



Rich Davenport, 2008 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

June 2008 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM – 6/26/08

Location: Alden Rod & Gun Club, Alden, NY

Meeting opened at 7:38 PM

Roll Call: Excused Rich Davenport, Tom Fischer, Bob Fuller

Pledge to Flag - Completed

Sec. Rpt: minutes came out today

Membership: couple of info sheets still need to be filled out

Treasury Rpt.: will be emailed to Rich
Motion to accept by Chuck, 2nd Gabby, passed

Pres. Rpt: Steve will be excused for July meeting

Guest Speaker: Fr. Price – United States Sportsmen's Alliance – presentation on their history and programs:

- Presently trying to get states to pass “hunter apprentice” programs
- Lawsuits in Me. and Minn. to maintain access to federally protected lands
- Cooperative fundraising program available
- Motion by D. Tone, 2nd P. Stoos to join as a sustaining member – passed

Corr. Rpt: Letters to Kuhl and Del Monte thanking for support of youth hunter bill
Notification that all 5 kids have been accepted to DEC camps
Letters sent to C. Collins, E.C. Pks Sup., and each County legislator inviting to kids' clinics. Only heard from T. Wroblewski that he will be attending

Upcoming Meetings

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
7/24/08	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Glen-Coe, Foote Rd, Glenwood, NY
9/11/08	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Springville F&S, 8900 Chaise Rd, Springville, NY
10/9/08	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Hawkeye Bowmen Historically – Need confirm
11/13/08	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Boston Valley Cons. Soc, 9624 Zimmerman Rd, Boston

Law Enforcement, Archery, Crossbow Committees – no reports

Fish Committee Report: full report will be emailed to Rich

Motion by D. Barus, 2nd N. Antonik to loan 20 rods and reels to BASS for kids fishing derby on 8/2 – passed

P. Stoos reported on EPA boat discharge situation – will email to Rich for inclusion in minutes

The 7th Annual Redbone Fishing Tournament - Buffalo Small Boat Harbor



The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Western New York announced the 7th Annual Redbone Fishing Tournament, the Greater Niagara BassEye Celebrity Challenge, scheduled for July 9 and 10, 2008, in Buffalo Small Boat Harbor. This unique event, part of the Redbone tournament series across North America, combines the spirit and sport of fishing with the passion and conviction of those fighting to find a cure for CF. Rich Products is proud to support this event and to contribute to the health and well being of our

community. The BassEye has developed into a world class fishing event right here in Buffalo. “Boats, Bait & Beer”, a dinner pre-tournament event, will kick-off the tournament on Wednesday, July 9th where captains, celebrities and anglers will join together for a dinner and cocktail reception featuring fund-raiser auction packages. On Thursday, July 10th, the catch and release tournament will place some of Western New York’s best and most competitive anglers in a 50 boat competition. In each boat, two anglers and a celebrity, or three anglers, fish with a professional fishing guide, with the goal of catching bass and walleye. The tournament commence with a dockside barbecue and awards ceremony. Official weighmasters were ECFS members, Joe Fischer, Spencer Schofield and Joe Jemiolo.

July-Aug 2008 WNY Fishing Tournaments/Events

15	Erie Federation/NYS -DEC Youth Fishing Clinic, Chestnut Ridge Park Lake	6/28/08	YOUTH & FAMILY EVENT: 9:30 am - 1 p.m., , Route 240- Orchard Park, 2 hr program, includes free Sahlens hot dog lunch, free use of rods/reels, free bait, lots of free prizes, fishing, Open to Public. Pre-registration required.	No license is required by anyone for these two days, resident or non-resident. Call 716-652-4180 to register. Info: Dave Barus, 716-597-4081
16	New York's Free Fishing Days 2008	6/28-6/29/08	Also weekend that Town of Newfane sponsors a kids fishing derby at the Town of Newfane Marina in Olcott from 8 a.m. to noon	No license is required by anyone for these two days, resident or non-resident. For more information, call (716) 778-8531.

