



Rich Davenport, 2006 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

October 2006 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:31 PM – 10/12/2006
Location: Hawkeye Bowmen, Marilla, NY

Call to order – 7:31 PM

Pledge to Flag: Completed

Roll call – Officers and Directors:

Excused - Dan Tone, Hal Lawrence, Paul Stoos (at Hamburg Parking Lot Meetings),
Dave Smzycynski, Dwight Mateer, Spence Schofield, Joe Fischer, Fred Langdon

Quorum of member clubs – Present:

YES

Approval of previous month's minutes

Tom Motion
Frank Miskey

Motion carries

Secretary's report – Rich Davenport

Hunting Dog Federation Event Nov 4

"Kids Outdoors" is a Christian value organization teaching kids all kinds of outdoor skills - shooting, canoeing, camping, etc.. The Bontrager's Ringneck Pheasant Preserve near Darien has donated a hunt for 12 of these kids, and they are looking for volunteers with pointing dogs to help on this event. They would like one dog per two kids. People who have participated in these kinds of events in the past have found it to be both safe and satisfying.

The event is Saturday, Nov. 4. If you are interested in participating with your dog, call Jim at 585-944-8669.

Onondaga County Letter from Sheehan

Good morning, Stephen.

Attached is the response that I received from the Commissioner of the State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regarding any proposed regulations that would restrict the harvest of antlered deer based on the size of the antlers.

I am pleased to note the Commissioner's assertion that there are no such plans under consideration currently.

Please feel free to forward this letter to the members of your organization, and thank you again for bringing this concern to my attention.

All the best, Jeff

DEC Testing of waterfowl for bird flu - found nothing so far

Membership report – Mike Smith

Sent out membership letters for dues. Hopefully get something back
Chuck also sent letters out, and nothing has come back
Also includes phone calls by Mike Smith
Nothing

Bob asked how many clubs involved?
7 or 8
Must update the list next month.

Treasurer's report – Tony Scime

Nothing to report yet
Tony, Chuck, Dave Reed, will be getting together to budget for next year.
Please have requests for funds for 2007 submitted before end of fall 2006.
Bring to board for approval

We wish to remain solvent, and money is getting tight. If a group doesn't put a request in early, doesn't mean they will not receive funding.

Working to be more conservative fiscally.

In the past, ECFSC set policy to receive a spending report for the funding we provide. Form will be put together, that will accompany the funding check, stating the requirement

of the spending report, required 30 days after the event, statement, if no report is provided, no money next year

Also on form a statement that ECFSC needs to receive credit for contributed funding, at the event

Also approved the \$500.00 for TSA for this year. Please send a request for the funding for next year, please do it now.

Bob Church says no problem.

Bison City has been sending reports in on all money spent. Excellent!

Correspondence report –

Chuck sent letter out on behalf of ECSFC

Sent to board members before it went out. At last meeting, Mike Wilkinson, Tom Scott and Chuck discussed the 18-Mile Creek Parking lot. Construction stopped.

Article in Buffalo News Southtowns edition, complaints from residents., etc

Letter sent to appropriate officials in DEC, County and Town Governments, as well as Jack Quinn and Senator Volker

Paul McKeown informed chuck of public meeting, on 10/12. Timing! Grrr...

Paul Stoos is attending on behalf of ECFSC

3 from TU

Woody Woodworth and SWA members, including a South Creek Resident who supports the project there.

Letter sent to news explaining the article should have been county wide, not Southtowns only

Article, follow up announcing the public meeting

Included statements made in the letter.

Some resident objections include people will drive off the ravine, yet school bus turnaround is currently there! No buses off the cliff!!!

President's Report – Chuck Godfrey

Upcoming meetings as follows:

Next meetings and locations

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

Scoby Dam - Thanks to Bob Church for the info on Scoby

Scoby Dam is listed on register of historic places. Does not preclude changing it
People also do this to qualify for federal funds to improve change or whatnot for that
place

This does not preclude work being done!

DEC is designated to ok things like fish ladder installation.

The meeting - November, is about fish passage, not necessarily a ladder.

This meeting will be to explain the exploratory project up, as much confusion exists

January will then be the public meeting to clear the confusion with the public

Feasibility study for USA Corps of Engineer, looking at anything from doing nothing, to
blowing the entire dam. Fish passage, could be a small creek around the dam, too.

Clean Up efforts article in Buffalo News, 10/11/06, Another Voice as follows:
Provides alternatives to reworking the entire system.

Dave Barus discussed when his daughter lived on Raleigh Road, right on the creek.

Hundreds of dead fish down here - around May 2000, Mike Wilkinson came down, and
took water samples. Informed him of when storms cause flooding, by design, sewage
overflows happen.

