

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

FurFinFeather Sportsmen's Association    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:** June 23, 2010

**Held at:** Hadley Rod & Gun Club

**Time Meeting Called to Order:** 19:05 hrs

**Time Meeting Adjourn:** 20:18 hrs

**Chaired By:** President Fordyce

**Number In Attendance:** 18

**Officers Present:**

President Fordyce, V. President Anderson, Secretary Myers, Treasurer Tidd, Alt Delegate McDaniel

**Affiliated Clubs with Delegates Present:**

FurFinFeather, Harthegig, Hadley, Mercer CoonHunter, Sandy Lake, Hidden Valley and Pardoe

**Resource Agency Represented:**

Pa. Fish & Boat Commission and Pa Game Commission

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

Todd Shipton

**Guest Speakers:** No Report

**Last Month's Minutes:**

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

**Northwest Division Minutes:**

- Northwest meeting was held on June 13th, 2010 at PGC NW REGIONAL OFFICE.
- This was the last meeting at the NW Regional office. A new location will be selected prior to the next meeting. The office is being torn down and a new building will be built.
- Jeff Souders has resigned from the state office. There is currently no full time staff at the office. Melanie is working per diem
- Office work at the state office is being completed on a volunteer basis. PFSC will be looking for a new Executive Director.
- The "What's your Beef Raffle" was drawn at the meeting. Thanks to all that sold tickets to make it successful.

**State Resolutions:**

- There will be state resolutions coming soon. When the delegates receive them, please address with your club.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Current balance was provided.
- All Youth Field Day expenses have been paid.

**State Delegate Report:**

- The current total member of PFSC is 91,419. This includes individual and club members
- At the recent board meeting of the PFSC, the proposed dues structure introduced by Steven Preston was approved. The increase should have little effect on Mercer County clubs. This will be a graduated increase of the dues instead of one large increase. There will be more to come on the new state due structure.

- There was a proposal that clubs must submit a full club roster or there would be additional \$100 due with their renewal. A new proposal was introduced that clubs would receive a 5% reduction to their dues if they supplied the full roster. There will be more to come on this topic.
- The E-Membership was approved. This is a \$15 membership. Members would receive all mailings and On-Targets via email

## **Committee Reports:**

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

- FurFinFeather Sportsmen's Association has officially paid their dues and now are part of MCFSC. As voted on in the April meeting, FurFinFeather will receive a 50% discount on this year's membership.

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

- The 2010 Youth Field day for Mercer County was held on June 12, 2010 at the Grove City Sportsmen's Club. The weather was good and there were 88 kids and approximately 50-60 adults present.
- Thank you for all the donations and volunteer work that was provided.
- Special thanks to Jim Tidd and Ricky McDaniel for organizing the event.

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

### **\*Old Timers Dinner Committee:** No report

### **\*Legislative Committee:** No Report

### **\*Conservation Committee:** No Report

- A western Pennsylvania natural-gas well owned by EOG Resources Inc. blew out, releasing an undisclosed amount of gas and drilling fluids before being contained about 16 hours later. No injuries were reported from the blowout, which took place at a well in a rural area of Clearfield County,

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

Dennis Anderson Reporting:

- No updates on the new building or money coming in.
- Dennis will be attending the next Fair meeting. The meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.
- There was discussion on the prizes for the Stoneboro Fair. Planning on 2-3 prizes. Possible ideas are long rifle, pistol, and a one night getaway at the Tara.
- Bob Fordyce will look into the firearms and Don Christy will look into the Tara getaway package.

## **Resource Agency Reports:**

### **US Army Corp of Engineers - Shenango Lake:** No Report

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

- Governors Office appointed Edward P Mascharka III as the new NW Commissioner.
- The Fish and Boat Commission added "The Fishing Hole" to the website which addresses Frequently Asked Questions.
- Local fishing report:  
**Conneaut Lake** – The bite is slow. Reports of a few bluegill, crappie, and northern pike have been reported. A large 44 ½-inch musky was caught and released on the north end. Boat traffic is beginning to pick up with the warmer weather. Conneaut Lake is used by fishermen, Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski, Sea Doo, Waverunner, etc.) and water skiers alike, so please be courteous towards one another so we all get along. Slow No Wake zones extend 100 feet out from shore and docks. Buoy placement is not always correct, so use your judgment and estimate 100' before you take off.  
**Pymatuning** - The departments of Environmental Protection and Health, and the Fish and Boat Commission have lifted the "Do Not Eat" consumption advisory for all species of fish taken from Pymatuning Reservoir and Tamarack Lake in Crawford County.

### Goddard State Park:

- There will be an award presentation at Goddard State Park on June 30th at 10am to honor FROG and the Park Manager.
- There will be a meeting on June 30th, 10 am, at the Educational building
- Pioneer Frolic will be held on June 26-27, 2010 at Goddard State Park. (10:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST) Sponsored by Friends of Goddard (FROG) Experience life as it was in the Sandy Creek Valley in the 1880's during this two day event on the Marina Point at M.K. Goddard State Park. The event will feature re-enactors dressed in period clothing, blacksmiths and other craftsmen, pioneer toys, free wagon rides, music, food, vendors, and much more. Admission and parking are free.

### Pa. Game Commission:

- Safety Zone Public Access enrollment has 34 participants with 3495 acres.
- The new Hunter Trapper Education class registration online tool has been causing some problems. Some classes had to be canceled due to problems with the online tool.
- Many Raccoon complaints with human and pet exposure in Shenango Valley.
- Waterfowl banding taking place this week in Crawford and Mercer Counties.
- New HTE instructors applying should ask the WCO for an application
- Two Deputy applicants are approved for ride a long status
- Newly formed PGC honor guard to perform at NAWEOA event in July.
- Hunting Licenses on sale now. 1<sup>st</sup> round of antlerless licenses start July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Landowner antlerless licenses available at County Treasurer's Office before July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- State Representative Staback has introduced a bill to increase fines for not reporting harvested game.
- Beaver complaints are on the rise in the district.

### Miscellaneous:

New Business: No report

### Club Announcements:

- The Harthegig Family Fun Days event will be held on August 1, 2010. See attachment
- Youth Field Day Shirts (\$5) and Hats (\$4) are for sale. Contact Jim Tidd to purchase.
- The Handicap Pier at Lake Wilhelm is now complete.
- Pioneer Frolic; June 26 and 27 at M.K. Goddard State Park.

### Next Meeting:

- Next Meeting: July 28, 2010 at 7 PM at Harthegig Conservation Club

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

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Minutes taken and entered by Secretary Myers

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Attachment three: Harthegig Conservation Club, Annual Family Fun Day

# Harthegig Conservation Club

600 Rodgers Hill Road Fredonia, Pa



## ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY

August 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00pm-4:00 pm

Gun Raffle and drawings @ 4:30

First Prize: \$1,000.00 **CASH**

### FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Indoor 22 Shoot	Country Blue Grass Band
Trap Shoot	Chinese Auction
3 D Archery Shoot	Muzzleloader Shoot
Turkey Shoot	Pa Trappers Assoc.
Turkey Calling demo	Cowboy Action Shoot
Goose Calling demo	Pa Fish Commission

**Women & Kids under 16 Shoot \*\*FREE\*\***

**FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE THROUGH OUT THE DAY**

**All ammo will be provided, Guns available or bring your own**

For more Info call:

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