



Rich Davenport, 2009 ECFSC Recording Secretary

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

September 2009 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM – 9/10/09

Location: Springville Field & Stream, Springville, NY

Meeting opened: 7:35

Pledge to Flag: Completed

Attendance: Dave Barus, Joe Fischer excused
5 Officers, 10 Directors, 35 Delegates and 10 Guests

Quorum of Clubs:

Yes

Reading of minutes

Tom Fischer to accept minutes

George Rockey 2nd

Motion carries unanimously

Secretary's Report – Rich Davenport

Virus alert FAKEAV

Fakes you into installing a Trojan program, claiming your computer is infected

Steve Aldstadt also mentions a Facebook virus going on spoofing friends sending stuff

Sportsmen's Survey up and running, please spread the word and get sportsmen to help us help them! Visit: <http://www.eriectyfsc.org> to take survey. Big button on home page!
Great light being shed on priorities across everything

Treasury Report – Tony Scime

Income and expenses detailed

Still solvent!

Motion to approve Tom Fischer

Dave S 2nd

Motion carries unanimously

Correspondence Report – Dave Barus

Dave B is excused

Steve - letter received from TSA - read aloud, thank you for financial support of the TSA
TSA thanks West Falls for hosting shotgun this fall

President's Report - Steve Aldstadt

Heading to Utica for Council meeting as SCOPE rep
National Gun Rights Policy Conference in St. Louis week after

Guests

Hal Lawrence to introduce some new delegates
Niagara River Station

Vic Cosolowski
Russ Collosi
New delegates will be here!

DEC - Lt. Tom Scott

Sr. Biologist - Tim Spierto

Russ Biss – Natural Resources Supervisor

Mark Kandel – Sr. Wildlife Biologist

Russ Biss - Emerald Ash Borer - 900 MIL Ash Trees in NYS - will probably wipe out all the Ash Trees in NYS. Found in Randolph
Found in Ontario LY and in Pittsburgh
APHIS also involved - Another 1200 traps through Randolph.
Quarantine - firewood movement is loosened up a big Permit can be applied for to transport non-Ash firewood, within 50 mile radius. NO ASH WOOD!
Ag & Markets permit.
Borers kill an Ash tree within 5 years

Forms, cards and a sample
Q - traps, collective or removal type?
Monitoring only, very ineffective

Can there be some systemic controls? Yes, but certified pesticide handlers only is a probable requirement

Explained that the woods will look like a mouth that's lost a few teeth, and over time others will fill in
Green, Black white and blue (or purple) ash all effected. Mountain Ash not a true ash tree and is not effected.

There are other borers that hit ash trees. Identification cards for hole identification
Thinks they were in Randolph 4 to 6 years before they were found.

Insects most active June - August

Will there be a report on the traps, how many found in each area, etc? Yes, this will be part of the process, but will take a little while. If its found anywhere else, an announcement certainly will be made.

Were the traps set all around in Randolph, like little bone run, and those areas too? 7 mile radius and did get into some of these areas.

Larva lives in trees for about two years, adults live 3 weeks.
DEC traps had location GPS marked so they can go back.

Some predators are around, but not enough of them to make a dent, like a species of wasp.

Tom Marks mentions that these will be used as an early warning creature. Can create an artificial habitarium. Just for monitoring only, not a big enough impact.

Biggest danger is reduction of biodiversity as we are seeing with the tree species.
No sprays really would work, as they live under the bark.
Cannot attract them with pheromone, like other insects. They have found an Australian plant oil that does work to attract somewhat.
Impact on the wood itself, no damage, lives under the bark.

Educational Materials available? Yes, much from Federal Government

Lt. Tom Scott

Also covering Wyoming County due to retirements of two Lts.

Recruitment cards available for upcoming DEC ECO academy (been two years)

Lifetime Licenses great value and now is the time to buy them.
Available at current pricing through September 2009, as follows:
\$600.00 for LT Sportsman
\$180 for LT Archery, same for LT ML
Total cost of full LT sporting licenses (minus trapping) is \$960.00 and this includes LT exemption for DMP application fee.