Zoning laws do not change to demand larger diameter pipes when areas grow.
Classification of stream, Class B. Will never be a Class A trout stream, which is a class
that this designed overflow discharge cannot happen. This stream will not be changed to
class A due to warm water fishery, not coldwater

Gabby discussed Hamburg, mentioned that a lot of grant money is given to study
resolving issue. Environmental Pollution Committee is working to correct this, but
Billions are involved, and its tough.

Tom marks mentioned Cayuga Creek Structure blocking trout runs. Jim Markham heard
about this, Chuck looked and nothing was there.

Location incorrect? Between Raleigh Rd, near Indian Road and upstream from there.
Unknown as if this exists. Will look for it again...

October 17 at 7PM - Beaver Island State Park Club House. Niag River Green way
General Meeting, as follows:

www.niagaragreenway.org
Niagara River Greenway Commission
Beaver Island State Park
2136 West Oakfield Road
Grand Island, New York 14072

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(716) 773-5361.
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For Immediate Release:

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Tuesday, September 26, 2006 716.278.1764
Greenway Coordinator: Rob Belue
716.773.5361

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

WHO: Niagara River Greenway Commission (NRGC)
WHAT: Niagara River Greenway Commission General Meeting
WHEN: Tuesday, October 17, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island

The Niagara River Greenway Commission will be holding its eleventh meeting to plan for the establishment of a new Niagara River Greenway. These meetings are open to the general public and stakeholders.

The Commission, first called for by the Governor in his 2004 State of the State Address and signed into law September 2004, will aid in the planning and development of a greenway of interconnected parks, river access points and waterfront trails along the Niagara River from Lake Erie at Buffalo to Lake Ontario at the site of the historic Fort Niagara.

For more information regarding the Niagara River Greenway Commission and related documents visit the website www.niagaragreenway.org.

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From Fred Neff - Info about Dogs not doing well when eating grapes and raisins. Apparently, this is an issue with dogs, and a dog did die from poisoning from grapes. As few as 6 to 9 can kill the dog!!

GUESTS:

None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law enforcement – Dwight Mateer

None

Archery & Bowhunting – Dave Reed

None

Crossbow – Tony Gonnello

Oct 6, 2006

Private land crossbow hunting season introduced for late October

By TIM TUCKER

Florida's newest hunting season is right around the corner.

The new crossbow season, established for this year, provides additional opportunities for hunters with access to private land. It also lengthens the overall hunting season and extends the number of days conventional bowhunters can use their weapons since bows now are legal for taking game during all hunting seasons.

The new season is limited to private land and restricts harvest to bucks. Wild hogs and bearded turkey can also be taken. Crossbow season does not apply to wildlife management areas.

Positioned between archery and muzzleloading gun seasons, crossbow time lasts five days. In our region, those days are Oct. 23-27.

Only bucks with at least one antler 5 inches or more in length can be taken and the daily bag limit is two. Antlerless deer may be taken only by hunters with antlerless deer permits. Hunters cannot use dogs during crossbow season to take deer, hogs or turkey. When hunting such game, broadheads must have at least two sharpened edges with a minimum width of 7/8 inch.

Besides a Florida hunting license, hunters must purchase a \$5 crossbow season permit to hunt during this special season.

Of all States, game council in NJ voted to approve the proposal to include crossbow season in 2007/ 2008. Must go through the process. It should pass.

We have to write laws to do anything, while NJ and PA and others actually manage the wildlife and fish, they decide what they can do.

Bob Church asked about why crossbows are not being proposed in Albany. At HF Task force,

Beginning to move to support this. Politicians are not listening to NYB as intently anymore, in favor of looking at other states and the entirety of the sportsmen...

Fish – Dave Barus

Will send on

Bob Church has had two or three legislators ask about ECFSC position on visible fishing license. We are opposed

Chuck - bass fishing in Lake Erie off Mickey Rats is excellent

Rich D - Salmon are slammin' still in the streams on pink skein and egg sacs.

Small Game – Dan Tone

The federation has released more than 1300 4-H pheasants since August of this year. They were stocked through-out Erie County.

The federation has continued our adult stocking program in Brant, New York. With the help of land owners and the DEC. 140 birds will be released just prior to the season-East of Mile Block Road & South of Milestrip.

Don't forget the Zoar Valley Multiple Use Area, 350 birds. A permit needed for open day-check with the DEC.

Niagara Parks, Joseph Davis, Wilson Tuscarora and Golden Hill, permit needed first two Saturdays.

