



The Essex County Fish & Game League Newsletter- Wildlife Conservation

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Shortly after a Turkey supper with all the trimmings prepared by the Schroon Lake club members the November Meeting was called to order at 07:20 pm. The pledge of allegiance to our Flag [under God] was led by President Kevin Hart. There were 12 members and guests present [nobody from the DEC] representing 6 clubs with Chesterfield, Keene, and Wilmington missing.

Officers Attending: George TeFoe missing.

Newsletter: News went out via E-mail -No newsletter was mailed-my Computer died-not repairable. A motion by Claude Aubin was made to accept the minutes. Passed.

Region V Report: Right in the middle of deer season there was no DEC officer at the meeting. I received the Region 5 Natural Resources letter. Deer checking in Region 5: not any record breakers seen by the deer checkers-Some very nice bucks and many does during the early season. The deer kill picked up later in the season with Drew Hanchett taking a nice buck while the snow was still on the ground. Fisheries have been repaired the streams in the N. Country that were altered by Hurricane Irene. The Raquette Lake Lake Trout egg take was successful this Fall as was the Windfall strain of Brook Trout gathered in Mountain Pond and Black Pond. VP Jim Hotaling gave an update on the Salmon run up the ladder in Willsboro. Lots of Salmon and not so many lamprey marks as in the past. The 5 year deer management plan has been signed by the governor.

New Business: The monthly ACC meeting is to be held December 11 at the Schroon F&G Clubhouse. The Crown Point Fish Hatchery has been proposed to be closed due to the shortage of available funds. Have not heard the decision on the hatchery if any [decisions] have been made. The Essex Co. League supports keeping the hatchery open one way or the other. Fly fishermen from all over the Entire world come to fish the Ausable river & needs to be restocked with big trout that come from the Crown Point Fish Hatchery not the smaller trout from the DEC hatcheries.

Fair Committee: No Report.

Communications: minutes from Saratoga League-Washington County Federation-Franklin Co. Clinton Co. Grass Roots News-DEC Resources Report & Field news-Congressman Chris Gibson about the concealed gun carry-email from Trout unlimited on closing the Essex Co. Fish Hatchery.

Old Business: The Pheasant hunt held by the Essex Co League was very successful with all the youth hunters getting their bird except one. Huge amount of enthusiasm by the young nimrods who had a great time. Skeet shooting practice was held prior to the hunt. Just a very good introduction to hunting and the shooting sports. The League would like to introduce the young sports to hunting ducks which is really an exciting and rewarding pursuit. Alas, the Barnaby Swamp [good hunting area for Pheasants] is mostly grown up but there is some pheasant hunting adjacent to the swamp. There are some funds available from the Adirondack Conservation Fund for youth Pheasant hunts.

Annual League Election of Officers: President Kevin Hart is retiring and nominations were held from the floor conducted by League member Laurie Bruce. Don Sage from the Schroon Club for President-Vice President: Jim Hotaling-2nd Vice President: George TeFoe-If anyone else would like to run for any of these positions you may throw your hat in at the December Meeting.. And, if anyone would like to be the Secretary I would relinquish that position.

Meeting Adjourned: The November meeting was adjourned at 08:00. Motion by Les McCoy and 2nd by George Harrington. Next meeting will be at the Schroon Lake Fish and Game Clubhouse on Hoffman Road. There were only 12 attendees at the November meeting . It would be nice to see more club and league representation. Bring your wife, your significant other or your son or daughter. The bar is open, the TV is on- a great meal and the meeting isn't that long. The Schroon club needs to know how many are coming so give me a call or send me an email. 518-585-4425 rjohndrow@aol.com

Respectfully submitted by Dick Johndrow, League Secretary-

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