

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

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| Harthegig Conservation 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:** April 28, 2010

**Held at:** Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club

**Time Meeting Called to Order:** 19:08 hrs

**Time Meeting Adjourn:** 21:20 hrs

**Chaired By:** Pres. Fordcye

**Number In Attendance:** 21

**Officers Present:**

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

**Affiliated Clubs with Delegates Present:**

Harthegig, Hadley, Coonhunter, Sandy Lake, Hidden Valley and Pardoe

**Resource Agency Represented:**

US Army Corp of Eng., Pa. Fish & Boat Commission and Pa Game Commission

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

Bo Preston, Mike Kelly (Candidate for 3rd District U.S. Congress)

**Guest Speakers:**

Mike Kelly is running for U.S. Congress in the 3rd District against Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper. Mike stopped by to introduce himself. He thanked the MCFSC for allowing him to sit in during the meeting. Mr. Kelly is from Butler. You can read more about Mr. Kelly at [www.mikekellyforcongress.com](http://www.mikekellyforcongress.com).

**Last Month's Minutes:**

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

**Northwest Division Minutes:**

Northwest meeting was held on March 14th, 2010 at PGC NW REGIONAL OFFICE. The 2nd Annual "What's your Beef" raffle tickets were distributed.

Minutes from the meeting were incomplete and will be distributed soon.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Jim Tidd Reporting:

- Current balance was provided. Received Insurance Premium and this will be paid soon.
- Motion was made and seconded with a unanimous vote to accept the Treasurer's report.
- **\*\*MOTIN MADE\*\*** to pay the Mercer County winner of the poster contest, Rebecca Smith, the 1st place prize of \$50. Motion was accepted

**State Delegate Report:**

Steven Preston Reporting:

- PFSC is still working on selling the building.
- Any correspondence from the state office will take time as there is only one person in the office now.

- Meeting for the Board of Directors will be in June 2010. Due structure will be a hot topic during this meeting. It was proposed that each club member would be charged \$1.50 for state dues with an increase over several years. Additionally there would be a requirement of 100% club roster list to be turned in with your dues or you would be assessed a fee of \$100.00. MCFSC State Delegate proposed an alternate solution at the Spring Convention that would see less of an immediate impact.
- New type of membership for PFSC will be the E-Membership. Cost will be \$15 and the member will receive updates and OnTarget via email. They will not receive any hardcopy material, all digital.
- The Fifth Annual 2nd Amendment Rally was held on April 27, 2010 in Harrisburg, Pa. No updates on the attendance.
- Northwest have nominated Junior Eisenhuth for the Hall of Fame.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **\*Membership Committee:**

Dennis Anderson Reporting:

- Chairman of the committee talked with Fur Fin and Feather and they have shown interest in joining MCFSC. They will discuss at their next meeting ( 1st Wednesday of the month)  
**\*\*MOTION MADE\*\*** If Fur Fin and Feather decides to join, they will receive 50% for this year's dues. Motion was accepted

### **\*Youth Field Day Committee:**

Jim Tidd Reporting:

- The 2010 Youth Field day for Mercer County will be held on June 12, 2010 at the Grove City Sportsmen's Club.
- Youth Field Day Chairman Jim Tidd is in need of volunteers. Contact Jim Tidd if you can help.
- If you have contacts with local business that may be able to provide supplies for the youth day, let Jim Tidd know.
- Two organizations have not responded on their station. All other stations are set.
- Calls are coming in for registration. Received 20+ calls already.

### **\*Fund-Raiser Committee:**

- There is still 50/50 raffle tickets available. Contact Bob Fordyce at bfordyce1@hotmail.com or (724) 813 - 4560
- Winner will be randomly pulled at the Old Timer's Dinner Banquet on May 15th, 2010. Proceeds help with Youth Field Day cost.

### **\*Old Timers Dinner Committee:**

- The date for the 2010 Old Timer's Banquet will be May 15th, 2010 at Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club. Doors will open at 5pm and dinner will be served at 6pm. Cost will be \$12.00
- The dinner pamphlet was updated and passed around at the meeting. There were no noted changes. The pamphlet will provide a background for the awards that will be presented and who is receiving the award.
- Caterer has been scheduled and dinner menu selected.
- Need to have number attending by May 8th, 2010 to update the caterer. Please contact Carl Rhoades to be added to the guest list. Contact Carl by phone at 724 - 588 - 6147.
- This year's award nominees are:  
**Old Timer's Award:** Bob Greenwalt, Walter Smoot, Jim Wolfe, and Jim Munnell  
**Green Tie Award:** Chris Blatt  
**Mercer Co. Landowner Award:** Donald and Patricia Campbell  
**Howard E. Patton Award:** Gene Free

**\*\*MOTION MADE\*\*** to spend no more than \$200 on raffle prizes for the dinner. Motion was accepted.

### **\*Legislative Committee:**

Steven Preston reporting:

- State Rep. Greg Vitali, D-Delaware, has introduced House Bill 2235 that would put a five-year moratorium on leasing additional state forest land for natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale region.

