



*Rich Davenport, 2009 ECFSC Recording Secretary*

*Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs*

**October 2009 General Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Time: 7:30 PM – 10/8/09**

**Location: Lake Shore Fire Hall, Lake View, NY**

**Meeting opened at:** 7:30 PM

**Pledge to flag:** completed

**Attendance:** Excused - Dave Barus, Dan Tone, Don Davis, Bob Fuller  
6 officers, 8 directors and 24 delegates and 4 guests from Lake Shore Exempts

**Reading of the minutes**

Dave W motion to approve  
Tom marks 2nd

Motion Carries

**Secretary's Report – Rich Davenport**

Read Green Wings thank you letter from last meeting  
Read Thank you letter from Jacob Choate for Pheasant Hunt

**Membership Report – Mike Smith**

Have a couple new clubs

**Treasury Report - Tony Scime**

Detailed expenses and balance  
We're still solvent!

Will be sent electronically

Motion to accept Dave Wharton  
2nd Rich Davenport

Motion carries

**Correspondence Report – Dave Barus**

Dave is excused  
Covered under Secretary's Report

**President's Report – Steve Aldstadt**

Attended Gun Rights conference two weeks ago. Lots of state organizations from across the Nation, very well attended. Some good news

The UN Threat with treaties are a definite threat, last admin blocked them, this year a bit scary

Affirmed 2nd as individual right

Mixed rulings on whether these rights apply to the states. 14th Amendment says Bill of Rights applies to all citizens and cannot take these away. Sotomayor ruled that 2nd doesn't apply to states. 9th Circuit court rules that it does apply to the states. McDonald vs. Chicago has been accepted by the SCOTUS - days after the conference. The feeling is that we will not lose! There are 6 different lawsuits going on at the moment. And they will have to allow carry in all states, either open no license or concealed with must issue permits. These rulings will apply to NYS eventually, and will get to NY sooner or later Permits - can charge a fee for a permit, so long as its demonstrated as the cost goes to administrative costs alone, but if its exorbitant, then no go. We are winning!

Goes this way so long as we don't lose our conservative judges. That's why these are being pushed (cases) now!

Lots of schemes being pushed in the states, like ammo serialization, registered, etc, microstamping, etc. These were put in state legislatures across the country and not one state saw these bills get out of committee! Keep working, because we are winning, UN bs not withstanding

Has anyone ever asked the Federal government to charge with crimes the NYC police officers to buy guns in other states illegally to make some point about NYC gun "problem"? They leave the city, they're just like you and me, only using city money to do this. One gun store is filing suit against Bloomberg and NYC due to these illegal tactics endorsed by a Mayor and using taxpayer dollars to engage in crime.

**Next Meetings**

<b>Date</b>		<b>BM Time</b>		<b>GM Time</b>		<b>Location</b>
11/12/09	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Boston Valley Conservation Society, Boston, NY
<b>12/10/2009</b>	-	<b>6:30</b>	-	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Gen Meet</b>	<b>Hoak's is tentative meeting place</b>

Boston Valley, Nov 12

Joe J is here from Boston Valley - raffle going on

December meeting is not at Bison City - Looking to go to Hoak's same date

Need to confirm January 2010 and Feb 2010 shortly. Historically Elma in January and George Washington Club in February

**Special Guests - None**

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Law Enforcement – Dave Smyzcynski**

None

**Archery/ Bowhunting – Dave Reed**

None

**Crossbow – Fran Miskey, Jr.**

None

**Fish – Dave Barus**

Paul Stoos - We wrote a resolution (emergency) concerning the baitfish regulations to

NYSCC - read into the minutes, resolution passed 36-0, 12 abstained

Joe Fischer also informs that CFAB supports for economic reasons

October 15 has a baitfish committee meeting, and they will be considering regulations

We assured DEC that all of us would work to inform the unorganized sportsmen of these regulations, and DEC is very happy this would be happening with this outreach program.

Current proposals for angling regs has no mention of WNY baitfish, yet some other areas have baitfish regs suggested. We need every club to write in and get our area addressed.

