



*Rich Davenport, 2010 ECFSC Recording Secretary*

*Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs*

**January 2010 General Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Time: 7:30 PM – 1/28/2010**

**Location: Elma Conservation Society, Elma, NY**

*Meeting will commence after dinner, which will be served at @ 7PM*

**Meeting opened at:** 7:26 PM

**Pledge to flag:** Completed

**Quorum:** Yes

**Swearing in of the 2010 Officers - Dave Bennett, R9 Capt. NYSDEC  
New officers and directors sworn in**

Due to number of guest speakers tonight, normal meeting format will be altered to accommodate the speakers, allowing them to present to the Federation first, before normal meeting agenda is followed:

**Guests**

**Assemblyman Jack Quinn**

Thanks for the invite

2 things - thanks to Bob Church for putting this together

Legislation before the state this year concerning 2nd amendment

Lake Erie issues as well

Thanks also to Tom Marks for his efforts on invasive species in Lake Erie

And keeping in the forefront!

Lake Erie - Invasive species and off-shore wind projects

NYPA wants to install "several" windmills from Hamburg to Lackawanna

No plan yet, but want to get the bid process rolling before discussions on the ecosystem is discussed

As of today - not a lot of discussions with the stakeholders

When the outreach events are held, which they will, get the word out and get attendance up!

He will hit us on jobs, which are short-term, vs. the long-term effects and impacts on the structures themselves

Must get the details, only saying this "will transform WNY" - but the transformation may not be as positive as its billed  
Admittedly NYPA will get no cheap power from these

Bids are desired by June 30, and selecting a contractor by end of this year. Trying to ram through, get our say and say it loud! Power is already sold and due to "green energy" user laws, and we could see up to 170 of them installed!

Write to your state reps and let your position be heard. Do it!

2nd Amendment impacting laws

Rally in Albany was very successful, attended by 1500-2000 sportsmen and women.

Received good news coverage in Albany, and other outlets.

Future of the gun laws rest with the fate of the Senate.

Redistricting in 2011, and if and when that happens, the swing will go the other way, and no protections will exist.

Get out and vote for the next elections... WE HAVE TO BE HEARD IN NOVEMBER!

Many from the S of Tappan Zee Bridge area have beliefs that are built on no facts, make believe, astounding, but they are in power, don't care about constitutionality, they keep bringing these bills up and they get worse, not better, each year.

Please vote in November...

Thanks for the time, some cards are available... if ever you wish to speak on some issues.

Thank you Assemblyman Jack Quinn III for coming...

**Capt. Dave Bennett, R9 NYSDEC**

Big Game season recap for regular season only violations

475 tickets written of which only 275 people got tickets

Out of @ 130,000 licensed hunters in R9

In Erie County, 130 tickets to 78 individuals

Wyoming County issued 109 tickets to 51 hunters (only 2 ECOs!)

Poaching, jack lighting incident, hunting contest with illegal activities going on, etc.

Did a little CSI work on the scene and wound up with a confession from the perpetrators

Region 9 no personal injuries involving firearms and another hunter. No hunter on hunter incidents. Had 3 houses shot, with one cannot be contributed to hunting, one self-inflicted shot in foot

Overall this past year was the safest year ever! R9, ditto....

Working on the regional review, found some interesting info. F&W vs Enviro usually run @ the same.

This year 1216 F&W incidents, 896 ENVIR This year really picked up.

In 2004 722 F&W, TY 1216  
664 for Environmental in 2004, 896 TY

EAB outbreaks and new open burning law also keeping ECOs busy. Should be interesting in the spring  
Erie County - average complaint time needed (range of 3 hours to several days, with investigative and follow up, etc), 150 cases per officer in Erie County (6 ECOs), in Wyoming, 137 complaints per officer. Add in outreach, details, etc, 255 for Erie Officer (load), and 240 for Wyoming

Hoax on the mountain lion getting hit in Springville, was really from Boyersville, PA  
When you have 300 or so cats in population in wild, biologists generally find 30 or 40 carcasses per year, not to mention scat and tracks! Never a carcass found yet in NYS.  
Just hoaxes, but these hoaxes cost man power and money through requiring investigation, which pulls ECO resources away from actual issues needing to be responded to.