17	Erie Canal Fishing Derby	7/8-7/20/08	YOUTH & FAMILY EVENT , The Erie Canal is spotlighted for this family-oriented fishing competition offering more than \$8,000 in prizes. Eligible waters include from the Niagara River to the Main Street Bridge in Albion (Route 98).	For more information visit their website at www.eriecanalderby.com (Bass is included.)
18	Greater Niagara Bass-Eye Celebrity Classic	7/9-7/10/08	Buffalo, New York; Part of Mercury Redbone	Greater Niagara Bass-Eye Celebrity Classic, redboneinc@aol.com , (305) 664-2002, Fax: (305) 664-9036
19	Scotty Amara-Can Walleye International	7/12-7/13/08	From Dunkirk Harbor	Info: 1-905-835-8105
20	CAN-AM Walleye Classic	7/26-7/27/08	Can-Am Walleye Classic Fish Derby, \$225 entry, 100 team limit, Port Colbourne. 3 Heaviest Fish, Pre-Fish Tournament on 7/25/08, \$80 entry.	Peter Leavere, 905-834-5607 or 905-714-6383
21	2008 BASS Buffalo Bassmaster Elite Series Tournament - Empire Chase	7/31-8/03/08	Lake Erie / Niagara River, from Buffalo, NY, ESPN2 TV. Kids Fishing Derby 8/2 YOUTH & FAMILY EVENT	See bassmaster web
22	Northern Chautauqua County Conservation Walleye International	8/01/08-8/03/08	4 th annual walleye Derby on Lake Erie at Dunkirk, Northern Chautauqua County Club, Mullet St., limited to 100 team event , new “trifecta” daily cash bonus	Chairman, Joe Jemiolo, 716-440-8812
23	Wal-mart Bass Fishing League BFL	8/2/08	Lake Chautauqua, Bemus Point, New York; Entry fees: \$200 boater \$100 co-angler Prize: \$5100 boater \$3000 Co Angler plus Ranger Boat Bonuses	
24	444 Walleye International – 16 th Annual	Aug. 8, 9, 10	Only 4 fish entered a day , a maximum 4 anglers per boat, and a maximum of 4 lines in the water. This is what makes the 444 walleye tournament a challenging and tight contest. Anglers will be competing for cash and prizes.	Info: Steve, 905 834-2225. Weigh-in at H.. Knoll Lakeview Park at 4 PM Saturday and 3 PM Sunday. Teams will begin to register at 4:44 pm on Friday.

25	2008 BASS Bassmaster Elite Series - Champion's Choice	8/07- 8/10/08	Oneida Lake, Syracuse, NY, ESPN2 TV	See ESPN2 Bassmaster web
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2008 Southtowns Walleye Association 24th Annual Tournament Results

Southtowns Walleye Association of WNY concluded their 9-day tournament on June 15. For most anglers, the tough wind made catching big fish a challenge. The winner was a lady!! Proud Nancy M. Kreavy captured first place with a 12.16 pound monster walleye that she landed on the first day of the tournament, June 7. Cash payouts went to 200th place!

The rest of the top ten looked like this:

2 nd Place – Vincent E. Piasecki	11.50
3 rd Place – Thomas Mitchell	11.4
4 th Place – Susan Zilenski	11.41
5 th Place – Jeff Phillips	11.38
6 th Place – Mark Z. Zmyslo	11.28
7 th Place – Paul S. Port	11.22
8 th Place – Brian Halberg	11.21
9 th Place – Dennis W. Young	11.20
10 th Place – Michael Cassidy	11.16

Corporate Day Winners are:

Day 1 - Challenger Lures / 3D Worm Harness – Dave Moreno – 10.88
Day 2 - Fishlander – Michael Cassidy – 11.16
Day 3 - Okuma – William F. Schneider – 9.91
Day 4 - Illuminator – Jay Baker – 8.70
Day 5 - Walker Downriggers – Jeff Tate – 9.27
Day 6 - Cannon/Bottomline – T. Mitchell – 11.43
Day 7 - Hi Tech – Gregory J. Reynolds – 10.28
Day 8 - Big Jon – Carl A. Lanski – 9.43
Day 9 – Rapala/Storm/Luhr J.R. Kryszak – 10.93

