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MERCER COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS, Inc.

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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Next meeting is the Wednesday, February 23, at Harthegig

Meeting Date: January 26, 2011

Held at: Greenville Sportsmen's Club

Time Meeting Called to Order: 19:00 hrs

Time Meeting Adjourn: 21:05 hrs

Chaired By: President Fordyce

Number In Attendance: 16

Officers Present:

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

Affiliated Clubs with Delegates Present:

Hadley Rod & Gun Club, Harthegig Conservation Club, Sandy Lake Sportsmen's Club, Pardoe Sportsmen's Association, and Mercer County CoonHunters

Resource Agency Represented:

Pa Game Commission

Life, Associate, & Club Members and Visitors Present:

Todd Shipton, Dane Mitchell, and Carl Rhoades

Guest Speakers: No Report

Last Month's Minutes:

Motion made and seconded with a unanimous vote to accept the November minutes. (No December meeting)

Northwest Division Minutes:

- Next meeting March 6th, 2011 at 1:00pm. Location will announced later.
- The December meeting was cancelled due to misunderstanding of the location.

State Resolutions:

- Delegates need to review and vote on these resolutions at their next club meeting. MCFSC will record the results at the February meeting. State convention is March 11,12, and 13.

**PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS, INC.
CONSERVATION RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION #1

The following resolution originated and approved in regular meeting of:

Parks Township Sportsmen's Club

2010 April 23

Name of Local Club

Date

WHEREAS:

The number of senior deer hunters has been steadily declining. The loss of these veteran hunters does not bode well for the sport of hunting or Game Commission, and can be avoided.

The most common complaint from senior deer hunters is that they cannot distinguish the number of points on a bucks rack. While the antler itself is easily visible the individual points are not. It is a fact of life that vision is not as sharp as a person ages.

This situation could be remedied by putting senior hunters in the same category as junior hunters regarding antler restriction. This would do much to retain these veteran deer hunters in our ranks. Senior hunters have endured the rigors of life, been loyal and paid their dues to the sport of hunting. It is fitting that they be accorded this consideration.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the PFSC work with the Game Commission to have junior and senior hunters abide by the same antler restrictions, that being one antler of three or more inches in length or one antler with at least two points

RESOLUTION #2

The following resolution originated and approved in regular meeting of:

Lehigh County Fish & Game Assn

2010 September 28

Name of Local Club

Date

WHEREAS:

Currently, Title 34 legislative statute requires antlerless licenses to be distributed through the state's county treasurer's offices.

WHEREAS:

The PGC now has the capacity to issue license through a Point-of-Sale system much more efficiently.

WHEREAS:

In the past, there have been problems for hunters in regards to receiving their tags from the county treasurers in a timely fashion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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Secretary's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer stated no checks written since last meeting.
- Balance was given
- Motion to accept and second was given

State Delegate Report:

- The spring convention of the PFSC will be March 11, 12, and 13th, 2011.
- The event will be held at Lewisburg, PA
- Registration has started and needs to be in before March 1st to avoid late fee.
- You can get a registration form in the On Target from January or contact the MCFSC secretary.
- Delegate attended the board meeting the weekend of January 22nd
- State office is putting together a white paper of recommendations for Governor Corbett. Some actions items:
 - Establish a sportsmen's advisory council
 - Establish part of the state constitution to Hunt, Trap, and Fish
 - Establish the castle doctrine
 - Establish a fair service tax on Marcellus Gas drilling
- See Steven Preston for more details on the white paper action items
- State office is still not financially stable but it is time for dues. Hopefully this will help turn the corner. Cannot afford to hire an Executive director yet.
- Susan Hughes is running the office as the office manager. Doing a wonderful job.

- Keystone Energy Forum. (Work to Educate Pennsylvanians on Marcellus Shale Development). Couple of representative joined the PFSC board meeting. They are working to educate people on Marcellus shale and clear up any misunderstandings. They funding the PFSC HTE "On Target" January/February edition.

Committee Reports:

***Membership Committee:** No Report

***Youth Field Day Committee:**

- Youth Field Day will be held on June 11, 2011.
- Registration will start at 7:30am. Events will begin at 8am thru 4pm.
- The event will be held at the Grove City Sportsmen's Club ***MOTION MADE*** by Gene Free seconded by Ed Steckler
- Richard McDaniel will be accepting the Pre-Registration
- There will be a planning meeting this Tuesday, February 1, at Pizza Joes in Mercer at 7pm.
- Jim Tidd is asking for volunteers to help again this year. See Jim if you can help out.

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

***Old Timers Dinner Committee:**

- The 2010 Old Timer's Banquet will be May 14th, 2011 at Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club.

***Awards Committee:**

- Though the Old Timer's Banquet is months away, need to start looking for nominations.
- Nominations need to be submitted a couple months in advance so there is time to review and approve.
- Listed below is the award presented at the Old Timer's Banquet. Please review and start looking for nominations.