Safari Club releases thousands of pheasants, call for approval and locations. 716-675-9171

Niagara County State Parks Pheasant Program:

Permits are required for Niagara County State Parks for the first and second Saturdays. The State parks are Golden Hill, Joseph Davis, and Wilson-Tuscarora. For the permit lottery, send a post card for each date and State park (6 possible cards total). Each card should include:

Name

Address

License Back Tag number

Hunt date

Desired Park Location

Phone number

e-mail address

Mail to:

Sandy Wilkolaski
Niagara Frontier State Parks
Regional Operations Office
P.O. Box 1132
Niagara Falls, NY 14303-0132

The cards can all be in one envelope. They must be received by noon of the Friday the week before the opening day.

NY DEC Pheasant Release Sites:

Region 9 of the DEC stocks pheasants at 16 locations, and pheasants are stocked in other parts of the state as well. For a list of locations and permit requirements, see www.dec.state.ny.us - search using the search function on this page for "pheasant release sites". The page describing pheasant releases in 2006 is <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/wildlife/pheasant/rnpstock.html>

Safari Club International Pheasant Release Sites:

Safari Club International stocks 4,500 pheasants on the land of cooperating landowners. To locate the sites, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

S.C.I.
10024 Boston Road
Eden, NY 14057-9720

Big Game – Paul Stoos

None
891-4073 - Schoelkopf Hunting Leases

Bob Church - Dennis Money is putting on a program for touring the Seneca army depot - white deer, last two weekends of October, tour around the army depot and chance to see the white deer. Don Davis adds its about a 45 minute tour, requiring about 2 hrs to get there

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

none

Waterfowl – Paul Pietraszewski

Rich provided Bird Flu press release in Secretary's Report

Conservation Council - Joe Fischer

Meeting a couple weeks ago - Bob Fuller

Information provided - same officers next year for the council

Gabby - Up at Alden Rod & Gun, Is anything sent onto the NYSCC for their newsletter?

Chuck - we should be and Chuck has not, will try to do this

Tony Gonnello - said the NYSCC reps should do that

Tony also mentioned Chuck won the 2006 Conservationist of the Year!

Environment & Pollution – Tom Marks

Pollution at sewers terrible in this area. Biggest source of pollution to Great Lakes is from waste sewers spilling into storm storm

Legislation – John Susz

SCOPE - Meet Candidates 9/30

Approx 30 door prizes

Raffle winners

Chili cook off was excellent

Upcoming elections Nov 7 - 36 States voting for Governors

All Congressmen

33 Senators

We urge everyone be well informed - will send informational attachments separate from the minutes

Resolutions – Bob Fuller –

Results of Resolutions voting

December Resolution will be solicited

We must submit 2 resolutions! Must apply to entire state

EA F&G meeting two weeks ago, a Bulletin board was in there with a Federation section.

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 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.

Classes winding down now

EAF&G mentioned their classes were not included on the posters. Frank stated they did not submit their classes until 2 weeks from print.

Also, space, we had 58 classes this year!

Chuck, how much do posters cost

Frank mentioned @ 175. This year we may get this donated.

DEC get 75 copies, and they send to each license issuing agent in Erie County!

About 100 to the instructors

ECFSC gets a ton as well, and Federation members are looking for them. They are at the meeting! These are also on the website.

Listing is on a first come first served basis, space and print deadlines.

John Susz - Is there an instructor cert class coming up

Elma Cons Club Jan 18. Must meet background check and an ECO interview, before taking the class.

Candidates receive a packet, which details the requirements.

Pre test taken at home - cuts the class down to one day due to four-hour test

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations – Mike Smith

Tonight and next month - voting in Dec

President - Chuck Godfrey, any other nominations? He accepted

1st VP - Joe Fischer, not present... If not here, need a letter

2nd VP - Paul Stoos - Not Here

Treasurer - not present

Sec - Rich Davenport - nominated by Bob Church, second Tom Fischer

Corr. Sec - Dave Barus nominated by Chuck G, 2nd Don Davis

Memb. Sec - Mike Smith - nominated, by Bob Church, 2nd, Dave Barus

Board Members - 5 openings

LY Dave Barus, Fuller, Langdon, Rockey, Susz

Steve nominates John Susz for next 3 year term, accepts

Bob Fuller is nominated - accepted

George Rockey is nominated for board, accepts

Bob nominated for alternate delegate t NYSCC

Joe Fischer not present - cannot nominate,. Not here

Awards – Frank Miskey Sr.

Year is beginning to come to an end, clubs must nominate candidates for the various recognitions. Frank took over from Will Elliot, Tony G is helping out

Banquet – Dan Tone

ERIE COUNTY FED. BANQUET:

Our federation banquet is just over four months away and we are going to need a lot of help. Especially since Pat Kruse will probably not be around to work on the banquet, like she did in the past.

