

NYSCC Spring Meeting Minutes April 1,2023

Called to order 9:13 by Chuck

Pledge

Attendance

In-Person: Glen Adams, Fred Adriance, Michael Barretta, Denis Candee, Bert Cowan, Mike Elam, Jim Farquhar, Ray Gawlas, Charlie Gibbs, Tom Grasek, Jim Greeley, Bob Hodorowski, Edward Hogan, Dteve Hurst, Larry Jones, Dan Kolankowski, Casey Kordziel, Anthony Kordziel, Brian Krawczyk, Peter Marchese, Pat McBrearty, Gary Muthig, Marc Osypian, Dan Owen, Chuck Parker, Stan Pascoo, Emily Plishner, Liz Reinhart, Don Reinhart, Dave Wood, Ken Helijas, Don Sage, Jim Steel, Diane Steel, Greg Wadhams, Keith Youngs, Mike Zeh, Norm Ridley

Virtual: Bill Lyons, Dan Tone, Ron Havlen, Larry Foy, Lindsay Clark, Ron Sineo, Billy Harvey, Mark Holt, Rich Davenport, Jim McGlynn, Cheryl Warren, Peter Fanelli, Bakary Janneh, Larry Becker, Janet Kitchens, Jane More, Dan Ladd, Jon Montgomery, Larry DiDonato

Agenda-Website Updates, DEC Presentations, Business Meeting

Website Updates

Lindsay described what the plan is for updates. About a week to complete. Then Q&A

DEC

Wildlife Update-Jim Farquhar

Pheasant Game Farm, confirmed Avian Influenza. Taking measures to sanitize and start again
National Archery in the schools program just had a state tournament that went well
Second Step Classes for Hunter Ed have had a few trial classes but would like to expand the program

Hunter Ed in general, online vs in-person discussion

Wolf discussion, that canine was identified as a wolf, the hunter was not ticketed as he donated it for analysis and for it to be displayed in the state museum

Bobcat Management Program discussed

Question about looking for wounded/shot deer with drone-illegal labeled as harassing animal
WMA Management Conducted

DEC Camps Question-Staffing issues Steve and Jim didn't know much about the program

Bear Harvest Report now available

Deer Harvest Report will be ready in a couple of weeks

Holiday Hunt-younger hunters harvested more deer during HH than traditional muzzleloader season according to harvest report

Survey with hunters about why and when they will take antlerless deer to be conducted

12/13YO firearms big game discussion hoping it will pass in the budget

Grouse-multi-year study, relationship between west Nile virus and grouse population

Turkey-Long Island open to turkey hunting this year

Question on EHD in deer-there were fewer cases of EHD this year compared to last year

Someone asked for a page about proper property posting in the hunting syllabus. Jim said it's probably too late to get it in for this coming year but can look at it in the future

Question about getting rid of back tags, Jim said the only way to get rid of it is through legislation

Jim reviewed the Big Game Committees

Migratory game birds-Mallard study being conducted across 22 states and NY is one of them

Jim reviewed some staffing updates

Updating endangered/threatened species regulations

Fisheries-Steve Hurst

Scriba Creek-barriers have been put in place with regs posted on them. Law enforcement will be enforcing this year

Trout Stream Access Verification:

- 63% of trout streams stocked on private land have no formal agreement for access(bank miles)
- New road access stocking policy
- Sent letters to landowners about access
- Changing stocking to account for areas with denied access or no response

Big panfish initiatives-increased the size limit on crappies from 9 to 10 inches

Lake Erie Walleye minimum size limit-discussed changing the size limit but after doing a study decided to leave it alone

Lake Ontario sea lamprey mitigation to pick back up full this year since being interrupted from covid so numbers should drop down over the next year

Will DEC stock wipers-No

Update of brook trout plan-would like a member of the council to sit on one of the working groups(Chuck to decide)

NYSCC Business

R3 Presentation(will post link)

Motion to make R3 an initiative for NYSCC 1st Greg Wadhams 2nd Mike Elam

Committee Reports:

- Education Committee-PowerPoint presentation and other add ins about what counties are doing
- Hunter Education Committee-Brian K introduced as new chair. Trying to get more activity in committees, promoting school trap shooting leagues.
- Energy & Natural Resources-480a update, request for resolution pertaining to solar and clearcutting/loss of ag soils
- Fisheries-reflected Steve Hurst answering questions
- Big Game-want to eliminate back tags, Crossbow discussion, large bore air rifles discussion, review of questions asked to DEC, with the new gun laws retrieving your deer that has crossed property line is getting tougher felony trespass vs. general trespass, allow youth to hunt from elevated stands
- Trapping- Fear about new En Con Committee Chair and direction of legislature, be an advocate for the trappers, otter season would be well accepted, expand fisher season, YS Trappers Association met with legislators in Albany found Democrats that are open to supporting trapping
Chuck addressed Letter of Understanding between the NYS Trappers Association and NYSCC
- Waterfowl-Rules set by international treaties between US/Canada/Mexico, duck gps and light trackers study discussed
- Legislative- concealed carry improvement act lawsuits, talking to chief of staff of legislators may be more effective than the legislator, do an event like to sportsmen's March in Albany

- CFAB-Region 3&7 vacancies, habitat & access land update

Fall Convention-Pat McBrearty is taking the lead to organize but will need help please email Casey if interested in helping Pat. Delta Lake Camp as a potential site.

Chuck discussed committees/working groups with DEC that the Council has been invited to sit on, Lead Ammo Working Group and New Adirondack Brook Trout and non-DEC group Catskill strategic planning advisory group

Financial Report-Casey gave report regarding deposits from last year to this year, Accountant has not had time to prepare a report due to tax season

Looking for nominations for officers, since there are 43 participating County Federations Casey would like to see 43 nominations

- President
- 1st VP
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Grass Roots News-If you have an article or a topic you would like covered in GRN please email Casey, constantly looking for content.

APA seeking comment on wild forest road due April 17th, Don sending GRN article to Casey about it

Raffle-Winners: Bruce Burditt, Gary Muthig and Dan Ladd

Meeting Adjourned 3:41