3 investigators are assigned to this region. Operation shellshock involving illegal trafficking of reptiles. Each handled 80 cases each per year, bringing in criminal penalties of nearly \$60,000.00. \$19K on Shellshock alone

Any Q's?

Many said they wouldn't buy a license because of fee, was that violation higher than normal? Not, not at all. Hunting is usually about unlawful tagging practices, while fishing is predominantly without license violations.

R9 320 Outreaches, 2/3rds HE classes

Outreach is getting difficult, and cases are going up. Money is also short

What was average fine for violations through the year?

Cannot really say this year, as it takes a while to adjudicate the cases, etc, this can take almost a year.

Transporting firewood from Catt County. After EAB was found, no transport of wood, before you could bring 50 mile radius. Heard this was amended to allow transport except for ash?

Private persons cannot transport at all. In December amended transport rules for transport within Chat and Catt counties.

The 50-mile radius, would that be by road or as crow flies?

Couple different radials. The source of raw wood to destination to turn into firewood.  
Next is the TOWN originating firewood 50 miles to town of destination.

How was the improper filling out of tags and the NEW report card targeted, and what affect could this have on these folks and their future for hunting?

Some of this is discretionary.. Dates not marked or cut out, that's a violation. Plus attitude of hunter and such. Also where taken into account.

Who makes decision how long license gets pulled, if it gets pulled, after a conviction?

ECOs have some input in terms of recommendations, but policies statewide have limits, with 10 year max for HRSI with injury. Standards are in place for consistency. No control over the duration or even if there is a revocation. Decision is Albany's alone. Previous to this year, regions had no opportunity for recommendations or input.

Wild pigs - in R9 one other besides 3 boars in ASP, one was shot in Jamestown, but it was a PET! However, the pet did get loose.

Thank you Captain Bennett!

**SCOPE - Presentation - Chris Lane - Grass roots coordinator...**

585-219-4296 - SCOPE Grass Roots contact

Also, Bob Church is distributing letters to send to legislators to voice opposition to the gun bills being considered

**NFFNRA - Mike Bartoshevich**

Banquet March 27, 2010 at Salvatore's

Having problem giving money away! Only one grant app from Erie County and that was from Federation for pheasants. Nearly \$300,000 raised, local kept \$145,000.

Raffle tickets for NRA gun of year, Kimber model 84, only 1100 made for NRA dinner events

More raffle tickets for Scouts for a Henry Golden Boy rifle.

New Grant process this year. Online application process. Jim Lesito will handle grants for Niagara, Mike B for Erie County. Learning new grant process. Please get with Mike B for grant questions and interest.

**Attendance**

Excused: Dan Tone, Dave Barus, Norby Antonik, Don Davis, Bob Fuller, Gabby Cronin  
Dan had a health issue, and will not be able to Sheppard the banquet committee

In attendance – 4 Officers, 9 Directors, 24 Delegates, 10 Guests

Roll Call Vote - H/A tonight

**Reading of the minutes**

Bob Church motion to accept  
Tom Fischer 2nd

Motion carries

**Secretary's Report - Rich Davenport**

New Officers and Directors listing up to site soon

**Membership - Antoinette Grote**

Dues are due

New Club - Umquenawis Conservation, safe and ethical hunting of upland birds, lease several lands in Niagara County, established in 1942. No club HQ, meet at Magruders in Lancaster.

Pheasant hunting

Motion to accept Umquenawis Conservation into Federation - Rich D  
2nd Frank Miskey Sr

Motion carries unanimously

Motion carries – welcome to the Erie County Federation!