Major Sponsor Bonus Prize Winners are:

Big Jon – John Rogers – 11.08
Cannon / Bottomline – Nancy M. Kreavy – 12.16
Challenger Lures / 3D Worm Harness – Vincent E. Piasecki – 11.50
Hi Tech – Jeff Phillips – 11.38
Illuminator Lures – Jay Baker – 8.70
Mack's Lures – Thomas R. Marks – 9.03
Northern King – Jim Dolly, Jr. – 9.80
Okuma – Paul S. Port – 11.22
Rapala / Storm / Luhr Jensen – Ron Kryszak – 10.93

Reef Runner – Clayton Grover – 8.92
Walker Downriggers – Dennis Buck – 10.63

In the Youth Division, the top 10 are:

1st Place – Bobby Ruzewski 10.86
2nd Place – Codey Allen 10.48
3rd Place – Logan Plant 10.19
4th Place – Alicia Alguire 10.10
5th Place – Mike Marcinkowski 9.99
6th Place – Joshua Slawatycki 9.62
7th Place – Austin Greathouse 9.15
8th Place – Brandon L. Flick 9.08
9th Place – William Nelson 8.94
10th Place – Caleb Dhali 8.67

The Tournament Chairman, Bob Witulski, and the members of the Tournament Committee were pleased with the turnout for both the tournament and the picnic. Plans will be underway within the month for the Silver Anniversary 25th Annual Tournament.

For more information about the Club, you can contact the Club Office at 716-649-8202 or visit our website at: www.southtownswalleye.org

For questions regarding this release, contact Sue Guenther at 716-827-8968 (leave a message) or e-mail at TheFishlineEditor@verizon.net

DEC Working on Erosion Issues - DEC Joe Galati

1) Cattaraugus Creek at Rt 219 Bridge

Investigated complaints of erosion and turbidity associated with the 219 bridge construction in Springville, met with NYSDOT staff to discuss various options to reduce impacts of construction.

2) Prendergast Creek - Hatchery Property

Inspected Prendergast Creek adjacent to the Chautauqua Hatchery property and working to determine what type of bank stabilization will be required to stop erosion. Consulted with NYS-DOT to seek input and support.

Paddlefish Restoration in Allegheny River- SWG Project

After exhaustive effort to net adult paddlefish, BDEC iologist Clancy and Fisheries Technician Joshua Burkett successfully netted 20 adult and sub-adult paddlefish in Allegheny Reservoir with some exceeding five feet in length and likely weighing 50 lbs or more. These fish represent the first adult paddlefish collected in the Upper Allegheny River since the late 1800s. Radiotags were implanted in 17 of the fish with subsequent tracking showing at least one of the fish moving upriver to the vicinity of the City of Salamanca. Paddlefish were once native to the Allegheny River but were extirpated due

to water pollution and dams. NYS-DEC initiated a stocking program in 1998 which continues today. The State Wildlife Grants funded radio tagging study will help biologists better understand movements of fish in the reservoir and upper river and identify spawning locations. Juvenile paddlefish will also be implanted with radio tags this fall.

Upper Niagara River/Buffalo Harbor Muskellunge Collections, DEC Mike Wilkinson

Region 9 DEC Fisheries Manager McKeown, DEC Biologist Galati, Fish and Wildlife Technician Sztukowski, Biologist Wilkinson and SUNY-ESF doctoral student Kevin Kapuschinski participated in an extensive muskellunge sampling program in Buffalo Harbor and upper Niagara River. The sampling effort, lasted 30 days and was conducted 6 days per week, and was a cooperative effort between NYS-DEC and SUNY College Environmental Science & Forestry. Sampling methods included trap nets, hoop nets and electro-fishing to catch sub-adult and adult muskellunge. Egg traps were also deployed in suspected spawning areas to confirm muskellunge egg deposition was occurring. Very few muskellunge were observed/collected in the Buffalo Harbor (5) and, unfortunately, there were no spawning females collected during the sampling activity. However, a number of sub-adult muskellunge were collected in the Upper Niagara (27). Numerous rudd, a large non-native member of the minnow family, were collected in trap nets near Strawberry Island. Adult northern pike were also abundant in the vicinity of Strawberry Island.

