

## **Luzerne County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs**

Website: LCCPFSC.org

*Member Clubs:* Nanticoke Conservation Club, Nescopeck Hunting and Rifle Club, Norway Ridge Sportsmen's Club, Nuangola Rod and Gun Club, Wilkes-Barre Rifle and Pistol Club, Edgewood Sportsman's Club.

*Call Meeting to Order:* 7:30 pm; January 10, 2022.

*Meeting Pledge:* Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge.

*Roll Call of Officers:* Dennis Grimes, President; Norman Frederick, Secretary; Joseph Frederick, Treasurer (absent); Bob Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.; Phil Levandowski 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.

*Roll Call of Clubs:* Norway Ridge (Norm Frederick), Nanticoke (Phil Levandowski), Nescopeck (Bob Williams).

*Reading of Minutes:* The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. (Bob/Phil)

*Communications and Bills:* Dennis will be sending invoices to all the clubs and our two sponsors. Dennis will also draft a letter to our Representatives to encourage their support for the online purchasing of antlerless licenses through the PA Game Commissions "huntfish.pa.gov" website.

*Club Reports:* Nanticoke Conservation Club: Phil reported that his club was going to hold a fishing derby on February 5, 2022 at Francis Slocum State Park.

Nescopeck Hunting and Rifle Club: Bob reported that his club had a Gun Show on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The turnout for the show was down due to the COVID virus and the recent ice storm.

Norway Ridge: None.

*Committee Reports:* None.

*Old Business:* Dennis is continuing his work on enhancing our website to allow our members a convenient way to voice their support of their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment/hunting/fishing concerns to their elected officials. The website will allow members to log into the website using their email address and a password. Once the member is on the website, they will have access to form letters that they can print/sign or email to their Representatives. By April, Dennis intends to have the enhanced website up and running.

*New Business:* None.

*Good of the Federation:* Dennis is requesting an update from Lowell Graybill, PFSC President, regarding the purchasing of antlerless licenses through the Game Commissions PALS system instead of the County Treasurer.

*Treasurers Report:* The balance in our account is \$799.93.

*Agency Report:* WCO Dale Ambosie and WCO Gerald Kapral attend the meeting and discussed several issues. The first update that we received was that WCO Jake Klinger had relocated to a new Region in PA. We would like to thank Jake for his service in our Region and wish him luck in his new assigned area.

WCO Ambosie reported that there were 1225 bear harvested in the fall of 2021. This was the second largest harvest on record. Dale also reported that there are two new members to the PA Board of Game Commissioners, Haley J. Sankey and Allen J. DiMarco. Both Commissioners have been appointed to serve four-year terms. Dale also explained that the Game Commission has been working with the University of Pennsylvania to research various wildlife issues. One program was created to study diseases being spread from animals to humans. Various other programs are researching the effects of White-Nose Syndrome in bats, Chronic Wasting Disease, West Nile virus and many more. To learn more about the program, you can click the following link [Penn Vet | Wildlife Futures Program \(upenn.edu\)](https://www.upenn.edu/wildlife-futures-program/).

The PGC is also conducting trapping and banding of male turkeys to determine mortality rates. The PGC will also be putting GPS transmitters on 100 hens in four Wildlife Management Units (WMU's 2D, 3D, 4D and 5C). The research will help to determine the weather impact on hen nesting rates, nest success, poult survival, etc. For more information you can click the following link <https://www.goerie.com/story/sports/outdoors/2022/01/20/pa-pennsylvania-game-commission-pgc-needs-your-help-study-turkey-movements-nest-rates-hens/6568769001/#:~:text=Pennsylvania%20Game%20Commission%20crews%20will%20assess%20sites%20for,simply%20be%20leg%20banded%20and%20released%20on%20site.>

The WCO's reminds all hunters that deer, elk, moose, mule deer harvested outside of PA cannot be brought back to the Commonwealth without first removing the parts with the highest risk of transmitting CWD. For more information you can click on the following link [CWD for Hunters \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pawildlife.com/cwd-for-hunters/).

The WCO's continues to encourage people to stop putting supplemental feed out for deer. The spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a constant threat and concentrated feeding locations only increases the potential spread of the disease. Read more on CWD below: [https://www.usgs.gov/faqs/what-chronic-wasting-disease?qt-news\\_science\\_products=0#qt-news\\_science\\_products](https://www.usgs.gov/faqs/what-chronic-wasting-disease?qt-news_science_products=0#qt-news_science_products).

The PA Game Commission has social media sites that are available for hunters to stay informed on the activities related to hunting. Attached is a link for PA Game Commission's, "Call Of The Outdoors" podcast:

<https://calloftheoutdoorspgc.com/> .

Waterways Conservation Officer Arron Lupacchini and Deputy John Schaffer attend the meeting. WCO Lupcchini reported that the trout season youth day is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> and the state-wide opener of trout season is April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Arron also reported that the bass opener would be on the second Saturday in June, June 11, 2022.

The following is a schedule of the boating courses available

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Boat/BoatingCourses/Pages/default.aspx> .

*Adjournment:* A motion was made to adjourn by Bob/Phil. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Our next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on March 14, 2022, at American Legion Post 609 in Hanover Township. The address is 328 Lee Park Ave, Wilkes-Barre, PA.