**Treasurer's Report - Tony Scime**

Submitted - monthly and annual financial. Treasury report  
Spent \$-1418.00 expenditures, with a caveat, we received 2009 grant in 2008, but we used in 2009, so if we put that on 2009 we were +\$80.00

Rich D motion to accept  
Frank Miskey Sr 2nd  
Motion carries

**Correspondence Report – Dave Barus**

Dave not here

**President's Report - Steve Aldstadt**

Nothing to report other than what was spoken of already

**Next Meetings**

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
2/25/2010	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	George Washington Club, Buffalo, NY (must confirm)
3/25/2010	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Evans Rod & Gun, Need Confirm
4/22/2010	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	TBD – Need a location
5/27/2010	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	ECCS or Alden, need to confirm
6/24/2010	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Millgrove Sportsmen – American Legion Post
7/22/2010	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Niagara River Station, River Road, Grand Island

December 3 at Bison City which is a week earlier than normal - must decide

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Law Enforcement – Dave Szmyczynski**

Dave S. Contacted by Gary Huber from Deer Search, and ex-member and Hunter instructor, Pres of Wyoming Fed, Pres of Finger Lakes Chapter of deer search, VP of Deer Search

Gary Huber would request that we stand to distance this individual, and looks like this individual is out for themselves, not the sportsmen.

Dave motions to write to DEC officials to distance and demand full punishment *if convicted*

2nd Tom Fischer

Discussion - Gary, anything to add? Personally embarrassed by this. This individual slipped through the cracks despite background check. Looking for the maximum sentence due to the trust he had and betrayed, pending the disposition of the case.

We should couch this as "if convicted", yes that is in the motion.

Bob Church, who are we dealing with?

**Robert Hageman**, Gainesville, Wyoming County. He is listed in the violations report. As follows:

<i>Robert V. Hageman</i>	56	Gainesville, NY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Illegal taking of a buck</li> <li>- Illegal possession of a deer</li> <li>- Possessing the regular season buck tag of another</li> <li>- Altering a regular season buck tag</li> <li>- Failing to tag a buck as required</li> <li>- Four counts of failing to report the taking of White-tailed deer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Misdemeanor Violation</li> <li>Violation</li> <li>Violation</li> <li>Violation</li> <li>Violation</li> </ul>	Towns of Gainesville and Java
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Adam Z - is this more than county thing?

1 nay

Rest yea

Motion carries

**Archery/ Bowhunting - Dave Reed**

None

**Crossbow - Frank Miskey, Jr**

None

**Fish - Dave Barus**

Fish report

Invasive species symposium held to direct research for use of GMOs to control invasives  
Meeting with FAB and Kathy Konst on the 3rd of Feb - promotional efforts for Erie and Chautauqua County

**Small Game – Dan Tone**

10-year pheasant plan is adopted, basically as it was proposed...

**Big Game – Paul Stoos**

None, already covered

**Enviro & Pollution – Tom Marks**

Motion to write letter to support grant for Habitat Restoration on River

2nd Tom Fischer

Motion carries - Tom Marks will write letter

Chuck says remediation for Buffalo River restoration - grant renewal coming up

Chuck motions we write to support renewal of grant

2nd Rich D

Motion carries - Chuck will write letter

Oxbow on Buffalo Creek in West Seneca that has been cut off. Working with Town to come up with a conservation overlay to protect the corridor, Harlem to Union, the oxbow off the main channel.

Chuck Godfrey Motion to support this

2nd George Rockey

Motion carries, Chuck will write letter

Just about all great lakes states have joined MI lawsuit against IL and Army Corps.

Obama has decided to hold a summit for invasive species, and AG's asked to be invited, except NY. Something happening within AG office. Environmental Lawyer Kitt Kennedy is no longer in this capacity... Something strange is going on.

