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 9, 2023.

Meeting Pledge: Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge.

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

Roll Call of Clubs: Norway Ridge (Norm Frederick), Nanticoke (Phil Levandowski)

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

Communications and Bills: None.

Club Reports: Nanticoke Conservation Club: Phil reported that his club will be having ice fishing event in February at Francis Slocum State Park, if the ice is safe. His Club will also be holding a stream clean-up of Harvey's Creek this Spring. Please see the Nanticoke Conservation Club's website for more details. Nanticoke Conservation Club.

Nescopeck Hunting and Rifle Club: None

Norway Ridge: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Old Business: After discussing the benefits of our Club join the PA State Federation of Sportsman's Club, a vote was taken and approved. (Tony/Phil) The cost of membership in the State Federation is \$641.00.

Also, Dennis is continuing to work on our Club's website.

New Business: None.

Good of the Federation: Nomination of officers was held. No new nominees were proposed.

We currently have two firearm stores that sponsor our Club. Piestrak's Gun Shop, www.piestraksgunshop.com, and Advanced Arms, www.advancedarms.com. The annual fee for a

sponsor is \$50.00. As a sponsor to our Club, the store is advertised on our Club's website. If any club enrolls a new sponsor, the club will receive half of the initial sponsor fee (\$25.00).

Treasurers Report: Two deposits, one for \$43.00 and one for \$20.00. The current balance is \$1,550.93

Agency Report: The Game Commission WCOs D.J. and A.C. Macko reported that the Northeast Region is conducting turkey trapping. The Commission is trying to determine mortality, growth rates, and brood sizes. Also, the Game Commission is also introducing the Pine Martin back into the forests of PA. A link describing the reintroduction of the Pine Martin is listed below. American Marten (pa.gov).

The WCO's reported that the Saturday opening of the rifle season and the Sunday hunting opportunities have increased hunter participation. It was also reported that several food plots have been constructed on Game Land 57.

PA Fish Commission: The PA Fish Commission WCO Arron Lupacchini reported that the tentative stocking schedules were sent out and the final schedules would be released in a week or two. Arron reported that WCO John Cummings was still out on medical leave and that he would be covering John's area. Arron reported that WCO Brian Bendock would be assisting him in John's area.

A new class of WCO will graduate in June of this year. The additional Officers are greatly needed throughout the State.

DCNR's Winterfest is scheduled to be held at Nescopeck State Park on February 4, 2023.

FYI:

A link to the PA Game Commissions website that explains Wildlife Related Diseases is attached: https://www.pgc.pa.gov/Wildlife/Wildlife-RelatedDiseases/Pages/default.aspx

Information for on-line and in-person hunter education courses can be found on the following link:

https://www.pgc.pa.gov/InformationResources/GetInvolved/GetStartedHunting/Pages/default.as px . Scroll to the bottom of the page and open. RESOURCES: Hunter Education and Classes and Workshops.

A link to the PA Fish Commission Boating Courses and related information: Boating Courses - Safety Certificates (fishandboat.com)

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/.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by Tony/Phil. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm. Our next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on February 13th, 2023, at American Legion Post 609 in Hanover Township. The address is 328 Lee Park Ave, Wilkes-Barre, PA.