

MERCER COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS, Inc.

Hartheig 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 *

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

Meeting Date: November 18, 2009

Held at: Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club

Time Meeting Called to Order: 19:19 hrs

Time Meeting Adjourn: 20:10 hrs

Chaired By: Pres. Fordcye

Number In Attendance: 9

Officers Present:

Pres. Fordcye, Secretary Myers, Treasurer Tidd

Affiliated Clubs with Delegates Present:

Hartheig, Hidden Valley and Pardoe

Resource Agency Represented:

Pa. Fish & Boat Commission

Life, Associate, & Club Members and Visitors Present:

Ricky McDaniel (Grove City/Pardoe Member), Ralph Martone (Pa Game Commissioner), Bob Kochems (Mercer Co. DA)

Guest Speakers:

Ralph Martone:

- This was a question and answer time for anyone in attendance. Mr. Martone answered questions about HTE classes, PALS, sales of hunting license, the land swap with DCNR, and many other topics.
- ****ACTION REQUESTED**** Mr. Martone is asking for our input for the next commissioner meeting. He would like to know how each one of us and our clubs stand on removing the antlerless restrictions on senior license holders. You can email Mr. Martone, NWCOMMISSIONER@COMCAST.NET, or bring your response to the December meeting and the secretary will forward it onto Mr. Martone.
- Commissioners will be discussing adding more youth hunting opportunities such as youth rabbit hunting.
- Seasons and bag limits will be discussed at the January meeting.
- The land swap between PGC and DCNR had a meeting at the Linesville High School. A lot of agency and media was in attendance but few general public. The most asked question was about the removing of the water. In order to remove the water, it would require the PFBC, PGC, and DCNR to approve and this is not likely to occur. PGC is happy with the swap.

Last Month's Minutes:

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

Northwest Division Minutes:

Next meeting will be December 13th, 2009 at PGC NW REGIONAL OFFICE, 1509 Pittsburgh Road, and Franklin Pa at 1pm.

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:

On behalf of the State Delegate, Secretary Myers relayed Delegate Preston's topics for the night in his absence.

- "Castle Doctrine" Self-Defense Bill to be Considered in Pennsylvania the week of November 16th. HB40, sponsored by State Representative Scott Perry (R-92), would permit law-abiding citizens to use force, including deadly force, against an attacker in their homes and any places outside of their home where they have a legal right to be. It is clearly stated that there would be no "duty to retreat" from an attacker, allowing law-abiding citizens to stand their ground to protect themselves and their family. HB40 would also protect individuals from civil lawsuits by the attacker or the attacker's family when force is used.
- There was a stress of 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.

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:** No Report
- ***Legislative Committee:** No Report
- ***Conservation Committee:** No Report
- ***Stoneboro Fair Committee:** No Report
- ***Poster Contest Committee:** No Report
- ***Audit Committee:** No Report
- ***Sam Aubel Committee:** No Report

***Audit Committee:**

President Fordcye nominated Jim Tidd, Tom Tomko and Dennis Anderson to perform an audit before the Pardoe meeting. They will meet one hour before the meeting.

***Election Committee:**

- Nominations for the December elections are as follows:
President: Bob Fordcye
Vice President: Dennis Anderson
Secretary: Shawn Myers
Treasurer: Jim Tidd
County Delegate: Steven Preston
Alt. Delegate: Ricky McDaniel
- If you would like to nominate anyone or yourself, please email or call the Secretary and he will pass on the nomination. Contact information located at the end of the minutes.

Resource Agency Reports:

US Army Corps of Engineers - Shenango Lake: No Report

Pa. Fish & Boat Commission:

- Local Fishing Report:
 - Lake Wilhelm: Anglers have been reporting catching crappies

- Shenango Lake: Anglers have been reporting catching walleyes
- Fish & Boat Commission to Inspect Marcellus Shale Drilling Sites
Law enforcement officers and biologists with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) will begin conducting field inspections of active drilling sites for Marcellus Shale gas wells beginning next month, the agency announced today.
- PFBC recently acquired a remote control submarine that has a hook, lights and sonar. It can be used for many explorations such as sunken boats and body recovery.

DCNR - Forestry: No Report

Goddard State Park: No Report

Pa. Game Commission: No Report

Old Business: No report

New Business: No Report

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Club Announcements:

Hidden Valley will be hosting an Air Rifle program starting January 2010. Will be held on Friday nights starting at 6pm. Free to the public and all equipment will be supplied. Donations are welcomed.

Mercer County Federation website is available. Please visit the site at WWW.MCFSC.NET Feel free to offer suggestions to add content to the site. Individual clubs should review their club page and supply content. Email suggestions to mercercounty.federation@gmail.com.

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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	Hidden Valley
June 24 2009	Greenville	Dec 16 2009	Pardoe

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Minutes taken and entered by Secretary Myers

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