Three committee members supported the resolution, two opposed it, and five abstained. The committee will work on generating a committee resolution for submission that may be more appropriate in the exact wording while maintaining the intent of the Steuben County submission.

Comment - Bob Fuller - Council is against any and all reduced license fees.

### **06-6 Madison County**

Whereas landowners have first preference for obtaining Deer Management Permits (DMP's) in Deer Management Units under the lottery system;

Whereas certain Deer Management Units have no Deer Management Permits issued;

Whereas it is a fairly recent development that there are no DMP's allowed in some southern zone DMU's;

Whereas regulations currently allow deer archery license holders and deer muzzle-loading license holders to take a deer of either sex on their license even in the DMU's with no DMPs for other license holders;

Whereas the above situation seems to contradict the DEC's attempt to manage certain DMU's for a no kill of antlerless deer;

Whereas it would seem like landowners with regular big game licenses who by regulation would normally have first opportunity to harvest antlerless if it be deemed proper management procedure are, in the situation above, being denied while archery and muzzleloader license holders still can;

Whereas this situation could create resentment on the part of the landowners toward the bow/muzzleloader hunter who has had or seeks permission to hunt on that landowner's property;

Whereas there are "exceptions" to normal regulations in other areas of deer management;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New York State Conservation Council encourage a change (exception) in DEC regulations that would deny bow/muzzle loader harvest of antlerless deer in DMUs where there are no DMPs issued.

Contact: Matthew Webber, Lane Rd., Cazenovia, NY 13035  
315-655-3375

Contact: Norm Webber, 6284 Nelson Rd., Canastota, NY 13032  
315-697-3377

*This resolution is currently under review by the Archery & Bowhunting and the Big Game Committees; opinions will be available at a later time.*

Paul Stoos - Disappointed that Erie County doesn't have a resolution despite all that we have considered, especially crossbow - we need to do this next year.

Chuck - reminder - we can put forth 2 resolutions each year. We should send two in every year.

#### **Membership Outreach – Reminder**

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 [chuck.godfrey@erictyfsc.org](mailto:chuck.godfrey@erictyfsc.org) . 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.**

Rich Davenport brought up Women in the Outdoors RGS support, added benefit, as Follows:

Ruffed Grouse Society

451 McCormick Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108  
(412) 262-4044  
[www.ruffedgrousesociety.org](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org).

May 19, 2006

For immediate release New program aimed at women and youth

Beginning in June, the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) will offer every woman and youngster age 16 and under who takes and passes a hunter education course and/or participates in a "Woman in the Outdoors Program" an opportunity to receive a one-year RGS non-magazine membership and a complementary dinner at a RGS Banquet. The only requirement is that each provides proof that he or she successfully completed the course during the calendar year, and a paying adult accompanies each to the banquet.

RGS will provide them with a complementary dinner at the RGS Banquet and in addition a free, 1-year non-magazine membership in the society.

"There is absolutely no doubt in my mind, that unless we get young people and women interested in hunting and conservation, the future of our sport hunting and outdoor heritage could be lost forever," said RGS Executive Director and CEO Mike Zagata.

"It is important that we educate everyone on the importance of sound wildlife and forest management practices and the role hunting has played, and continues to play in those practices. If we, as individuals, can't keep in touch with our hunting and outdoor heritage, how then can we expect to pass them along to future generations. The key to that future is women and our youth, and that is the basis of our program," Zagata said.

Established in 1961, the Ruffed Grouse Society is an international wildlife conservation organization dedicated to promoting conditions suitable for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and related wildlife to sustain our hunting tradition and outdoor heritage.

Information on the RGS, its mission, management projects, membership, and fundraising banquets can be found on the web at: [www.ruffedgrousesociety.org](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org).

**Note:** CNY RGS Chapter Banquet is scheduled for Friday, November 10th -For further banquet details contact Ed Pugliese [pka7@aol.com](mailto:pka7@aol.com)

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Nominations – Mike Smith**

Happens in October - Start thinking about it now. Vote is in December

5 positions on the Board

All Officers are up as well

### **Awards –**

None

Still have Joe & Chris Fischer's awards

We need a new Corr Sec

### **Banquet – Dan Tone**

Need for a lot of help from a lot of people for this year's banquet. Rather than a Chairman, we need more help this year than ever before.