Wild brook trout enhancement work in Allegany State Park, DEC Scott Cornett

Fish population sampling was done on two streams in Allegany State Park prior to habitat improvement work. The first stream, McIntosh Brook, where the habitat work will be done was sampled at 23 sites. As expected, we found low numbers of adult wild brook trout because of very limited available habitat. Disappointingly, we found only one young-of-year brook trout and no yearlings in the stream. In the other stream, Beehunter Creek, which is being used as our "control stream" and has better habitat, we found moderate numbers of adult wild brook trout with low numbers of young-of-year and yearlings at 12 sites. It is likely that the low numbers of brook trout from the 1997 and 1998 year classes are a result of environmental conditions during the spawning and/or incubation periods in the fall and winter (fall 1996 had very high flows and fall 1997 had extremely low flows). In July and August, DEC Fisheries in cooperation with ASP, USFWS and Trout Unlimited will be building pool digging structures at 17 sites along the stream to create deep water, adult trout habitat. These will be fairly simple structures and the work will be done completely by hand and light, portable machinery. We will evaluate the how this project changes stream habitat and trout populations from 2009-2011. This project is being funded by a grant from the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture and is the only project that received a grant in NY this year. Due to the low numbers of brook trout encountered during the survey DEC recommends that anglers not fish this creek until the population recovers.

Western NY Fishing Hotline – DEC Mike Todd

DEC Biologist Mike Todd prepares a very popular weekly fishing hotline, providing up-to-date information for the heavily fished waters of Western NY. Anglers can access by

telephone at (716) 679-ERIE or via website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9217.html>. Any angler that needs additional information or would like to contribute to the fishing report, please call or e-mail Mike Todd (716-851-7010; mttodd@gw.dec.state.ny.us) or Jim Markham (716-366-0228; jmarkha@gw.dec.state.ny.us). Good Luck Fishing!

Bear Lake Property Investigated for Boat Launch, DEC Scott Cornett

DEC Fisheries staff examined a piece of property adjacent to the current DEC car-top access for potential acquisition. The parcel could potentially provide public trailer access to Bear Lake.

Angler Survey on Ischua Creek, DEC Scott Cornett

Starting April 1st, an angler survey was begun on Ischua Creek in Cattaraugus County. In the survey which runs through October 15, we will be counting anglers on the stream and interviewing anglers to learn what they are catching and to gather their opinions on several trout stream management issues. Through June 16, the stream has been surveyed on 45 days. Angler use has been light to moderate, with fishing conditions mostly quite poor early in the season and improving from late April through late May. Angler catches were very light until the first in season stocking in mid April. Warm water temperatures in early June slowed the fishing in the lower section of the creek, but in the upper section and the catch and release section where water temperatures stay under 70 degrees angling has remained very good. Through the June 16th, DEC has conducted 612 angler interviews, with anglers reporting 732 trout caught.

Minnow Bait Transport Permits, DEC Paul McKeown

DEC prepared several bait transport permits, providing commercial bait dealers the legal means of transporting brined/salted minnows by motor vehicle to a site for subsequent packaging. Since overland transport of uncertified bait is now illegal, salted and commercially packaged emerald shiners should be popular with area yellow perch anglers.

NYS-DEC Family Fishing Day at Tifft Nature Preserve SUMMARY - June 14, 2008

102 kids registered. 27 volunteers. 4 learning station format. 1 eating station. Kids caught 42 fish. Biggest 12-1/2" largemouth, smallest 2-1/4" emerald shiner minnow. Fishing fun! Day was overcast, had some rain and wind, the kids didn't seem to mind! Tifft director, Matt Frawley, opened the gates at 8 AM, provided run of facility to our team. Used the covered entrance to facility for registration, back porch for one learning station. We borrowed several tables and Frawley permitted us to move inside to



lecture hall if necessary.