### **\*Conservation Committee:**

Steven Preston Reporting:

- The Grove City College Environmental Club and the Wolf Creek Watershed Association hosted a program to discuss the development of the Marcellus Shale on April 14. One topic that was discussed was the Gold Rush Mentality. Landowners see they will receive large sum of money but they do not read the contract. Landowners need to read the contract and get a

lawyer to help with the process.

### **\*Stoneboro Fair Committee:**

Dennis Anderson Reporting:

- Dennis received a call from the Fair Secretary that they received notice that money for a new building will be coming soon. The money will be coming from the arts. Having high volume of visitors and the school classes come through assisted in getting the funds for the new building.  
Proposed building size will be 40x60x12 Post Building with (2) 10' doors and (1) man door
- Prizes were discussed. Topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

### **Resource Agency Reports:**

#### **US Army Corp of Engineers - Shenango Lake:**

John Kolodziejwski Reporting:

- Lake elevation is 1.55' over summer lake level. All seven service gates are open 1' each
- All boat docks were installed the first week of April
- Earth Day - over 30 volunteers planting trees (from PA Game Commission) and completing a litter pick up. Also, our District Leadership Development Class completed a landscaping project today around a Solar Tracker Panel which is tied into our Ranger Station at the playground.
- Campground will open 14 May and will close on 19 September. Prices remain unchanged: \$17 for standard site, \$19 for lakefront, and \$22 for electric site.
- Bay view ORV Area will open on 28 May.
- Trout fishing was very good until we opened increased the discharge yesterday.
- Crappie Fishing has been generally slow, but quality fish have been taken.
- Road killed Otter recovered along Rt. 846 two weeks ago.
- Introduced two park rangers in attendance; Jason Bowers and Luke Houston.

#### **Pa. Fish & Boat Commission:**

Jeff Giardina Reporting:

- Shenango Lake: a lot of Crappie being caught. Biologist did a trap net on the lake and discovered a large number of Northern Pike. The lake is looking like an upcoming Northern lake.
- Opening Day of Trout fishing was very good
- 35 kids showed up for the Grove City Sportsmen Club and Trout Unlimited sponsored a Youth Fishing Derby on Wolf Creek.
- Trout stocking will continue up to May 20th on local waters
- WCO John Hopkins is moving to another area and will be receiving a new WCO. Chad Doyle will start at the end of August. Chad is from the Cochran area.

#### **Goddard State Park:**

Gene Free Reporting:

- There will be a meeting on May 10th at 6pm at McKeever Environmental Learning Center
- Pioneer Frolic will be June 26th and 27th

#### **Pa. Game Commission:**

Larry Hergenroeder and Don Chaybin reporting:

- The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners gave final approval to hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits for 2010-11, including broad changes to deer, bear, turkey and small game seasons. Review PGC website for details.
- Baiting stopped in Special Regs area of South East Region
- Bear Season changed, State wide Archery and first day will be Saturday for rifle and no extended season.
- Bear killed on 4-26-10 on Wallace Hill, 98 pound male yearling.
- The Youth turkey season has been fair.
- Decrease in antlerless deer license for the 2010-11 season (1A 41, 705, decrease from 42,000)
- Check PGC website for up to date HTE classes in the area
- 4 new HTE instructors; Turik, Snyder, Sowers, and Myers
- New junior rabbit season was created.
- Dramatic changes to the Turkey Season. You will need to be aware what WMU you are in. See website for more information.

- All furtakers will have the opportunity for a bobcat and fisher.
- **SPRINGTIME ALERT: DO NOT DISTURB YOUNG WILDLIFE**
- Eagles and Osprey are strong across the area
- The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution urging caution regarding development of Marcellus Shale gas resources on the agency's State Game Lands system.

*"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the development of Marcellus Shale gas resources on the State Game Land system will be accomplished with great prudence, minimum disruption to State Game Lands, replacement of disturbed lands, and long term sustainability of revenues for the wildlife mission."*

- There were no changes to the local antler restriction

**Miscellaneous:**

**New Business:**

- The MCFSC website is due for renewal. Secretary Myers stated that there has been 200+ visitors to the site and it offers as a repository for MCFSC documentation.  
**\*\*MOTION MADE\*\*** to renew the website for no more than \$100. Motion was accepted.

**Club Announcements:**

- There will be a Concealed Carry and Firearms Safety Class on May 22-23, 2010 from 9am to 3pm at Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club. The course will be taught by qualified law enforcement personnel with over 100 yrs combined experience. All proceeds benefit the Mercer County Critical Incident Response Team. Contact (724) 662 - 6135 for more information.
- The Hartheigig Family Fun Days event will be held on August 1, 2010.
- There will be a Chinese Auction to benefit Mercer County Youth Conservation Camp on May 22, 2010. Doors open at 2 p.m., drawing will be 4 p.m. and held at Reynolds VFW Pavilion. For more information visit [www.mcycck.com](http://www.mcycck.com).

**Next Meeting:**

- Next Meeting: May 26, 2010 at 7 PM at Pardoe Sportsmen's Club

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

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Minutes taken and entered by Secretary Myers

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