Luckily, Debbie Godfrey, had been working with Pat and is doing a great job. Don Davis stepped forward and is running the President's Raffle in place of Tony Gonnello. Joe McAdams should have the forms for banquet ads and will do the banquet book again this year.

Tickets are being printed and should be available for our next federation meeting. But, it doesn't stop there; we need a lot of donations for prizes. We would appreciate if you would start searching right now for gift certificates to guns. We need someone to coordinate the donations too, work at the door, sell raffle tickets, etc.

March 3 (1st Sat in March) - tickets printed, to be distributed at Nov meeting
Need donations for prizes, gift certificates, anything for the prizes!!

Need volunteers to work the Banquet - meeting of committee, after November meeting

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Scholarship application for next year... for kids going into environmental fields or law enforcement.

Please, if you know kids going into these fields, get them an application!

ECO Exam is coming up include in the minutes...

Chuck will get in touch with Kent concerning kids scholarship stuff.

CFAB – Fred Langdon

None

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

FWMB – Bob Church, Paul Stoos

None until Dec

Shows – WE NEED A SHOWS CHAIRMAN!!!!

National Hunting and Fishing day – Tom McCormick

We do not feel like the response has been what it used to be.
Was there any group that tried to get involved but got no response?
Participants? How is it doing?

Very little of the general public involvement, seems like the same kids over and over again, very low turnout. Is this advertised?

TU participation LY was told it was cancelled. Didn't show up
TY, TU tried to get a hold of someone, at least 45 days prior. Tom McCormick provided with two numbers. No one answered at all - TU wasn't there again this year.

TY 15 groups, 350 kids at Wood & Brook this year

Niagara County - 2 days in Lewiston - 28,000 kids and adults

Where does Niagara County get their funding?

Mike - really thinks we should go to Niagara County, find out what's happening, and perhaps combine forces

Tony mentioned that Dicks or Gander would belly up big for this!

Dick's manager, chuck tried to get a hold of him, but never a return call back.

We need someone to get a hold of these guys - Tony mentioned that we already did that - Paul Stos... All encompassing.

Bob Church mentioned we should go to Wood & Brook first, before approaching Niagara,

Chuck - of course!

Mike Smith - last few years, W&B is getting worse and worse. Perhaps we move this to another large member club?

Dave Barus mentioned EAF&G wanted to host this, and some issues with W&B existed back about 6 years ago. Decided to do the NRA youth program, works out great. Doesn't cost the kids a dime, but EAF&G spends a lot. Its worthwhile

Phil - Hawkeye had discussed putting their own program on NHFD, backed off because of W&B. Similar to EAF&G. Perhaps form a committee between the clubs, to target general public, rather than B SCOUTS or G SCOUTS alone

Recommendation that we cut ties with Wood & Brook for next year's NHFD, and form a committee to determine the best new approach!

Tony mentioned that NHFD has the roots in Buffalo! Jack Kemp helped to start this.

Gabby has some history on NHFD, if anyone would like to use this, as to show the importance, and perhaps use this to educate the people.

Millgrove put up an exhibit in region 8. Always got a good turnout in region 8, raffling lifetime license.

Agreed with Rich, let's get a committee going to explore how best to do this.

We have a committee, of one, W&B guy.

Booths used to be free at Avon region 8, now its \$25.00, and you must be on the list to be invited

Dave agrees with Rich, we need a new committee, we have the most licensed hunters of any county. Should be the best NHFD in the State. Perhaps getting involved to Niagara to learn?

WNY Environmental Federation –

None

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

Motion to approve - 2nd-

None

Website – Paul Stoos - eriectyfsc.org

None

Old Business:

Cormorants - Gabby, are they doing any better?

Chuck, they're shooting the heck out of them

Gabby, who can we talk to find out progress?

Connie Adams is the person in Buffalo

New Business - any new delegates present?

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New Delegates? No

Bob Church - Last month mentioned results on Zoar Valley

DEC complimented us

Anti's didn't like the results

Come to find out, the anti's Sierra Club, Adirondack Group, et al, went to Legislator to contract logging? Now going after Erie County Parks - since they lost at Zoar.

Suggestion - recommend ECFSC writes a letter to Erie County in support of Logging parks etc.

Ray - brand new sawmill in Sardinia, cannot use our own money?

Tree huggers

Rich Davenport noted emails over tree hugger moves in Maine, Vermont, and even in NY

motions that we write the letter to support the Erie County Logging in County Parks, timber and parks management plan

Second - Bob Fuller

Send letter to appropriate county and state officials.

Motion carries

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

None

50/50 Raffle

Winner is SCOPE

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn - Bob Church 2nd – Gabby Cronin

Meeting adjourned

Thanks to Host Club

Hawkeye Bowmen