

## MERCER COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS, Inc.

Harthegig Conservation Club      Greenville Sportsmen's Club      Hadley Rod & Gun Club  
Mercer Co. Coonhunters Association      Sandy Lake Sportsmen's Club  
Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club      Pardoe Sportsmen's Association

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**Meeting Date:** August 22, 2009

**Held at:** Stoneboro Fairgrounds

**Time Meeting Called to Order:** 19:09 hrs

**Time Meeting Adjourn:** 20:58 hrs

**Chaired By:** Pres. Fordcye

**Number In Attendance:** 22

**Officers Present:**

Pres. Fordcye, V. Pres. Anderson, Secretary Myers, Treasurer Tidd, Delegate Preston, Alt Delegate Rhoades

**Affiliated Clubs with Delegates Present:**

Harthegig, Greenville, Hadley, Coonhunters, Sandy Lake, Hidden Valley and Pardoe

**Resource Agency Represented:**

Pa. Game Commission, Pa. Fish & Boat Commission, and DCNR Goddard

**Life, Associate, & Club Members and Visitors Present:**

Ricky McDaniel (Grove City Member), Marcus Kohan (Pardoe Member), Ralph Martone (NW Commissioner), Frank Parise (COPA), Donald Campbell (Hadly member)

**Guest Speakers:**

- Ralph Martone is the new PGC Northwest region Commissioner. Ralph expressed how the past month has been busy since the State Senate confirmed his nomination. He is looking forward to meeting with the local clubs and organizations in his region. He hopes to attend the county meetings 2-3 times a year. Ralph has supplied his email address if you need to contact him. (nwcommissioner@comcast.net) While in attendance, he asked for immediate feedback on the following topics:
  - New PALS used for issuing Hunting and Trapping license
  - Anterless License - Licensing seems to be going well. There was some backlog issues in Erie County but it was corrected.
  - Crossbow - There will be a special public meeting to be held on September 3rd to vote on the Crossbow use in the archery season. If you are a crossbow archer, go to the PGC website for updates.
- Frank Parise was in attendance to represent North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers (NAWEO). NAWEO will be holding its 2010 conference in Cranberry Township on July 11th - July 18th. North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association is an 8000 member organization of Wildlife and Fisheries enforcement officers from across North America. The association began at a meeting of 16 Wildlife Officers from the U.S. and Canada in Great Falls, Montana in 1980. If you or your club can make a donation to NAWEO, please visit [www.pawco.org](http://www.pawco.org). You can also contact Frank Parise or Matt Visisky.

**\*\*Motion made\*\* MCFSC will make a donation of \$200 to NAWEO. Motion made and approved.**

**Last Month's Minutes:** Motion made and seconded with a unanimous vote to accept the July minutes.

**Northwest Division Minutes:**

- Next meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at PGC NW REGIONAL OFFICE, 1509 Pittsburgh Road, and Franklin Pa at 1pm.
- The Secretary had a computer failure and the minutes will be out soon.
- The Fall Conference for PFSC will be September 18-20, 2009 in Altoona, PA.
- Contact the state office at 717-232-3450 or newby@pfsc.org to set up your registration.

Ramada Conference Center

1 Sheraton, Drive  
Altoona, PA 16601  
814-946-1631

Hosted by: The South Central Division of the  
Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

**Vote/Action on Present and State Resolutions:**

**PFSC Conservation Resolutions to be voted at the Fall Convention, September 18-20 in Altoona, PA**  
**All clubs were in attendance and a vote was casted on behalf of the club by the delegate.**

Resolution #1

**Saucon Park Co-Op Nursery**

**Origination club:** Delaware Shad Fishermen's Association

**Therefore be it resolved:** That the PFSC endorse and support the re-activation of the Saucon Park Co-Op Nursery at its presently unutilized site in Saucon Park, Bethlehem, Pa.

Club	Vote	Club	Vote
Harthegig	Nay	Sand Lake	Nay
Greenville	Yea	Hidden Valley	Yea
Hadley	Yea	Pardoe	Yea
CoonHunters	Nay		

Resolution #2

**Turkey Blind**

**Origination club:** Heartbreak Hotel Rifle & Pistol Club

**Therefore be it resolved:** Language related to "blocking the detection of movement" be eliminated and Title 34, Section 2308 (b) (3) be revised to state, "Any artificial or manufactured turkey blind consisting of all manmade materials."

Club	Vote	Club	Vote
Harthegig	Yea	Sand Lake	Yea
Greenville	Yea	Hidden Valley	Yea
Hadley	Yea	Pardoe	Yea
CoonHunters	Yea		

Resolution #3

**Possible Effects of Climate Change**

**Originating Club:** Tobyhanna Conservation Association

**Therefore Be It Resolved:** Now be it resolved that the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen, recognizing the possible effects of climate change on the distribution and well-being of all biota, shall engage with the appropriate agencies, legislators and others so as to discuss and provide input on conservation issues related to climate change.