Effective Oct 1, LT licenses will cost:
\$765 for LT Sportsman
\$235 for LT archery and ML
\$1235 total fee for LT sporting licenses, but you will not be exempt from \$10 DMP (have to pay for this application if you buy LT license after Oct 1.)

Senior LT Sportsman license currently \$50.00 and includes DMP application fee exemption. Can purchase at age 65. Post Oct 1, the cost goes up to \$65.00 and you lose DMP exemption as well. Plus if you wait until after Oct 1, age requirement goes up to 70.

Also an endowment - the principle isn't spent, it's the interest that goes into the CF – acts as a living trust, forever. Also solidified the covenant between the sportsman and nYS which guarantees hunting for a lifetime.

Those who have already purchased a sporting license can still upgrade and have the money spent on an annual license applied to the lifetime license, pre Sept 30.

How long would it take to get refund? - tags within 7 to 10 days, must send in your annual resident tags that were issued to assure these are void and non-usable. DMP permits right then and there and you keep those if you plan to upgrade.

Any license agent - 628-6701 - call Lt Scott if you have any issues

Mark Kandel - PR fund has an excess of 40% - Federal \$\$, looking for ways to spend that Federal money.

Waterfowl brochures are printed and available on web site

Goose and Duck opens together again

2 per day limit for scaup and 1 canvasback per day

3 wood duck, same as last year

Proposed trapping regulations - comment period open until Oct 5

Visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/57559.html>

10-year pheasant plan draft is nearly complete

Will be published in a few weeks

Looking for comments again. Looking to have in place by next year's efforts

Turkey brood survey this year shows sightings are down this year. Doesn't mean less birds, just fewer broods being seen.

Peace Bridge expansion proposal - soon announcement of public review and input.

Website to see the ppsl www.peacebridgex.com or google peace bridge expansion

Looks like an October meeting and could impact wintering of ducks.

Tim Spierito - Big Game Biologist R9

Deer - DMP issuance - reports 3 times a week. 60% of WMU are filled. Still a lot available

Expecting a second issuance again this year in some units

9A should be open for first come first served

Deer forecast on DEC website. (insert link into minutes) Most units are doing ok. Extreme Southern tier still coming along slowly (9R, 9S,) but some are even showing declines.

DMAP - 376 applications, up from @ 360 LY. (2%-3% of harvest comes off of that) Sampling continuing for CWD in Oneida County. Goal was to take another 100 deer, which was done, no further discoveries.

R9 will again sample another 400 or so this year

Bear - 131 complaints for bears this as of afternoon! That is complaints, LY 82. 14 road kills TY, 19 for all of 2008. 2 agency kills, Tim Spierto had to dispatch - home break ins! Two beekeeper kills, defending their apiaries (probably higher). 6 bears handled. Adversely handling bears as to make sure the experience bears have with man is very negative and hopefully they learn and will avoid us. Took a bear out of Carrollton - a "dumpster diver", got him last night, had a meeting of the minds. Relocated, and is probably back. One police kill in Amherst, as we probably know.

R9 doesn't like relocating bears. Doesn't work

Fall Deer meetings -

No proposals to chew on, looking for stuff. Looking for input, and what is important! Sat Opener, Early ML, AR, Crossbows? Good bad or other??

Randolph Fire Hall

70 Main Street

Oct 20, 2009 (Tuesday), 6:30PM Start

Sheridan Parkside Community Center

169 Sheridan Parkside Drive

Oct 22 (Thursday) at 6:30 PM

Sept 17 - seminar on Black Bears at Heritage Heights Elementary School

7:00 PM - opportunity to learn about bears

Last Bear talk for the year.

Rifle rumor for Wyoming County, heard anything? No

Committee Reports

Archery – Dave Reed

Adam Z. West falls

National Archery in Schools Program – thanked all the groups that help make this program possible through donations and support. THANK YOU!!

