

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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* Dedicated to Promoting Better Outdoor Recreation and Cooperation Between the Farmers and Sportsmen since 1935 *

Meeting Date: December 16, 2009

Held at: Pardoe Sportsmen's Association

Time Meeting Called to Order: 18:58 hrs

Time Meeting Adjourn: 20:52 hrs

Chaired By: Pres. Fordcye

Number In Attendance: 16

Officers Present:

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

Affiliated Clubs with Delegates Present:

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

Resource Agency Represented:

Pa. Fish & Boat Commission and Pa Game Commission

Life, Associate, & Club Members and Visitors Present:

Ricky McDaniel (Grove City/Pardoe Member)

Guest Speakers: No Report

Last Month's Minutes:

Motion made and seconded with a unanimous vote to accept the November minutes.

Northwest Division Minutes:

Meeting was held on December 13th, 2009 at PGC NW REGIONAL OFFICE, 1509 Pittsburgh Road, and Franklin Pa at 1pm. Three counties were present. NW Division Secretary Rhoades will complete the minutes and distribute soon. Some key topics from the meeting:

- Deer harvest was down 30% with the last Saturday to come
- There were several cases of hunting under the influence
- The death during the bear season near Summerville was ruled a justified shooting
- Rick Gilson from DEP was on hand and discussed the 37% cut on DEP and how he lost 7 people
- The PFSC renewal form was not accepted well across the state with member's names being sold.
- Poster contest form 2010 is available. Contact Carl Rhoades for the form.

Vote/Action on Present and State Resolutions: No Report

Vote/Action on Present County Resolutions: No Report

Presidents Report: No Report

Vice Presidents Report: No Report

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Tidd reporting:

Current balance was provided. Motion was made and seconded with a unanimous vote to accept the Treasurer's report.

State Delegate Report:

- The board meeting was moved to January

- PFSC is looking into selling the state office and leasing outside Harrisburg
- Revenue is dropping every year since reducing dues several years ago
- PFSC is looking into the endowment funds to keep the organization going
- There is an importance on getting your club members to provide their contact information to help the state office. Each year becomes more difficult and having a database of member contact information will assist the Executive Director in Marketing the PFSC. The privacy statement was added to the application for club affiliation.
- Future NW Division will need to discuss the importance of having a NW Division anymore. NW Division needs to define their purpose.
- Need to work on getting more clubs affiliated and getting individual members.

Alt. State Delegate Report: No Report

Committee Reports:

***Membership Committee:** No Report

***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:**

- The county and NW level have several awards available every year. Review the By-Laws and plan to nominate. Secretary Myers will make available the County awards that are available and the requirements for each upon request.

***Legislative Committee:** No Report

***Conservation Committee:** No Report

***Stoneboro Fair Committee:** No Report

***Poster Contest Committee:**

- Poster contest form 2010 is available. Contact Carl Rhoades for the form.

***Audit Committee:**

- Tom Tomko and Dennis Anderson met with Treasurer Tidd and reviewed the records for the year. Tomko and Anderson approved the records.

***Sam Aibel Committee:** No Report

***Election Committee:**

- There were no nominations from the floor. Motion was made to accept the nominations and Delegates unanimously voted the nominees into office.
- Officers and Delegates for 2010 are as follows:
 President: Bob Fordyce
 Vice President: Dennis Anderson
 Secretary: Shawn Myers
 Treasurer: Jim Tidd
 County Delegate: Steven Preston
 Alt. Delegate: Ricky McDaniel

Resource Agency Reports:

US Army Corps of Engineers - Shenango Lake: No Report

Pa. Fish & Boat Commission:

- 2010 Fishing license are now on sale
- Winter Trout stocking schedules are available online www.fish.state.pa.us
 - Shenango River is scheduled for February 3, 2010
- 2010 will have 2 Trout Openers
 - April 3rd
 - April 17th
- 2010 Fish for free days
 - Saturday May 22nd
 - Sunday June 6th

- 19th WCO Class cadets graduated the Act 120 on Friday 12/18/2009
- 500 Applicants for next WCO class
 - Start training July 2010
- There were 12 boating fatalities statewide
 - One in NW Division (Beaver River, Lawrence Co.)
- NW Commissioner Concilla's term has expired

DCNR - Forestry: No Report

Goddard State Park: No Report

Pa. Game Commission:

- It was a Successful Bear Season. There were 3 Bear reported taken in Mercer County. Two on SGL 130.
- A Luzerne County hunter harvested the largest bear in PA was done over bait. The hunter placed pastries in the woods and then harvested the bear. PGC WCO spotted the hunter with a truckload of pastries and the WCO notified the check station to let him know if the hunter checked in a bear. Sure enough, on Nov. 25, the hunter brought a bear with an estimated live weight of 707-pound into the bear check station at the Northeast Region Office. PGC questioned the hunter and he confessed to hunting over a bait pile.
- Deer season was a safe season. Common violations that were reported were loaded firearm in a vehicle. No word on any record sized bucks harvested but there was a report of a 22 inch spread 10 point.
- The HTE registration system will be changing. The current HERRS system will be retired and a new system will be introduced.

Old Business:

- At the November meeting, Commissioner Martone asked us to reach out to our clubs on their thoughts of removing the antlerless restriction on senior license holders.
 - Pardoe voted to remove the restriction
 - Harthgig voted to remove the restriction
 - Hidden Valley voted to remove the restriction
 - Coonhunter voted to not remove the restriction
- The results were forwarded onto Commissioner Martone

New Business: No Report

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Club Announcements: No Report

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Next Meeting: December 16th, 2009 at 7 PM at Greenville Sportsmen's Club

Jan 27 2010	Greenville	July 28 2010	Harthegig
Feb 24 2010	Coonhunters	Aug 25 2010	Fair Grounds
Mar 24 2010	Harthegig	Sep 22 2010	Sandy Lake
Apr 28 2010	Hidden Valley	Oct 27 2010	Pardoe
May 26 2010	Pardoe	Nov 17 2010	Coon Hunters
June 23 2010	Hadley	Dec 15 2010	Hidden Valley

****The 2010 schedule is tentative****

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Minutes taken and entered by Secretary Myers

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