Club	Vote	Club	Vote
Harthegig	Nay	Sand Lake	Nay
Greenville	Nay	Hidden Valley	Nay
Hadley	Nay	Pardoe	Nay
CoonHunters	Nay		

**Vote/Action on Present County Resolutions:** None

**Presidents Report:** None

**Vice Presidents Report:** None

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Myers mailed letters to our State Senators and Representatives to express that the MCFSC was in FAVOR of HB 97. The Secretary has received one response from Rep. Longiotti expresses his thanks for contacting him and explained that he co-authored the bill and the bill is now HB 1859 with some minor changes.

Two additional letters were mailed to the U.S. Senators, Honorable Robert Casey and Arlen Specter. The letter to Sen. Casey was to thank him for his vote for the state to state carry license. A letter was sent to Sen. Specter expressing how disappointed MCFSC was with Sen. Specter voting against our right to carry from state to state. No responses were received yet.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Tidd reporting:

Current balance was provided. No activities since late June. Motion was made and seconded with a unanimous vote to accept the Treasurer's report.

**State Delegate Report:** No Report

**Alt. State Delegate Report:** No Report

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Membership Committee:**

- Dennis Anderson has been in contact with the Sharpville Beagle Club. They are looking to join the MCFSC. Dennis will reach out and continue the process of getting them involved with MCFSC and PFSC.
- Fur Fin and Feather is expressing interest in joining, Dennis Andersen needs to reach out to them.

**\*Youth Field Day Committee:** No Report

**\*Fund-Raiser Committee:** No Report

**\*Mercer County Booklet Committee:** No Report

**\*Old Timers Dinner Committee:** No Report

**\*Awards Committee:**

- There was an issue with the frame on a recent award. When the award was delivered, the frame fell apart. We will need to provide better frames with the MCFSC awards.

**\*Legislative Committee:** No Report

**\*Conservation Committee:**

- Clean Water Restoration Act - PFSC supports the Clean Water Act of 1972. In recent years, court cases have stripped the Federal Government's oversight of Non-navigable waters nationwide from this original Act. This Restoration Act is to put these non-navigable waters back under federal protection. Several states including Pa have even stricter standards than the federal act so it is not of major concern within Pa boundaries but many other states have very lax regulations and the federal act is all we have protecting these waters, some of whom flow into Pa watersheds. As in all Legislation the Devil is in the details so I do not want to express support for this until we learn more about it. I will be asked to take a position on it at the Convention and will vote in a Resource First manner. Delegate Preston is still gathering more information on the subject and will keep us updated.

**\*Stoneboro Fair Committee:**

- Jim Tidd will get the candy and prizes for the kids.
- Continue to sell tickets but you will need to bring the money and sold tickets to the fair before the end of the day on September 7th, 2009.
- Smokey the Bear will be making an appearance again
- Shawn Myers will copy the Name the animal game.
- The setup for the fair will be Wednesday morning, September 2, 2009.
- It was agreed that 12 passes will be purchased. Other volunteers will be reimbursed with money or tickets.
- If you can volunteer, please contact Dennis Andersen at 724-699-5349.

**\*Poster Contest Committee:**

- More information will be provided with the North West Division minutes. The information will need to be provided to the area school Art teachers. Giving the instructions to the office does not mean the art teacher will receive the instructions.

**\*Audit Committee:** No Report

\*Sam Abuel Committee: No further updates.

## Resource Agency Reports:

US Army Corps of Engineers - Shenango Lake: No Report

### Pa. Fish & Boat Commission:

- The fishing season seems to be slowing down.
- Bass and Walleye fishing is going well at Lake Wilhelm
- The water hazard at French Creek, Wilson Chutes has been removed
- Lake Wilhelm dam draw down will begin 8/31/2009 for the dam inspection
- New Cadet class is in training (7 officers). There may be testing in the fall for a new class
- Stream Habitat improvement, North Deer Creek will be 8.29.2009 at 8am
- There will be a Family Fishing contest at Conneaut Lake on September 12th and 13th
- Conneaut Lake: The only public access that is provided by PFBC may be closing due to the area needing to be dredge. Public needs to be writing and making calls.