The process is two-cycle, right now they are proposing what they think it should be, and comment period is currently open until November 3. Then all comments are evaluated and a final proposal will be released and another comment period happens. All proposed changes, if adopted, would take effect on Oct 1, 2010. Please folks, let's get everyone to write and make this suggestion! We have to do it.

Chuck Godfrey motions that the Federation write such a letter

2nd Paul Stoos

Motion carries

Rich will put resolution on ECFSC website, and will notify Dave when uploaded, plus notify WNYEF for support from other counties in R9

**Small Game – Dan Tone**

Turkey brood sightings survey results read into minutes

Pheasant stocking information given

Pheasant hunt for youth this weekend, including Zoar, no special youth permit required!

Get your kids out...

10-year Pheasant Plan is out  
Plan given in detail –  
Rich motions to write letter to DEC to maintain field trial birds  
2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Stoos

Motion carries

### **Big Game – Paul Stoos**

Region 9 proposal submitted by Rich Davenport discussed. Copy of proposal can be secured here:

<http://www.eriectyfsc.org>

Click on Region 9 Big Game Proposal link.

Rich also mentions that on Oct 19, a meeting with Patricia Riexinger will take place in Lockport, to cover a variety of issues and concerns, including the Big Game Proposals, and other items. Summary of meeting below:

### **Lunch Meeting with Director Riexinger**

**Location – One-Eyed Jack’s BBQ, Lockport NY**

**Time: 1:00PM – 3:45PM**

- Discussed the elements of the Region 9 Big Game ppsl. The other ppsl is “not lighting the world on fire”, according to Riexinger. Riexinger wonders whether the early ML season end of Sept would be a good place to put crossbows as a compromise with NYB.
- Riexinger asked what is up with NYB and the attitudes? Shared experience of a meeting with Pres of NYB, and she explained that he took the first 50 minutes of the hour he had trying to convince her why the crossbow is evil. Never got to the meat of the meeting, and she had another meeting backed up into it.
- Discussed the Lake Erie VHS corridor currently under consideration. Appears Steve Hurst is in favor, two fisheries managers have reservations, one in ENY the other in ADK.
- Discussed increasing public fishing shore access WNY. Riexinger agreed we need some focus in WNY with Public Fishing Rights. Lots of attention to ENY, but WNY has been a big neglected and wants to do more with piers, access points and PFR across WNY.
- Discussed Habitat Access program and ways to improve sales. The Pin is coming back.
- Asked about the feelings of opening day and the affects of the move to Saturday.

- Wetlands protection bill introduced into the Senate by Thompson expanding DEC authority to parcels as small as one acre, where does DEC stand. Riexinger says the DEC is opposed to this bill, as it is unrealistic and would be very difficult to effectively enforce and manage.
- Discussed further work with getting kids into archery and archery hunting. Stepping stones in school are great, but more opportunity to continue to pursue archery must happen to keep them, more ranges, info about ranges, etc. Not only those, I replied, but also setting up the conduit to get afield deer hunting. The opening on C-Day weekend would be the best puzzle piece as the opener for archery becomes a family event and tradition that can be passed on generation to generation.
- Cannot overlook non-resident potentials, either, with the entire R9 BG PPSL, as both early archery AND the Sept ML season will deliver more for NY and capturing non-res dollars!
- Discussed Bears issue. DEC needs our help in getting a bear hunting season opened in Allegany State Park. I also mentioned, that, we also need to work with the parks to exempt the no Sunday hunting regulations for two Sundays – First Sunday of early archery and first Sunday of Regular Season.
- Habitat Management concerns, in light of bears and songbird study, needs to be addressed. Riexinger asked if H/A money could be used to study and catalog state owned habitat types, would have to see if this fits in accordance with law. State does not have accurate habitat types cataloged and this would be needed first before any management plans are drawn up.
- Pheasant Plan discussed, and I expressed disappointment in the proposed elimination of the stocking of 600 birds for the field trials.
- Discussed archery distance discharge reduction, DEC supports.
- DEC needs help in getting crossbow legalized. I mentioned we get tangled up in our underwear over who can use and when, including this in legislative language. Need a bill to make crossbow a lawful hunting implement and authorize DEC to promulgate regulations for its use. Riexinger agreed this is what needs to happen. Dept would support.
- Informing sportsmen and women initiatives - DEC believes sportsmen and women need better information – starting List Serve services through DEC site to keep folks up to date.
- Riexinger asked what my thoughts were concerning the license fee increase.