**Legislation – John Susz**

Covered

**Roll Call vote on H/A Stamp being mandatory.**

Support for mandatory 2

Opposed to mandatory 42

We are opposed to mandatory H/A Stamp

**Resolutions**

Paul Stoos withdraws the baitfish resolutions

We now have 4

Fall Turkey Hunting in Niagara County has been pulled as well as baitfish

We now have 3 resolutions

We can submit 2

Recommends we accept the top two of the three

Tony Gonnello says the remaining one will be submitted by Elma as NYSCC affiliate

Rich motions to vote for only two of the three to push forward

Be it resolved:

1 - Late ML and archery extend to Dec 31

Yea - 20

Nay - 0

Abstain - 1

2 - Initiate legislation to make crossbow a legal hunting implement

Yea - 21

Nay - 1

Abstain - 3

3 - Encourage DEC to allow for duplicate back tag copies at a fee so a hunter could have more than one

Yea - 1

Nay - 9

Abstain - 10

Resolutions 1 and 2 pass, backtag fails

**Sportsmen's Ed – Frank Miskey, Sr.**

This Sat and Sun, instructor training class at Elma, got 22 to 25 confirmed candidates!

Posters are in the process of being printed, went to press on the 20th.

2 refresher courses March 27 at Elma 8A-12P, and March 31 at ECCS, 7p-10p for existing instructors

**Special committees**

**Awards - Frank Miskey Sr**

Deadline is 2/1/2010

Must be in hands by 2/1, if sent in and received 2/2., SOL

**Banquet – Dan Tone**

Meeting of the committee after

President's Raffle tickets, please take and sell

See Steve for tickets

Adam has 3 donated pieces from Ray Skalski for Federation Banquet

Adam motions to write to Ray a thank you note for the donations

Rich D 2nd

Motion carries

Adam motions one original painting to NFFNRA banquet

2nd Rich D

Motion carries

Banquet tickets also available

**Clubs, please donate a basket for the Chinese Auction**

**Elma has donated money for a gun raffle, and Elma challenges other clubs to do the same!**

Flyers for banquet that Dan made up asking for donations – please take one or several  
AD order form - lets get some ads ordered

WLO will take one. March 1 deadline for Ads

If people are donating baskets, please coordinate

**Educational Opps – Chuck Godfrey**

Only one application for Scholarship. Lives in Collins. Only 4 of 7 completed apps for  
DEC camp, here are the other three.

**CFAB**

None

**Fund-raising - need a chairman!**

None

### **Shows and Expos – Dave Wharton**

Dave not here, Chuck coordinating the March show, awaiting for the contract from them. Need insurance liability certificate. All set for the booth, sheet for volunteers to take shifts

Thurs - Sun, March 11-14, need shifts to be covered

Need Sat and Sun coverage

### **WNYEF**

2PM meeting at Hoak's 1/31. Anyone on a State Committee should attend to give region an update

### **Budget and Finances**

Moneys spent to pay for expenses

### **Website - Dave S**

Made some updates, posting up Banquet info and President's Raffle  
Joe has delivered the new calendar app...

All good.

Also will put a Facebook group notice on banquet as well

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Feb 15 spring session for TSA starting  
Looking to fill handgun and shotgun classes

See Bob Church after meeting

Gary Huber - 3rd annual gun raffle for Deer Search. See Gary for a ticket  
Making a new DVD educational to help hunters learn how to effectively blood track  
Working with National Bowhunter Education Organization  
Cost is \$18K, + \$4K to market, +\$2500 annual distribution fee

Donated \$500 LY to West Falls for Youth Archery Camp, also looking to continue and do more

Eventually a scholarship

Cost is \$20

Rich D motions Federation buys 5 tickets and if we win, we use prize as fund raiser  
2nd Dave S

Motion carries

We have purchased a table for NFFNRA, who would like a ticket

Rich D - Rib

Tom M - Rib

Dave S - Rib

Jim McCann - 2, Chix and Rib

Dave Barus (2)?

Willie - 2, PR, PR

Gary H - PR

**Motion to pay bills**

Dave S

2nd Jim McCann

Motion carries, pay the bills

**50/50**

Winner is NFFNRA \$37.00

**Motion to adjourn**

Mike Smith

2nd Rich D

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM

**Thank You Elma!!!!!!**

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