Ray Gwarek made some special coffee, with special thanks to Matt Frawley
When kids registered, they received a business card size “YOUTH ID CARD”. They were tasked to add their name and age, then received a free Mardi-Gras fishing bead necklace. Kids loved that. Thanks to Norby Antonik for the idea. The ID Card had a learning station imprinted on each corner and when kids completed the station requirements, that corner received a hole punch from the station captain.

In order to be eligible for the random rod/reel/prize drawing, they had to complete all learning stations and turn in their card at 12 noon.

The format of the 4 Learning Station program format was similar to Bison City “Teach-Me-To-Fish” program and East Aurora Fish & Game “Learn-To-Fish” program. The 4 Stations included:

- 1) Knot-Tying, kids learned to tie a Palomar Knot
- 2) WNY Jr. Bassmasters, kids learned to rig a plastic worm and jig tail on a hook
- 3) NYS-DEC, 2-pop-up tent learning station. Mike Wilkinson and Mike Todd



demonstrated fish and aquatic life

- 4) Casting Station, last stop where kids learned right way to push the button/hold it in and then cast.

Sahlens provided 450 hot dogs and donated the remainder to any club that wanted to take hot dogs to their club. We used about 240.

The two kids that caught the biggest fish and the smallest fish received an automatic rod/reel prize as “Fishing Clinic Champions of the Day”. The kids caught sunfish, rock bass, largemouth bass, perch, pumpkinseed and bullhead among common catches. About half the attendees borrowed a rod/reel from the federation, the others brought their own rigs

Prior to the prize drawing, the kids that did not catch any fish were identified and asked to help the Federation and NYSDEC “Fish Team” with catch and release activities. The each took one of the 15 empty buckets waiting for them and took one fish each to release



back into the Lake Kirsty. Went well. Thanks kids! Before the official rod/reel drawing give-away, ECO Scott Marshall provided an inspiring 2-minute talk to the kids over the PA System about how he and the kids could be friends so they both would work to help the fish management and fish conservation programs get stronger while they had fun fishing...and they all seemed good with the “ECO deal”. Scott received a rousing

round of applause.

The 70 kids that braved the weather were awarded a rod/reel thru drawing format. About 30 left due to the weather. Each child received a special informational packet from Mike Todd NYSDEC.

The WNY Jr. Bassmasters under Cathy Cashdollar and Billy Jo, NYSDEC Biologists Mike Todd and Mike Wilkinson and Megan Gollwitzer Citizen Participation Specialist for Buffalo DEC, and master hot dog chef – Kevin - from Sahlens, all received applause and thanks.

Additional thanks to all Erie County Federation of Sportsmen and Erie County Fish Advisory Board volunteer folks who gave up their Saturday to show the kids a little bit more about how to have fun in the outdoors through fishing.

Several parents came up after the event and said things like, “the greatest fishing day ever!”, “this was a great event...thanks!”....many similar comments.

Received no complaints. Special official thanks to be mailed to ECFAB for rod/reel donations and to Crows Nest for \$500 cash donation to help offset costs. **Thanks TEAM!**

Dave Barus 2008 Federation coordinator

Mike Todd 2008 NYSDEC coordinator



Small Game Committee: report from C. Adams will be emailed to Rich by D. Tone
6000 pheasants raised at prison – nothing yet received to insert into minutes

Big Game Committee: will be emailed to Rich
Youth Hunter/ Trapper Mentor Bill
GREAT NEWS!

The junior big game / trapper mentor bill #S8228 passed the Senate today with a vote of 61 -1. Companion bill A11033 passed the Assembly on June 19th.

The next step is the Governor, for his signature.

Yours in Conservation,

Harold L. Palmer
President
New York State Conservation Council, Inc.