Women's stuff will be taken care of.  
Need help with President's Raffle, and many others

Need a fund raising chairman! Forthwith  
Chuck will handle Remington Calendars. Tony recommends reviewing minutes from last year to confirm the amounts for President's raffle.

Please, we need someone to help!

Tony - What is happening with Dick's Sporting Goods.  
We need someone to get to Dick's  
Tony mentioned Paul Stoos would be the guy, Nothing yet. Need to follow up with this one asap.

### **Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey**

#### **CFAB – Fred Langdon**

None - Excused

#### **Fund Raising – OPEN – WE NEED A FUND RAISING CHAIRMAN!!!!**

Done

#### **FWMB – Bob Church, Paul Stoos**

Meeting last June, Dane Daugherty reported what is happening at DEC Wildlife - Several applicants - Position will be filled by July 1. Dave Kiel also retired  
New Position - July 1 - Stewardship Biologist - help to relieve Paul McKeown - Region 9.

No turkey hunting accidents this spring  
Working with Senator Young concerning private property owners living near Zoar Valley  
Young people leaving trash and engaged in dangerous activity. Helicopters have been rescuing more people than normal, causing more concerns.

Paul McKeown Wiscoy repair project - being completed

Fishing access on 18-Mile Creek - Shadagee/ South Creek transferred to DEC from DOT  
- Open this fall to anglers  
Fishing Access sites under repair –  
Chautauqua Lake - weed problems  
Chautauqua Creek - repairs  
Tonawanda Creek - Repairs

Asked about the crash of the small plane.

If anyone cares to extend a get well card to Gallagher or Bob Seine, send to regional office and DEC will make sure they get it.

In the same week this happened, the family learned the daughter received the Airman of the Year Award – Congratulate Polly also on this honor out of entire USAF!

Bob Church motion to send a letter, 2nd Don Davis  
Unanimous

**Shows – WE NEED A SHOWS CHAIRMAN!!!!** Fred Langdon has volunteered to do the Fair, but we still need someone on a permanent basis. We must have someone to help this one out! We need more help from the member clubs. Please help get your clubs involved.

Tony put Fred Langdon's email and phone number in the minutes  
Fred.langdon@erictyfsc.org and please volunteer!

Gabby - any notice from Alden yet? Pushing hard to get at least one day covered.  
Nothing yet....

**National Hunting and Fishing day – Tom McCormick**  
None

**WNY Environmental Federation –**  
7/23, at Hoak's is the next meeting at 1PM.

**Budget and Finance – Tony Scime – (motion to pay bills)**  
Treasurer not in attendance this evening

**Website – Paul Stoos - erictyfsc.org**  
Couple comments about bad email. Nothing we can do to stop it. Some people having troubles, send emails to Paul, and he will send direct to them, going around the Fed address

**Old Business:**  
NRA Sport fest at EFG 7/29. look at the EAFG event last year. 50 NRA instructors at the F&G, accommodate 75-100 kids. Parents encouraged to walk with kids. Great learning, especially about the DEC! Word of mouth spread from there. Free, includes a lunch.

8a - 5P

Skeet, Trap, small bore, black powder, compound recurve and crossbow  
Hunting dogs will also be exhibited, training of dogs symposium

652-0229 - Conrad Boyle to register

**New Business - any new delegates present?**

WHA - Rich explained this in depth – Out of Michigan, plans to take deer hunting to a professional competitive sport event, a la Bassmasters, and use high fenced game farms and tranquilizer darts.

Offered insight into what has happened thus far, including Bass Pro Position, as follows:

To our customers, vendors, and conservation partners;

We have received many e-mails and phone calls regarding the World Hunting Association. Be assured that we will not be involved with the WHA in any way and will encourage our vendors and partners to do the same.