Old Timer sportsman Award

Nomination Criteria:

- Each affiliated club may nominate up to but not more than three members
- reached the age of 65
- have been active for a number of years in promoting the objectives of their club, and of the MCFSC
- but must be supported by written and documented records of accomplishments of the nominee
- The sponsoring club shall be responsible for transportation and the cost of dinner for its honoree(s).
- submit names of nominees at least two months in advance of the date of the banquet
- No person may receive the award more than once.
- The award shall be recognized as an honorary lifetime membership in the MCFSC



"Order of the Green Tie"

Nomination Criteria

- Made significant contributions to conservation during the past year.
- Nominees need not be a member of any club
- Must be sponsored by an affiliated club of the MCFSC.
- Only one person will receive this award in any year.
- This award is not to be awarded posthumously.
- Special citations and awards may be issued to other persons whose dedication to the principles and objectives of the MCFSC deserve public recognition, by vote of the affiliated club delegates in regular or special session.



"Mercer County Land Manager of the Year"

Nomination Criteria

- Land must be open to public hunting, fishing, trapping, etc.
- Must support Game and/or Fish Commission land access programs.
- Must practice extraordinary conservation methods, beyond the normal realm of agriculture for the benefit of wildlife.

- Only one person may receive this award in any year, but the same person may receive it in another year.
- Recipient will be selected by the affiliated club delegates of the MCFSC from the resumes submitted at the January meeting. Resumes must outline practices of the applicant.
- This award will be presented at the annual "Old Timers Banquet".



"Howard E. Patton Hunter / Trapper Education Award"

Nomination Criteria

- Hunter/Trapper Educator for a period of at least 25 years in Mercer County
- Or a Deputy WCO for a period of at least 25 years in Mercer County
- Recommended by the WCOs from Mercer County.
- Committee will consist of the current Officers of the MCFSC, the current WCOs for Mercer County and any past recipients of the award.
- This award will not be given posthumously.
- Recipients will be recognized at the annual Old Timers Banquet



"Seth L. Myers Conservation Award"

Nomination Criteria

- Be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Have attained the age of 50 years.
- Must have been an active member, for at least 10 years, of a sportsmen's club that has a minimum of seven consecutive years affiliated with the MCFSC of the PFSC.
- This award shall be issued only to members for dedicated service to the MCFSC.
- Nominee may not necessarily need to have served as an officer, but must have worked at the county level in direct interest of the MCFSC for a minimum period of seven year's time.
- The Screening Committee shall be the living recipients of the award and the County officers of the preceding year, who will use the official records of the MCFSC in making selections.
- Unanimous approval will be required for selection of the award.



"MCFSC Youth Conservation Scholarship"

Nomination Criteria

- Between the ages of 15 - 21 years old
- Must be nominated prior to their 21st birthday and receive the award prior to their 22nd birthday
- Must display leadership and outdoor knowledge above and beyond their peers.
- Must have at least 3 years in past working with one of the two MCFSC youth projects (Youth Field day or Youth Conservation Camp) or a similar county level project.
- Must submit an essay of 500 words or more taking the Conservation Pledge and explaining how the applicant will continue their involvement in conservation practices into their future.
- Completed application and essay will be presented to the Seth Myers Committee prior to December 31st for approval.
- Only one Scholarship may be presented in a given year.
- Recipient will be expected to make a presentation on their essay or activities at the annual Old Timers Awards banquet where they will be presented a certificate of acknowledgement.
- The monetary scholarship will be present only upon acceptance to Conservation leadership School and/or an institute of higher education.
- Scholarship award will be in the amount of \$500.

***Legislative Committee:**

- The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Club has updated the website. The site now list PA bills that need to be watched with a careful eye. Visit the Legislative site at <http://www.pfsc.org/LegislativeCenter/tabid/140/Default.aspx>.
- Sen. Richard Alloway (R-Adams/Franklin/York) has reintroduced legislation to expand the self-defense rights of Pennsylvania gun owners. Senate Bill 273 would remove the "duty to retreat" clause from the so-called "Castle Doctrine" to allow those threatened by an attacker to use deadly force in any place they have a right to be, including their home or vehicle.

***Conservation Committee:** No Report

***Stoneboro Fair Committee:**

- Dennis Anderson visited the fairgrounds and the building has been leveled and ground was graded.
- There is no sign of the new building being built. Soon as spring arrives, it should start.
- With the new building, the MCFSC will be meeting at the fairgrounds in July and August.
- Need to start thinking of how the new building will be decorated for the fair.

***Poster Contest Committee:**

- Poster are due at the February MCFSC meeting.

***Audit Committee:**

- Richard McDaniel and Carl Rhoades met in December to review and approve Treasurer James Tidd records.
- Richard and Carl have approved and signed off on the audit.