For Release: IMMEDIATE
Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Contact: Maureen Wren
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DEC PROPOSES TO OPEN NEW AREAS FOR BEAR HUNTING IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN NEW YORK COUNTIES Meetings Taking Place in July, Comment Period Ends August 9

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Pete Grannis today announced proposed changes that will open new areas in the Southern Zone to black bear hunting beginning in fall 2008. DEC is proposing to expand the bear hunting seasons to 13 additional Wildlife Management Units (WMUs), which include parts of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Erie, Wyoming, Genesee, Monroe, Livingston, Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, Yates, Steuben, Schuyler, Tompkins, Tioga, Cortland, Broome, Chenango, Madison, Onondaga, Oneida, and Otsego counties.

"The proposal to open new areas to bear hunting in the Southern bear range is part of our continuing effort to better manage bear populations and provide excellent hunting opportunities in New York State," Commissioner Grannis said. "Expanding the bear hunting area is a proactive strategy to slow the expansion of black bear range and population and reduce conflicts between black bears and people before those conflicts reach unacceptable levels."

Black bears have been thriving in New York, with a current population of approximately 6,000-7,000 - a number that has grown significantly in recent years. The majority (4,000-5,000) can be found in the Adirondack region, with the remainder of the population mostly in the Allegany (300-500) and Catskill (1,500-2,000) regions. In recent years, bears have expanded their range considerably, which has led to a

growing number of interactions between bears and people, including some serious conflicts where bears have entered homes or cabins.

In the fall and winter of 2007-2008, DEC held a series of public meetings throughout upstate New York to provide an overview of the natural history and current status of black bears, including the recent range expansions, and to seek public input on future bear management efforts. Attendees at these meetings expressed interest in maintaining a healthy bear population and, where bears have a noticeable presence, supported management actions like expanded hunting opportunities to help control bear numbers and problems.

The specific changes proposed for the Southern bear range would:

- Open WMUs 7M, 7R, 7S, 8H, 8J, 8M, 8N, 8P, 8R, 8S, 9G and 9H to black bear hunting for the archery, regular and muzzleloading seasons. This would include parts of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Erie, Wyoming, Genesee, Monroe, Livingston, Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, Yates, Steuben, Schuyler, Tompkins, Tioga, Cortland, Broome,

Chenango, Madison, Onondaga, and Oneida counties. Season dates for these units will be the same as those in place for adjacent units already open to bear hunting in the Allegany bear range.

- Open WMU 4N to black bear hunting for the archery, regular and muzzleloading seasons. This includes parts of Chenango and Otsego counties. The season dates for this unit will be the same as adjacent areas to the east (the firearms season for bear is the same as the firearms season for deer) in the Catskill bear range.

A map of DEC's Wildlife Management Unit locations can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8302.html> . To see more detailed descriptions of the proposal, including instructions for providing comments, it is posted on the DEC website. Go to the DEC's home page - www.dec.ny.gov - and select "Proposed Regulations" from the left column. The proposed rulemaking can also be viewed in detail in the June 25, 2008 publication of the New York State Register, which will be posted at <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/info/register/2008.htm> .

DEC will be accepting public comments on the proposals until August 9, 2008. To send written comments on the proposals, go to www.dec.ny.gov and select "Proposed Regulations" from the left column, or mail to: Gordon Batcheller, NYSDEC, Bureau of Wildlife, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754.

DEC will also be hosting several public meetings to discuss the proposed regulation changes. The following meetings are scheduled:

Location	Date	Time
Region 7	Broome County Cooperative Extension Office	
840 Upper Front Street,		
Binghamton, NY 13905	Tuesday	
July 15, 2008	7 - 9 PM	
Region 8	Dansville High School Auditorium	

284 Main St.
Dansville, NY 14437 Tuesday
July 15, 2008 7 - 9 PM
Ontario County Safety Training Facility
2914 County Road 48
Canandaigua, NY 14424 Thursday
July 17, 2008 7 - 9 PM
Region 9

Warsaw Central Middle/High School Auditorium
81 West Court St.
Warsaw, NY 14569 Wednesday
July 16, 2008 7 - 9 PM
Evans Town Hall
Courtroom
8787 Erie Road
Angola, NY 14006 Thursday
July 17, 2008 7 - 9 PM

Bear hunting is the only viable and cost-effective tool for managing bear numbers on a regional basis. Providing bear hunting opportunities in the proposed units is intended as a continuation of efforts to manage population growth and range expansion. This is an important first step in an effort to slow or stop growth into areas where the probability of conflict between bears and human interests is highest.