- Discussed urban and suburban conservation concerns. Relayed the meeting with Sen. Thompson to her and our suggestions of developing a program for urban conservation, led by the organized sportsmen and women, as we are the experts and should get our knowledge shared to people “left out” of the conservation needs, but now increasingly with wildlife conflict are now becoming very needed to keep urban and suburban conflicts managed.
- Discussed the alternatives needed concerning antlerless management and again it was reiterated the early ML in Sept would be that tool, while at first being low impact for the biologists to study the impacts and incorporate into management plans. This one is needed.
- Also, offered to pay for lunch, but due to state law prohibiting such, she picked up the tag, however, she recommended I use that funding to help distribute the R9 proposal, so I spent \$105.00 on making up copies of the R9 ppsl for both deer meetings, with the balance to be given to Gander Mountain and Dick’s and perhaps a few other license agents for distribution. Thanks for the idea, Patty!!

Paul Stoos motions the Federation will pick up expenses  
 2nd Joe Fischer  
 Motion carries

Again, R9 proposal available at <http://www.eriectyfsc.org>

**Trapping – Patti Wattengel**

Checked the website, comment period concluded on new regulations including the extended beaver season! Open with muskrats. Some deregulating of the dog stuff  
 Opening of possum and weasel, Oct 24. NYS Trappers sent information on trapping for management. USF&W PR booklet. Calendars being sold by Erie County Trappers, \$20 donation, pick your own numbers, goes by the lottery...Have 365 days to win! Very nice...

**Waterfowl – Paul P**

George Rockey - end of October - dedication for handicapped blind at the end of Grand Island.

**NYSCC – Joe Fischer**

Howie Cushing is now President of NYSCC  
 Dan Tone couldn't find anyone that wanted it.  
 Convention information State of DEC  
 Losing 500 positions, about 25 in F&W. 645K hunting License, about 1 MIL anglers  
 Some positions that were paid (40) from general fund rolling back into CF.

Q - were these the positions moved out of CF about 18 months ago? Could be.

Steve Hurst - Northern Snakehead issue downstate, killed about 200 of them downstate - poisoned the ponds to kill 'em all  
Brook trout restoration continues  
50 day walleye for stocking, usually 60-70 day walleye, looks like smaller fish. Could become less successful.

Report is available on the DEC website, [click here](#)

Nellie Staves passed away at age of 92. Lifetime achievement award winner in 1996. NYSCC is setting up a fund in her memory  
George Fugt, of Raquette Lake is ill with terminal cancer. He is home for his remaining days.  
Air rifle range at the fair, used money for Camp Rushford (Niagara), and then the politicians cut off the money to Cornell Cooperative

Dave Wharton Motions to write to DelMonte and Niagara County Legislature to thank them for their efforts in supporting sportsmen heritage  
2nd Tom Marks

Motion carries unanimously

#### **CFAB – Dale Dunkelberger**

Going through DEC budget line by line, and have found \$4MIL in savings thus far. Looking to save 80 positions, and keep others in GF.  
\$41 MIL impact

#### **Resolutions – Bob Fuller**

Results of the resolutions voting during NYSCC meeting will be available during the November meeting.

#### **Environment & pollution – Tom Marks**

Bowling Green University, steelhead study, timing was a bit off, admittedly. Sampling some stream fish to get the baseline, will be contacting Tom Marks in Spring to get a better sampling and study

Few Meetings coming up

Smart, Clean and Green, Hyatt Regency, Oct 22, 23, cost \$65.00 includes lunch and dinner, RSVP by 10/9/09

4th Annual NYS Healing Waters Great lakes Coalition, Sat Oct 24, 8:30-4PM, Free, call Brian Smith, 831-3206, at the Hyatt again

Asian Carp and electronic barrier, they are within 1 mile of the barrier, and no use of poison to stop them has been approved. The barrier will not be totally effective, which is known. Barrier is in poor sight location, out of convenience, vs effectiveness. Could build a berm to stop them from DesPlaines River, cost multi-millions of dollars on the dyke, and they have the money. Spent \$21 MIL on the unfinished electronic barrier, plus another \$25 MIL to finish, plus additional money is available for the berm, which will

cost at least \$20 MIL. Obama budget \$470 MIL for Great Lakes, Senate has approved \$400 MIL, some compromise needed.