***Election Committee:**

- Election was held at the January meeting due to the cancellation of the December meeting.
 - Richard McDaniel, chairman of election committee, announced the nominations as follows:
 - President: Robert Fordyce
 - Vice President: Shawn Myers
 - Secretary: VACANT
 - Treasurer: James Tidd
 - State Delegate: Richard McDaniel
 - Alternate State Delegate: Dennis Anderson
- *MOTION MADE*** Steven Preston motioned to accept nominations as stated, seconded by Dennis Anderson
- The position of Secretary is vacant. Delegates should ask club members if someone would be interested.

***Sam Aubel Committee:** No Report

Resource Agency Reports:

Pa. Game Commission:

- PGC has had many news releases. Check the PGC for details. Below are some of the news release topics
 - REPEAT OFFENDER FIRST TO RECEIVE JAIL SENTENCE UNDER NEW POACHING PENALTIES
 - GAME COMMISSION POSTS AGENDA FOR JANUARY MEETING ON WEBSITE
 - HUNTER-KILLED ELK TEST NEGATIVE FOR CWD AND OTHER DISEASES
 - GAME COMMISSION SEEKS COMMENTS ON BEAVER MANAGEMENT PLAN
 - GAME COMMISSION SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON BALD EAGLE PLAN
- HTE classes list are being put together now. If you are planning on a class, talk with your WCO
- Upcoming THE classes
 - Grove City Sportsmen's Club February 25 & 26, 2011
 - Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club March 16 & 19, 2011
 - Lion's Community Center (Jamestown PA) March 17 & 19, 2011
 - Western Reserve March 24 & 26, 2011
- New Land Managers are coming to the Mercer, Butler, and Lawrence county area.
- PGC will be graduating 21 new WCOs. Started with 28 and lost 7 along the way.
- There will be two new deputies in southern Mercer County. Lost one deputy due to age requirements.

Pa. Fish & Boat Commission: No Report

Goddard State Park:

- The park acquired an ice rescue sled called "Rescue Alive"
<http://www.angelguardproducts.com/rescueequipment/rescuealive>
- There will training for the ice rescue device on February 12th at 1pm. Local PGC, PFBC, and fire departments were invited.
- The sled will be kept at the park and the trained agencies will have access if needed for a local rescue.

DCNR Forestry: No Report

US Army Corp of Engineers - Shenango Lake: No Report

Miscellaneous:

Old Business:

- New calendar has been set for the MCFSC meetings in 2011. See calendar below.

New Business: No Report

Good of the Order: No Report

Club Announcements:

- Hidden Valley will be hosting Indoor Archery for 10 weeks starting January 9 through March 13th. 3 shots per target at 20 yards and 30 yards (a total of 60 shots). A “Money Shoot” each evening. Sunday evenings starting at 7pm-?. \$5 cover charge. Open to the public 268 Gilkey Road, West Middlesex, PA 724-528-2700
- Hidden Valley will be hosting Youth Indoor Pellet Gun shoots at 268 Gilkey Road, West Middlesex, PA 724-528-2700. There are no cover charges or fees. Every Friday starting January 7th through March 11th, 7pm-9pm (Safety class 6pm-7pm)
- Hidden Valley will be hosting a Gun & Sporting Goods Show on March 26 & 27. Free parking. Concession Stand available. Admission is \$4.00 (under 12 is free with adult) Open to the public 268 Gilkey Road, West Middlesex, PA 724-528-2700

Next Meeting:

Jan 26 2011	Greenville	July 27 2011	Fair Grounds	
Feb 23 2010	Harthegig	Aug 24 2011	Fair Grounds	
Mar 23 2010	Pardoe	Sep 28 2011	Sandy Lake	
Apr 27 2011	Harthegig	Oct 26 2011	Pardoe	
May 25 2011	Hidden Valley	Nov 16 2011	Coon Hunters	← 3rd Wednesday NOT 4th
June 22 2011	Hadley	Dec 21 2011	No Meeting	← 3rd Wednesday NOT 4th

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Minutes taken and entered by Secretary Myers

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Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St./Zip: _____

County: _____

Phone # _____

E-mail: _____

Check appropriate membership level

_____ \$25 Individual Member

_____ \$50 Contributing Member

_____ \$300 Life Member*

*One time payment or Installments

\$_____ Additional Donation

\$_____ **Total Enclosed**

Payment by Credit Card:

Credit Card Type (please check one) _____ Visa _____ MasterCard

Name on Card: _____

Address: _____

(If different from above):

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please make all checks payable to PFSC

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Mercer County PFSC CLUB CREDENTIAL SHEET FOR 2011

Membership Information as of 12/31/10

County: Mercer

Division: North West

Club Name:

Club Mailing Address:

Club Website:

Total Number of Members: _____

Total Dues: \$_____ *fee table on second page

Is the Club Incorporated: YES or NO?

Does your club have an EIN or TIN number: YES or NO

* Please provide more than one e-mail contact to receive our email news and for cost-effective communications.

* Unless otherwise specified, all club snail mailings will be sent to the designated Club Delegate.

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Email: _____

Vice Pres: _____
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