DCNR - Forestry: No Report

### Goddard State Park:

- A draw down on the dam to begin 8.31.2009. Inspection on dam will be 9.24.2009. Launch 1 will be shallow
- There is a new boat concession. Local owner Jonathon Winhurst
- Fishing is going well. Large Crappie are being caught. Stop by the boat concession to see a picture of a 18" Crappie
- The park will be open for the early goose season
- There is a new project coming to develop a Woodcock Habitat
- A kids fishing derby will be held on September 19th. \$3.00 donation goes to the prizes
- Peddling the Lake tour will be at the Pavillion on September 19th
- Goddard State Park will be mentioned in the upcoming Green Parks newsletter. The article will be around the Switch grass being grown on the park and how it is being used as a heat source

### Pa. Game Commission:

**HUNTER-TRAPPER EDUCATION CLASSES:** additional information and online registration at [www.pgc.state.us](http://www.pgc.state.us)

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> @ PARDOE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> @ WHITE OAK SHOOTING CLUB  
Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> @ BETHEL LIFE CHURCH, Greenville

**\*\*DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES for Oct./Nov. To Be Announced!\*\***

**CABLE RESTRAINT CLASS :** September 14<sup>th</sup> @ WESTERN RESERVE CLUB

**DOVE & RESIDENT CANADA GOOSE SEASONS** – begin 09-01-09.

**Doves** - 15 daily, 09/01 thru 09-26 hunting hours noon – sunset, 10/24 – 11/28 & 12/26 – 01/02 hours ½ hour before sunrise – sunset. Need Migratory Bird License plus Hunting License.

**Canada Geese – Different zones have different bag limits! Season is: 09/01 – 09/25.**

**Hunting hours are ½ hr. before sunrise – ½ hr. past sunset.**

**Must have the Federal Duck Stamp & Mig. Bird License plus PA Hunting License.**

**SJBP ZONE** – defined as **area north of I-80 and west of I-79.** **“3 BIRDS PER DAY!”** This also applies at Pymatuning State Park Reservoir and for 100 yards inland from the shoreline.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY** – area around Waterfowl Mgmt. Area defined by Ohio line & includes the area south of Rt 198 to Rt 18 and south to Rt 618 south to US 6 to US 322 & 18 & west to SR 3013 to Mercer/Crawford County line as southern boundary. **“1 GOOSE PER DAY!”** & **“NO SEPTEMBER GOOSE HUNTING ON SGL 214”**.

**MIDDLECREEK AREA – 1 Goose per day**

**REMAINDER OF PENNSYLVANIA - 8 geese per day!**

**Youth Waterfowl Hunt – 09/19** Youth ages 12-15 years old..

**PYMATUNING WATERFOWL EXPOSITION** – Sept 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Goose Blind Drawing at the Administration Building – drawing 9/19 @ 10am (deadline 09/12)

Duck Stamp Competition – 09/19 in Linesville at School at 1pm.

**DUCK SEASONS:** Northwest Zone : Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Nov 28<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

South Zone Oct. : 10<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> & Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>

Lake Erie Zone: Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

North Zone: Oct. 10 – 24<sup>th</sup> & Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**CANADA GEESE:** SJB: Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – Nov 28<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Jan 28<sup>th</sup> (3 geese daily)

Resident Zone: Oct 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>-Feb19<sup>th</sup> (5 daily)

**PHEASANTS :** 1850 birds to be stocked this year. (730 M & 1120 F)

Youth Hunt :130 M, 190 F locations in your “2009 Hunting & Trapping Digest” on p. 23

Pre-season : 300 M, 410 F

1<sup>st</sup> In Season : 150 M, 210 F

2<sup>nd</sup> In Season : 150 M, 210 F

Late Season : 100 F

**RABIES:** Oral Rabies Vaccine “air drop program” to begin September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Two handouts were provided:

- Questions & Answers on the PA Deer & Deer Management
- 2009-10 PA Guide to Migratory Game Bird Hunting

**Old Business:** No report

**New Business:**

- There is still a need for Hunter Trapper Education instructors. If you or someone you know would be interested, visit the PGC website to get the information mailed to you.

**Good of the Order:** No report

**Club Announcements:**

- Hidden Valley will be hosting a Gun & Sporting Goods Show on September 26th and 27th (9am - 2pm) Admission will be \$4.00.
- Pardoe Sportsmen's Association will be starting a Winchester/NRA Junior Rifle Program. Registration is due before October 2, 2009. The course will be Tuesday and Thursday for 3 weeks. The course will start on October 13.

**Next Meeting:** August 26th, 2009 at 7 PM at Stoneboro Fairgrounds

<del>Jan 28 2009</del>	<del>Greenville</del>	<del>July 22 2009</del>	<del>Harthegig</del>
<del>Feb 25 2009</del>	<del>Hidden</del>	<del>Aug 26 2009</del>	<del>Fair Grounds</del>
<del>Mar 25 2009</del>	<del>Harthegig</del>	<b>Sep 23 2009</b>	<b>Sandy Lake</b>
<del>Apr 22 2009</del>	<del>Coonhunters</del>	<del>Oct 28 2009</del>	<del>Hadley</del>
<del>May 27 2009</del>	<del>Pardoe</del>	<del>Nov 18 2009</del>	<del>Hidden Valley</del>
<del>June 24 2009</del>	<del>Greenville</del>	<del>Dec 16 2009</del>	<del>Pardoe</del>

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Minutes taken and entered by Secretary Myers

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