Coastal Water management plan being developed, and the flaw is not recognizing recreational fishing as an important component in this plan. Affects Great Lakes and coasts, looks like they are trying to put an end to recreational fishing in these areas.

Sea Lamprey treatment on the Cattaraugus Creek now and Oct 22. Used to treat every third year, they have adopted a new way of treating the creek. We always associate this with cold water fish, but they are also preying upon warm water fish, too.

Using TFM, which doesn't hurt the trout.

Coast Guard doesn't seem interested in invasive species, giving the cargo ships until 2020 or longer to outfit the vessels to treat the ballast! Need a Federal Law to stop this stuff. Costs \$200 MIL/ yr in the Great Lakes alone due to the invasive species. Another goby spreading in Lake Erie - the Tube Nose Goby.

Dave Wharton motions to write letter to Schumer, Gillibrand, Slaughter, Higgins concerning ballast water and enforcement  
2nd Rich Davenport  
Motion carries

Q - Chuck Godfrey - motions that if Tom Mark's funding falls through - we sponsor the \$65.00  
2nd Dave Wharton

Motion carries

<break for food>

### **Sportsmen's Education – Frank Miskey, Sr.**

Classes down a little, 50 gun, 35 bow, 6 trapper, 5 waterfowl, 2 cancelled, down total of 14 classes. Last week we lost a master instructor, Don Perrault passed away. State has upgraded the registration form for students, was a 3x5 card with name and address, etc, then transferred to a small print form, to put in computer. Any courses taken pre-1980 are gone. Still entering data from 1980 and forward. The new forms are computer scannable, takes a couple months to get these into systems. Many other states are not accepting licenses anymore, wanting a copy of the certificate. With the new DECALS system, it can be databased and you can get a copy for \$1 for out of state hunting.

## **Legislation - John Susz Jr**

State level - \$10 saltwater license is in effect. License year is January 1st. Ontario County rifle bill vetoed. Favored a restricted area. Bill ws whole County.

SCOPE - meet the candidates night 666 Main Street West Seneca, Vigilant Fire Hall. No major elections, but some could be running. Majority of Erie County Legislature up for election. Many running will be there. Lots of local elections happening. No major Federal elections this year. Vote on November 3rd!

Ken Mathisson of SCOPE is negotiating to get a 5-year permit. Some have taken issue with this, as we had this already but was shot down due to Tom King. Now we are negotiating away some rights and abilities? Looking for a fee, and we should avoid this. Long gun, rifle, started \$3 for 3 yrs to license in NYC, now its \$150 for 3 yrs. It's a mess. Also looking for safety training classes, mandatory, to get pistol permit, already discretionary requirement in Erie County, despite not being part of penal law.

Chuck Godfrey - can we send a short and sweet statement, like, go spit... you coconut!

SCOPE - Erie County opposes this completely, and the next board meeting these will be removed

John motions to send letter to oppose SCOPE measures, send to Ken Mathison  
2nd by Dave S

Motion carries

Paul Stoos motions to ask for his (Ken Mathison) resignation from SCOPE  
2nd Dave Wharton

Tony Scime - is it our place to ask him to resign? Do we really have the standing? As individual SCOPE members, with standing, yes, but can we?

Rich mentions that we do have standing in firearms and should ask a direct letter to defend and explain why he is risking our heritage and activities?

Chuck suggests to withdraw the motion and then put a new one.

Paul Stoos withdraws motion to seek resignation

Steve mentions the Board is meeting soon and all this could be moot.

National Level - Legislation to protect hunting and fishing on Federal Lands.  
HR3749/Senate Bill, Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage Protection Act. USSA supports, we should support, too.