Opening new areas to hunting will not eliminate bears or prevent all human/bear interactions, and as such, DEC remains committed to continuing educational outreach to increase the public's awareness of bears and inform the public on techniques to avoid conflicts with bears.

The recently-produced "Living with New York Black Bears" DVD is available to the public for loan at local libraries and DEC wildlife offices, in addition to information being made available on DEC's website at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6960.html and recent public meetings.

Motion P. Stoos, 2nd D. Davis to write letter supporting DEC's bear hunting proposal. D. Barus will send

Discussion on trapping part of youth bill

Waterfowl: nesting cond's have been good "up North"

Give Paul P. any input you have on season setting meetings, resource, or anything concerning waterfowl

Season recommendations have been made by the Task Force, but won't be decided upon until after decisions are made in August on goose season.

There will be a handicapped access for waterfowl hunting on Gr. Isle just north of Holiday Inn (Spicer Creek) – dedicated to John Daniels

Kids Clinics: 102 kids at Tiff on 6/14
Sat. 6/28 at Chestnut Ridge

“Old Business” – W. Elliott gave brief presentation on Gabby’s 90th birthday, with cake

Legislation: U.S. Supreme Court has decided that 2nd Amendment is an individual right, with “reasonable” restriction possible

Proposed bill in NYS Assembly to bring NY in compliance with Fed law requiring people adjudicated with “mental deficiencies, etc.” would be entered into NICS

Resolutions: Chuck led discussion of the resolutions - there is some confusion over the wording of Erie County’s early muzzleloader season. It was amended in April to conform with what the Council’s Big Game Committee recommended, but apparently this can not be done until the Council’s fall meeting, since it was accepted at the spring meeting. The following is what we would like considered, and what the Council will be asked to support at the fall meeting:

RESOLUTION – “Early Muzzleloader Season in Southern Tier”

Whereas no opportunity for increased hunter participation in the southern zone for an early muzzleloader season for deer exists in NYS;

Whereas 7 out of 10 eastern states do offer that opportunity;

Whereas NYS does have an early muzzleloader season in the northern zone;

Whereas establishment of an early ML season would deliver additional value to hunting license purchases including ML special license without adding cost to administration and oversight;

Whereas The NYS DEC is in need of additional antlerless management efforts in many parts of the Southern Zone;

Whereas Northern Zone Hunters have additional value to their license purchase through early archery in Northern Zone commencing in late September, and Southern Zone has no such value-added opportunity;

Therefore be it resolved that the NYSCC work with the NYSDEC to pursue a regulation change implementing an early muzzleloader season in the Southern Zone of NYS. Seven-day season to run September 24 - 30. Antlerless deer only. Tags to be used would be left over Big Game Antlered Tag and/ or special ML tag ONLY, but only valid for antlerless deer. No leftover DMPs. Hunters must hold the special ML license. Further that any single barrel muzzleloader long gun with flintlock, percussion or in-line ignition, 44calibre or larger be allowed. Scope sights permitted.

Educational Opportunities: scholarships are available. See attachment at end of minutes.

Teen Shooting Academy will offer 5 slots in fall 2008 classes to clubs thru drawing tonight (\$30 handgun-\$50 shotgun)

Winners: Alden, W. Falls, NY Walleye, Hawkeye Bowmen, Turk. Fed.

Alternates: Southtowns, Bison City

FWMB – no report – recent meeting - Delegate has missed both meetings so far this year. Steve will be contacting him about this and responsibility to attend meetings, notify alternate (P. Stoos) if he's not attending, responsibility to report to Fed.

Shows – Motion D. Tone, 2nd D. Barus to purchase up to 30 additional entry passes and up to 20 additional parking passes - passed

Possible questions for survey at Fair are due to Chuck by 7/10

Scheduling is proceeding, but we could still use some help.

