

Call to Order

Pledge

DEC Presentations (General Session)

- Jim Farquhar, Chief, Bureau of Wildlife
- Steve Hurst, Chief, Bureau of Fisheries
- Jeremy Hurst, Wildlife Biologist
- Jaqueline Lendrum, Director, Division of Fish & Wildlife
- Open Discussions

Catskill Recreation Issue (Tentative – If not able to be done during General Discussions)

Executive Director Introduction and Roll

- Thank you to Casey
- Welcome Bruce

Financial Report (Diane Steel, Treasurer)

Board of Directors Remote Meeting Schedule (Proposed)

The need for the NYSCC Board of Directors to meet more often is growing. Meetings are held using Zoom. Recently, finding a convenient date for all has been a challenge given the short notice. The first couple of weeks in the month tend to be booked with other organizations meeting. The following schedule has been proposed by our treasurer, Diane Steel after looking at the issues we are having. If these meetings are not needed, they can be cancelled but it is easier to have something on the schedule.

Monday, April 22	Wednesday, May 22
Monday, June 24	Wednesday, July 24
Monday, August 26	Wednesday, September 25
Monday, October 28	Wednesday, November 27 (this is the day before Thanksgiving and therefore may need to be adjusted)
Monday, December 23	

LUNCH -- Picture Day- The Website presently does not have any pictures of our officers. During lunch, pictures will be taken of the Officers present.

Committee Reports - All Committees are invited to give a Committee Report.

The Education Committee has been requested to give a presentation on R3 (Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation)

Legislation

Discussion on **S4009 / A2917 Ban on Hunting Competition** (which was passed)

- Discussion on information which has been foiled but to date not responded on.
- Letters received in support of or opposition to the bill received by the Governor.
- Was any science or fact-based data used in the consideration of these bills?

MOVING FORWARD

- Reviewing how and when we need to reach out to our legislators on Legislation.
- Review of our memos of support or opposition

- Are there bill that should be but are not on our Watch or Major Bill list
 - Legislation Discussion from the Floor
 - **S785 ORTT** -- Relates to the regulation of live restraint cable devices to take wildlife Same as A 6891 Buttenschon Last Act: 03/28/24 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING
 - **S8461B HARKHAM** -- Establishes the sporting range good neighbor act No same as Last Act: 03/15/24 AMEND (T) AND RECOMMIT TO CONSUMER PROTECTION 03/15/24 PRINT NUMBER 8461A
 - Any others?

Tools for writing to you Legislator or the Governor

- First you need to write. Writing needs to come from more than the NYSCC and other groups. (Look at previous info given)
- Support your writings with NYSCC memos and other verifiable information.

Good Resources are:

- ❖ *the NYSCC Memos*
- ❖ *Responsive Management* <https://responsivemanagement.com/> ,
- ❖ *The North American Model of Conservation* <https://www.fishwildlife.org/landing/north-american-model-wildlife-conservation>

Fundraising – Tickets will be handed out and the Spring Meeting for our first raffle of the year.

- The drawing will be on May 18th.
- Multiple items to choose from, but only three drawings.
- First winner first choice.
- Items not drawn can be used at another fundraiser.

Have something to raffle please let Chuck Parker know ASAP.

General Discussions

- Shannon CPAC Representative for the Council, report on Catskill Outdoor Recreation Plan. (if not earlier in agenda)
- Membership Report
- Getting Associate Memberships representation on the Board of Directors
- Website Update
- Email Updates
- Mountain Eagle Article
- Fall Convention

The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation

<https://www.fishwildlife.org/landing/north-american-model-wildlife-conservation>

*is as it says the model for modern wildlife conservation in North America. The constitutions of the United States and Canada did not deal with the issues of wildlife and management. The principles that were developed under **The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation** is considered the backbone, under which modern conservation practices are designed in North America.*

Principle # 6 *“Science is the proper tool for discharge of wildlife policy. This is a key concept of wildlife management. It has its roots in the Prussian Forestry System, arising in this country as the basis of wildlife management by the convincing forcefulness of Theodore Roosevelt and Aldo Leopold. By spawning the profession of wildlife management, North Americans were decades ahead of their global neighbors.*