We do not support drugging of these magnificent game animals nor do we support making hunting a professional tournament.

At Bass Pro Shops we believe in the traditional methods of hunting and passing on the heritage of this great sport to future generations.

Sincerely,  
Bass Pro Shops

Larry Whiteley  
Manager of Corporate Public Relations

Do not need any motions - this is brought up.

NYSCC board meeting will bring this up.

A-4093 - Introduced by Jack Quinn to prohibit introduction of experimental drugs into wildlife without FDA approval

Paul Stoos Motion from Big Game Committee to oppose this, send to NYSCC. And also send to the Governor of Michigan opposing this  
Dave Smyczynski 2nd

John Susz- A-1822 - Wildlife contests - take wildlife unlawful, must be aware of this and remain consistent with our position regarding this legislation.

Rich gives further details on WHA, with position against the tranquilizers as the primary issue, followed by fair chase concerns.

Motion carried

Youth of the Year - Ryan Young - He is now raising pheasants for sale to clubs. Please help him out

Proposal to make part of Zoar Valley that is owned by State - into Forest Preserve System - could be treated as the same in the Adirondacks. Unsure of the complete details. When more is known, Chuck will send on to Rich for the minutes.

**Good and Welfare of the Organization:**

Chuck's wife reminded him that the Federation owns a combo TV/ VCR. Stored at Chuck's cottage. If it is needed, we can use it. Could use it at the shows/ Fair. It is available

SCOPE Annual Gun Raffle, hand gun, rifle and cash. Please support the SCOPE raffle, Vigilant Fire 666 Main, West Seneca. - Sept 30. Gander put a coupon, which can be used on firearms.

**50/50 Raffle**

Winner - Bison City

**Motion for Adjournment**

Motion by Gabby to adjourn - 2nd – Bernie Fix  
Carries, adjourned at 9:11 PM

**Thanks to Host Club**

Glen Coe Conservation Society

Items of Interest Attached

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.**  
*Member of NEW YORK STATE CONSERVATION COUNCIL*



**TO: MEMBER CLUBS OF THE ERIE COUNTY FEDERATION**

**FROM: PRESIDENT CHUCK GODFREY**

We need your help! This year we are asking our member clubs to come forward and volunteer for the Federation at the Erie County Fair. For the most part the Directors and Officers of the Federation and their families have given of their time to cover the eleven (11) days of the Fair. With all the programs that we are involved with it has become a burden and quite difficult to fill the time slots needed to cover our booth during the Fair.

We are asking your participation and hope enough clubs will volunteer to take a day at the Fair. We normally have three shifts of two people each day. However, you may decide to do it differently should your club take a day. It's up to you, just as long as the booth is covered when the Fair is open.

If you are willing to take a day, please contact Fred Langdon, who will do the scheduling and get the allotted tickets to you. His home number is 825-4084 and his cell; number is 818-7346. Each day we have six admission tickets and 3 parking passes available. The dates for the Fair are August 10 through 20. If eleven clubs would each take one day, all shifts would be covered.

Thank you,

Chuck Godfrey  
President-ECFSC, inc.

REMINGTON  
WILDLIFE ART  
CALENDARS

The Federation will be purchasing the Remington Wildlife Art Calendars this fall. These are great calendars and the Federation will make about \$1.00 per calendar.

Please place your order with Tony or Val Gonnello **ASAP!**  
Phone = 652-4728. Mail checks to Tony at: Box 247, East Aurora , N.Y.  
14052-0247. Multiply \$3.00 times the number of calendars ordered and  
have check or cash at the time of order. No orders without pre-payment.  
**Make check out to ECFSC,INC. The last date to place your order  
will be at the September regular meeting-9/8/05.** Calendars will be  
distributed at the first regular Federation meeting after received.

As you know, the Federation needs to make up lost funding. It is hoped  
That each and every member club will purchase 50 Calendars or more  
So we can continue the good work we do on behalf of all sportspeople.  
That is \$150.00 from **your** club to keep the ECFSC on the right track.  
Not much to ask for the good of all.

Thanks.