Budget And Finance: motion to pay bills by D. Barus, 2nd P. Stoos – passed

Old Business: Motion to amend bylaws by C. Godfrey, 2nd D. Barus

Motion for a second amendment to bylaws by C. Godfrey, 2nd D. Tone

Both passed unanimously

Thanks to the host club – Alden Rod & Gun Club

50/50 Winner – Niagara Musky - \$26

BALLOT FOR 2008 NYSCC RESOLUTIONS

CLUB NAME -

All resolutions ask the NYSCC to work with the DEC and/or the Legislature to accomplish what is being asked for in the resolution.

YES **NO**

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| ___ | ___ | 08-1 | Catt. Cty. | Make legal the use of a single shot black powder cartridge firearm with an all lead bullet during muzzleloader seasons. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-2 | Del. Cty. | Open up a flintlock only muzzleloader season in the Southern Zone during the second week of the early bow season. |
| ___ | ___ | 083 | Erie Cty | Implement an early muzzleloader season in the Southern Zone during the last week of September and running for 7 days. Antlerless only, DMP's permitted. Single barrel long gun with flintlock, percussion, or inline, 44 cal. or larger; scope permitted. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-4 | Del. Cty. | Oppose any antler restrictions in any area of NYS |
| ___ | ___ | 08-5 | Onon. Cty | Support legislation banning use of chemical contraceptives in whitetail deer herds. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-6 | | Allow hunters who qualify for a senior or disabled big game license to qualify for a senior or disabled big game license which would allow use of a bow with a mechanical device to draw and hold at full draw, of to use a crossbow. Also to set up a special season before the regular archery season, or allow those hunters to hunt during the archery season. – Otsego Cty |
| ___ | ___ | 08-7 | Yates Cty. | Support use of a crossbow as a legal hunting instrument in all big game seasons, for hunters aged 60 and older, and for any hunter who possesses a handicapped certificate authorized by a doctor and issued by a town clerk. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-8 | Yates Cty. | Support mandatory blaze orange of 250 sq. inches worn by hunters during regular big game season and recommend voluntary use during other hunting season, and by nonhunters afield during hunting seasons. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-9 | Liv. Cty | Change fee structure for State Parks so that fishermen with a valid NYS fishing license be allowed to use boat launches, when fishing, with no other fee attached. |

YES **NO**

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| ___ | ___ | 08-10 | Otsego Cty. | Set a definition for “cartop boat”, ensure that all cartop boat launch sites allow a small boat trailer to be backed near to, but not into, the water, and have parking areas for at least 10 cars, or 5 cars with small trailers. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-11 | (8-13 on the sheet, but no doubt should be 08-11)
Schoh Cty | Insist that NYS support the cost of constructing a hard-surfaced handicapped accessible boat launch at or near TEA-21 Walking Path Project. Also that all navigable waterways in NYS be afforded such boat launches. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-12 | Schoh. Cty | Same as 08-11 for Glimmerglass St. Park |
| ___ | ___ | 08-13 | Colum. Cty | Change law so that comm. to approve Hab./Acc Grants would be made up of one rep. from each of the following: NYSCC, CFAB, FWMB, and DEC. Also that each of these 4 Organizations must sign off on all Hab./Acc. Grants that are approved. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-14 | Liv. Cty. | Eliminate the “intended use” distinction between hand lines and tip-ups in ice fishing. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-15 | Nass. Cty | Oppose any and all attempts to create a saltwater fishing license or fee. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-16 | Sarat. Cty. | Reopen the otter trapping season in WMU’s 5R and 6R. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-17 | Mid-Hudson Valley Fur Harvesters Assoc. | Require all NYS trappers to check water sets and remove furbearers at least once every 48 hours while maintaining the current def. of water set. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-18 | S.C.O.P.E. | Allow use of centerfire rifles for hunting coyotes during the entire season, where rifles are otherwise allowed for hunting during coyote season. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-19 | Onon. Cty. | DEC to survey NY’s sportsmen to ascertain support for establishment of a mourning dove season. |
| ___ | ___ | 08-20 | NY Houndsmen | Increase the fines for hunting, fishing, or trapping without a license. |

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