Thanks goes out to:
Boston Valley CS
Eden North Collins
Collins Conservation
East Aurora Fish & Game
Hawkeye Bowman
Gypsum Services, Elma NY
West Falls Conservation
NYB
NWTF

THANK YOU, We start the program soon!

SCOPE WILL ALSO BE SENDING CHECK

Crossbow – Frank Miskey, Jr.

None

Fish – Dave Barus

None

Small Game – Dan Tone

Flooding of Losson Road, took away some pheasant habitat
John White farm habitat improvement by PF.
Wouldn't stock LY

TY they are stocking the old site and will be open to hunt

Another land may be in jeopardy due to father of owner having health issues, and owner out of town.

Lots of birds stocked. Bylaws call for stocking in Erie County
Banded some birds at a "secret location" to see what returns there will be

Big Game – Paul Stoos

Already covered

Trapping – Patti Wattengel

Already covered - proposals
Seem to be good regulations a step in right direction.

Waterfowl – Paul P

Covered

NYSCC – Joe Fischer

Meetings are next weekend

Dan Tone says its tough to get people to run, about 50% of offices have a candidate.

Looking for everyone. If you have the time to give, please get involved, give Dan Tone a call

Emergency resolution was submitted for the corridor along Lake Erie. One of the things that was said, it has to be for entire state.

After the NYSCC - meeting of CBC and DEC

Environment - Tom Marks

Recycle collection bin for fishing line will be popping up around Erie County.

Most are in agreement, and asked for a 5 bin donation per town (about \$100.00 total cost per donation).

We need people to volunteer to empty these and maintain them. Let's look for that, please

Evans, Hamburg already showing up.- looking to get one at all access points in Erie County

Many states fund this.

Ohio steelhead study on Erie. Next week, tentative plan to catch 50 steelhead out on lake Erie (in lake, not in streams) if interested, contact Tom Marks, Can catch but not keep. Exact date will be announced. If we can get 10 boats should get 50 fish.

Aquatic invasive species, Friday 9/25 UB North - Center for Performing Arts, 1:30P - 5:00 PM,

Need a parking permit

Adam suggests to ask the schools for volunteers to work the bins - good idea

Legislation – John Susz

Cass Sunstein - believes animals should be able to sue people in court, wants to ban all hunting. Gets some Senate oversight. Cloture vote came down last night.

Haven't heard of when the vote came down to confirm. 22 of the congressional sportsman's caucus voted for him (out of 63 Senators voting for cloture)

How did our Senators vote? For him.

US Customs proposed rule change that an "assisted-opening" knife is a switchblade

Chuck Rangel is the rep for NY we would have to contact to oppose.

Rich D motions to write to Rangel to oppose this
2nd Tom Fischer

Motion carries

Court Case in NY, Nassau County - outlawing "deceptively colored" firearms. Exempted the camo and green guns. Lawsuit was won, going to appeal. SCOPE needs help in funding the appeal. Seeking donations.
Go to SCOPE website for more information

Chuck G motions to donate \$50.00
Paul Stoos 2nd

Motion carries

Tony - check made payable to who?

Information given

Special Senate of State Senate, missing one Democrat. Voting on some controversial bills, none should pass, we should be ok for another year.

Federal level, passed out of committee to raise Federal Duck Stamp to \$25.00, added a few amendments to exempt 65 and over, 19 and under, and those on unemployment to remain at \$15.00. Senate waiting for version passed.

Sotomayor confirmed. GOP opposed her due to her record. Potential for another appointment, but another Liberal

In Firing Lines on Handgun suit as well.

Resolutions – Bob Fuller

Covered

Sportsmen's Education – Frank Miskey, Sr.

Letter from David Bond concerning sportsmen education instructors banquet

Looking for sponsors for recognition banquet
Minimum of \$250.00 for sponsorship

Alternate we looked at was sponsor a ticket per educator? Paul says - defer to Frank Miskey Sr.

