

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 Minutes

Meeting Date: May 29, 2009

Held at: Pardoe Sportsmen's Assoc.

Time Meeting Called to Order: 1910 hrs

Chaired By: Pres. Fordcye

Officers Present: Pres. Fordcye, V.P Anderson, Secretary Myers, Treasurer Tidd, Alt Delegate Rhoades

Affiliated Clubs with Delegates Present: Harthegig, Greenville, Hadley, Coonhunters, Sandy Lake, Hidden Valley and Pardoe

Affiliated Clubs Not Represented:

Resource Agency Represented: Pa. Game Commission, Pa. Fish & Boat Commission,

Life, Associate, & Club Members and Visitors Present: DA Robert Kochem

Guest Speakers:

Robert Kochem provided the following firearms legislation information

FIREARMS LEGISLATION

FEDERAL:

House Resolution 17: Basically Federal "Castle Doctrine" good;

House Resolution 45: Federal licensing of all firearms with a detachable magazine. Licensing requirements include fingerprinting, photographing, government test and release of mental health records. Report of address change to government in 60 days.

House Resolution 627 allowing firearms to be carried in national parks, passes House 279-147. Representative Kathy Dahlkemper voted in favor if it saying "In Pennsylvania we believe the 2nd Amendment is a way of life. This vote reaffirms my commitment to our right to bear arms. As a member of Congress, I will continue to protect the important American tradition of hunting ..."

House Resolution 2159: Called an anti terrorist bill gives U.S. Attorney General unfettered discretion to secretly label you a terrorist and prevent you from owning a gun.

House Resolution 2324: NRA opposes limits gun show sales

Senate Bill 941 and House Resolution 2296: BATFE changes supported by NRA

COMMONWEALTH:

Senate:

Senate Bill 27 Limit handgun purchases to one per 30 days

Senate Bill 36 Mandatory reporting lost firearm within 24 hours

Senate Bill 97 Requires obtaining a permit before purchasing a handgun

Senate Bill 295 Requires "smart gun" personalized firearms

Senate Bill 842 Introduced by Bob Robbins establishing the "castle doctrine" in PA.

House of Representatives:

House Bill 40: "Castle Doctrine"

House Bill 332: No sales tax on gun safes – finance committee;

House Bill 346: Ballistics identifier requirements and gun locks;

House Bill 357: License all dealers more restrictions than presently;

House Bill 375: Register all firearms similar to federal bill HB 45;

House Bill 401: Safety performance standards for hand guns forfeiture of certain hand guns;

House Bill 732 Sale of hand gun shall include photo of purchaser;

House Bill 1044 Allows local regulation of firearms and ammunition;

House Bill 1045 prohibits sale of "assault weapons";

House Bill 1070 Child firearms safety lock mechanisms;

House Bill 1293: Firearm registration with state police – judiciary committee

House Bill 750: Allows anyone to carry an unloaded firearm if otherwise legal for them to do so. GOOD BILL supported by Brooks and Stevenson sent to Stevenson’s Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 1541 gives enforcement teeth to punish local municipalities that try to regulate firearms. Supported by Rep. Brooks.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

4/22 PA House passes unanimously HB281 on changes in hunting and fur taking licenses;

HB 1325 introduced to “further prohibit hunting on Sundays”;

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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

Northwest Division Minutes:

- Next meeting will be June 14th, 2009 at PGC NW REGIONAL OFFICE, 1509 Pittsburgh Road, and Franklin Pa at 1pm.

Vote/Action on Present and State Resolutions: None

Vote/Action on Present County Resolutions: None

Presidents Report: None

Vice Presidents Report: None

Secretary's 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: None

Alt. State Delegate Report:

- Melody Zullinger has resigned as Executive Director of the PFSC. The PFSC has selected a replacement. Little information is known at this time. Will have more details after the NW Division meeting.

Committee Reports:

***Membership Committee:** None

***Youth Field Day Committee:**

- Youth field day will be held at the Grove City Sportsmen's Club on June 13th. Registration will begin at 7am and end at 9am
- There will be a work party on June 10th at 5pm. Please bring weed trimmer and other yard tools. Meet at the G.C. Sportsmen's Club

***Fund-Raiser Committee:** None

***Mercer County Booklet Committee:**

- We were unable to receive last year's booklet on disc from the publisher. The publisher states that the material is proprietary.
- We still have plenty of last year's booklets left and will continue to pass them out until they are gone.
- We will look into doing the layout for the 2009 and have them printed.

***Old Timers Dinner Committee:**

- Banquet went well and had a nice turnout. 65 tickets were sold.
- ****Motion was made and accepted to purchase two tie tacks at \$30 each for the Green Tie Award. The jeweler needed a one year notice to have them ready. Motion was seconded and all in favor**

***Awards Committee:** None

***Legislative Committee:** None

***Conservation Committee:** None

***Stoneboro Fair Committee:** No further updates

***Poster Contest Committee:**

- Paid out the first place County prize to the girl from Mercer

***Audit Committee:** No Report

***Bylaws Committee:** No Report

Banquets:

***Friends of the NRA:** None

***Whitetails Unlimited:** None

***National Wild Turkey Federation:** None

Resource Agency Reports:

US Army Corps of Engineers - Shenango Lake: None

Pa. Fish & Boat Commission:

- The Memorial Day holiday was slower than expected
- Boating was down so far this year and heard that a lot of boats are not coming out of storage.
- The first of two "Fish for Free Day" went well. There was a large turnout. Next day will be June 7th, 2009

DCNR - Forestry: None

Goddard State Park: None

Pa. Game Commission:

- The spring turkey season has passed and overall a safe season. Only one reported fatal shooting occurred in the area (Venago County)

- There has been a lot of Geese complaints lately
- Bear complaints are still coming in and the WCO & DWCO are handling them. They continue to trap the bears and move them to a more suitable area.

Old Business:

- The prizes for the Stoneboro Fair were selected and mentioned at the last meeting. (listed below) Shooter Supplies was interested in bidding but did not have all prizes in stock and unwilling to allow the MCFSC to check the prizes out for the fair.

****Motion made to purchase the prizes from Maurer's Trading Post in Franklin. A check will be sent to Maurer to hold the prizes. We will settle up on the remaining balance after the fair. Pres. Fordyce will have the tickets printed and they will be mailed out to a club member to distribute and sell. Motion was seconded and all in favor**

Bid from Maurer's in Franklin for the following:

- Marlin 925 .22 cal
- New England 20 Gauge
- Marlin 30-06
- Tradition .50 cal
- Champion Bow Package

New Business: None

Good of the Order:

- The Mercer County Federation website was moved into production on May 26, 2009. The website address is www.mcfsc.net. The site still needs work done on the content.

Club Announcements:

- Harthegig will be hosting their Family Fun Day on August 23rd. The event is open to the public
- Harthig club will be part of the 2009 Farm tour. The event will be September 19th and 20th.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made and second 20:15pm

Next Meeting: June 24th, 2009 at 7 PM at Greenville Sportsmen's Club

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

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Minutes taken and entered by Secretary Myers

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