Rich motions to write letter to Schumer, Gillibrand, Slaughter, Higgins and Lee to support these Bills

2nd Dave S

Motion carries

Dave W - SCOPE Banquet last Friday - Something about January March on Albany for Gun Rights.

Two marches going on April in Washington, DC; in March 2010 in Albany

### **Nominations - Mike Smith**

Next two months

President Steve Aldstadt Nominated by Dave Wharton

1st Vice President - Joe Fischer nominated by Steve Aldstadt

2nd VP - Paul Stoos nominated by Dave Wharton

Treasurer - Tony Scime nominated by all

Rec Secretary – Rich Davenport nominated by all

Corr Correspondence – Dave Barus nominated by Chuck Godfrey

Membership Secretary – Mike Smith is moving and will not accept nominations, think about this for next month

Council Reps – Dave W nominates Joe Fischer and Bob Fuller

Board

Norby accepts

George Rockey accepts

John Susz accepts

Rick Ferro is out, no time.

Tom Marks is nominated by Chuck Godfrey for an open director's spot

Dave W motions to close nominations for the night

Paul Stoos recommends that we need new blood to help out, please help us, especially some younger people.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dave S

Motion carries

### **Awards – Frank Miskey, Sr.**

Applications for awards nominations are available, and in minutes through January

Scholarship Apps

Due December 15. Also in the minutes. Please get some apps in.

## **Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey**

Covered

### **Fund-raising**

Please order tonight is the last night. Will be in within 3 weeks, and will be in by next meeting. Pay at November meeting.

### **FWMB**

None

### **Shows**

New Shows committee Chair - Dave Wharton - Chuck is helping him out and getting him up and running. Chuck is doing the spring show, Dave will do fair

Hooks - we got a great price for the lucky hooks LY. Actual price is \$90/ box, we will get them at \$40/ box of 100. Red, White and Blue normally \$6 per 3-pak, our cost \$2/ 3-pak

Motion to buy \$480 in assortment  
2nd George Rockey

### **WNYEF**

Need new bills for Chautauqua Rifle as session is over.

Rich Summarized September meeting and minutes are available on ECFSC website for anyone who is interested in reading them.

### **Website – Dave S.**

Waiting to get with Joe McAdams on the events and such, nothing from him in a while. Add a link to link page to Erie County SCOPE, [eriecountyscope.org](http://eriecountyscope.org)

### **Old Business**

FWMB stuff – did we write to Collins about this issue. Trying to set up a meeting on this and funding

Paul should get an updated outdoors resume to Steve, as well as Dave S.

When this is done, also forward to Russ Biss.

George Rockey brings up the hanging \$500 request from FISS, and we asked what this was for, and heard nothing. What's up? Dave Wharton suggests to table until next meeting

### **Banquet – Dan Tone**

Baskets - WE NEED HELP with baskets from clubs, please donate a basket of any kind. Booze, themes, others, let Chuck know what each club is donating, including any themes. Heard from 2 clubs thus far.

Please get with Chuck Godfrey.

**Good & Welfare**

An Elma town councilman is attacking the Elma Conservation Society trying to get this shut down. Spearheading to shut down Elma. Allied, hours of shooting has been chopped, no rifles, all leagues are defunct. Last name is Pollack.

Chuck motions to contact Elma and ask if there is something they would like us to do to support them with issues.

2nd Dave S

Motion carries

**50/50**

Winner – Lake Shores Exempts

Thank You Lake Shore Exempts - Pres Mike Gates

Motion to adjourn - Dave W

2nd Joe Fisher

Meeting adjourned 10:35PM

# 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 SPORTSMENS CLUBS**

**NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS FOR 2010**

**List of Categories:**

- Valerie E. Gonnello Sportswoman of the Year
- Sportsman of the Year
- Youth of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Public Servant of the Year
- Public Relations of the Year
- Dedicated Service Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Stanley Spisiak Conservationist Award

**Name of Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person if applicable:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person's history and why they should be chosen:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Greatest Achievement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Frank Miskey Sr.  
62 Boll Drive  
Elma, New York 14059

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