If the Federation would like to sponsor some instructors, that would be great! \$20/ Tix, \$40/ couple

Paul asks, how many do we have in the organization? 5.

Paul Stoos motions to buy 10 tickets
2nd Tom Fischer

Motion carries

Who gets paid and when is it needed?
Info provided.

Banquet – Dan Tone

None

Chuck Godfrey mentions that we had a great response from Clubs on the Chinese Auction baskets.

Looking to get more donated if possible.

Request will be inserted into minutes from here on out

REQUEST: The ECFSC need your help again, and is looking for baskets to be donated for the banquet. Please help us out.

FYI- SCOPE banquet is Oct 2.

Table bought
6 need filling

Dave Wharton (2)
Rich Davenport(1)
Dan Tone
George Rockey
Gabby C (2)

Educational Opportunities – Chuck Godfrey

Received some thank you letters will get to Rich for insertion in minutes

Fund Raising – NEED A CHAIRMAN, someone please volunteer, we are going on TWO YEARS without a chairman!!

Dave S has secured a bear hunt trip donation to Ontario, 7 days. Details coming. It's a go

FWMB

Writing a letter to Erie County Legislature and Dept of Environ and planning
Rep has made 1, maybe two meetings in two years, never making reports to sporting groups.

We are asking they pull him, requesting Paul Stoos, Alternate Dave S.

Shows – Not the chairman Chuck Godfrey

People who saw the string of shotgun lights. Made \$4 on each outdoor sets of lights. Two sets left. \$20.00, come with extra bulbs and fuses.

Expo coming up in Feb, still not the shows chairman.

We won the BLUE RIBBON THIS YEAR!! Federation won \$100 for that prize!
USF&W Service is buried, and they keep count of the traffic. 17,000 came through their booth.

The Fair is where its at for Conservation

WNYEF

Meeting this Sunday, 2PM Seaway Trail Center

Budget and Finance

Donation of \$250 from Bison City, to Youth Archery Camp. To West Falls.

Next Meetings

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
7/23/09	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Glen Coe Conservation, Glenwood, NY
9/10/09	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Springville Fish & Game, Springville, NY
10/8/09	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Lakeshore Exempt, Lakeshore Firehall, Lakeshore, NY
11/12/09	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Boston Valley Conservation Society, Boston, NY
12/10/2009	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Bison City Rod & Gun – Ohio Street, Buffalo, NY

Apologies but a conflict has arisen with the 10th - new gal booked an event for the 10th. Looking for another venue, or another time
Dec 3 is open,
Paul suggests looking for another club as its tough to change the date
Keep same date, search for another host – IF ANY CLUB CAN HOST THE
DECEMBER MEETING ON DEC 10, 2009, please let us know!

Calendars are on the docket again. Must have the orders in by October, please pay by November.

Website

Nothing

Rich recommends meeting end of Sept, early Oct

New Business

West Falls Conservation Society - 30 target 3-D shoot 9/27
Plus a raffle.

Support appreciated on the Rails to Trails issue. Ties and rails themselves, are sold to scrap, a scenic railway idea is therefore out. Ask your town folk their position and ask them to oppose this. All but 2 towns already have resolutions opposed to this, but elections could change stuff. Please remain involved

Old Business

Paul sent out email to Tony if it would be acceptable to donate to Gowanda Flood victims Found out a lot of donations would make ours unnecessary.
Should we let it go? Yes

Good & Welfare

Banquet nominations for awards, forms are available now. Please submit by February 1. More information on candidate the better

SCOPE raffle tickets gun every day through November, expect Sundays - giving away ammo

Thanks to Springville! And thanks for DEC taking time to come out

50/50 Winner

Winner Springville

Rich motion to adjourn
2nd George Rockey

Motion carries – Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM

**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: _____

Greatest Achievement: _____

Submitted by: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

DEAD LINE 2/1/2010
NO E-MAIL WILL BE ACCEPTED
CANDIDATE CAN ONLY BE NOMINATED FOR ONE AWARD