

**Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs April 2006 Minutes**  
**Posted May 9 2006**

**Pledge to the Flag:** Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs April 2006 Meeting held on the 24th.. Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Butcher at the 4-H Bldg., Lockport, New York with the Pledge to the Flag.

**Guest Speakers:** None

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Dale Dunkelberger to accept the minutes, 2nd by Don Clark, carried.

**Roll Call of Clubs and Directors:** Sheets were passed around and signed by the delegates.

**Financial Report:** Gordon Botting Sr.

Motion to accept the financial report presented by Gordon Bolting Sr. was made by Dale Dunkelberger, 2nd by Gerald Bennett, carried.

**Communications Bills and Notices:**

Chris Schotz reported the DEC will be sending him their Region 9 monthly report.

**Sick Call:** None

**Committee Reports:** President John Butcher reminded all delegates to fill out an NCFCC COMMITTEE AND CLUB REPORT FORM and give it to Secretary William Mudge in the interest of having accurate information in the minutes. (See Insert)

**Finance and Audit:** John Butcher

1. John has sent in the necessary New York State and Federal tax forms for 2005.
2. John will give the first quarterly report at our next meeting.

**Fund Raising:**

Patches: The new Porcupine patches are in and are \$3.50 each. If you want a patch contact Gordon Botting at 716-434-1563.

Knives: John Butcher

1. We made a total of \$1,510 on the 2005 knives and have two left over.
2. There are ten 2006 knives available.
3. If you need a knife for an event at your club contact Gordon Bolting at 716-434-1563.

4. Chris Schotz will get us a price on knives for 2007 for the next meeting. The parameters are:
- A. An amount not to exceed 15 knives.
  - B. Maximum price to be kept at \$35.00 per knife.
  - C. Knives must be made in USA.
  - D. Knives may be pocket folders or sheath.

Annual Shoot: John Butcher - No report.

Grants: John Butcher - No report.

County Funds: John Butcher

The funds from Niagara County are in.

Newsletters:

If anyone knows anybody who wants to buy an advertisement have them contact Gordon Bolting Sr. at 716-434-1563.

**Public Relations:** John Butcher

Our Federation Awards Banquet has appeared in multiple publications including the Union Son & Journal and New York Outdoor News thanks to Bill Hiltz Jr.

Rosters: John Butcher

John reminded all delegates to get their updated rosters turned in so that new officers will get the minutes. Also include delegates, Hunter Education Instructors and youth leaders.

**Small Game:** Chris Schotz

Turkey Season opens on next Monday on May 01, 2006. More information is available from the NYSDEC website at: <http://www.dec.state.nv.us/websiteldfwir/wilife/eu/ide/tuvkev.html>

**Big Game:** Dale Dunkelberger

1. Dale reported there is a Quality Deer Management Survey in the April 2006 NYSCC Newsletter. Take it back to your clubs and report on it next months meeting.
  2. To determine future Big Game Season Dates in The Southern Zone the following information is available from the NYSDEC website at: <http://www.deer.state.nv.us/websiteldfwir/wilife/~u/ide/futuredeer.html>
- A. Archery Season:
- a. Deer and Bear - The Saturday following the second Monday in October (Columbus Day) through the day prior to the opening of the regular Southern Zone deer season, and 9 days immediately following the close of the regular deer season. *(October 14 - November 17, 2006 and December]] - 19, 2006)*
- B. Regular Season:
- a. Deer - 23 days beginning the third Saturday of November. *(November 18 - December 10, 2006)*

- b. Bear/Catskills - The first Monday after the opening of the Southern Zone regular deer season through the end of the Southern Zone regular deer season. *(November 20 - December 10, 2006)*
- c. Bear/Allegany - The first Saturday after the opening of the Southern Zone regular deer season through the end of the Southern Zone regular deer season. *(November 25 - December 10, 2006)*
- C. Muzzle loading Season:
  - a. Deer and Bear - The 9 days immediately following the close of the regular deer season. (December 11 - 19, 2006)

Waterfowl: Don Bronson No report.

Hunter Safety: Dale Dunkelberger

A motion was made by Dale Dunkelberger and 2nd by Chris Schotz to pay the North Forest Rod and Gun Club up to \$100 for the refreshments at hunter safety instructors course Tuesday April 18, 2006. Motion carried.

Sports Fishing: Paul Jackson

The pen projects are underway in Wilson and Olcott and the fish will be arriving next week.

**Habitat:** Chris Schotz - No report

**CFAB:** Bill Hilts Sr. - No report

**Firearms Legislation:** William Mudge

Bill Mudge reported he has put a committee together to discuss with Judge Peter Broderick about his mandatory storage requirement of firearms. Budd Schroeder our NRA representative and John Long are on the committee. We will be having the meeting sometime this month when Judge Peter Broderick gets back from vacation.

Region Nine Fish and Wildlife Board: Greg Tessmann — No Report

NYS Conservation Council: Dale Dunkelberger

S.C.O.P.E.: Bill Mudge

Bill passed around a copy of SCOPE's 2006 Legislative Report. There are more than 14 pages of bills we are reviewing. The highlighted bills need to be watched or are on the move. New information is in

red. If a bill comes out of a committee we oppose and goes to the floor we send out alerts to members.

If you go to our website [www.SCOPEny.org](http://www.SCOPEny.org) you can download a PDF file of bills we are reviewing. The site is updated weekly. Go to web page: [http://scopeny.org/ARCHIVES/SCOPE Legislative Report.pdf](http://scopeny.org/ARCHIVES/SCOPE%20Legislative%20Report.pdf)

**4H:**

Shooting Sports — No Report.

Pheasant Program — John Butcher reported Bob Glidden will keep the NCFCC posted on the status of the Pheasant rearing program by email. Bob reported that: We added 6 new sites this year which now gives us a total of 25 with 33 raisers. We will receive day old chicks Of1 June 6. 2006.

**Old Business:**

1. Chris Schotz reported he attended a retirement party on April 22, 2006 for James Snider, DEC Region 9 Deer Biologist. Chris presented him with a NCFCC knife. James Snider's position will be filled sometime in September 2006.
2. Dale Dunkelberger reminded everyone that Dave Kiel NYSDEC Regional Coordinator of Sportsmen Education is retiring at the end of May 2006. As of now no replacement has been announced. Dale reminded Secretary Bill Mudge to write a letter to have Dave's position filled when he retires because hunter safety is the foundation of the department.

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**New Business:**

1. Chris Schotz reported he has a source for some wildlife prints by a well know artist we can purchase for a raffle.
2. Paul Jackson reported The Lower Great Lakes Fishery Resource Office is having their Annual Fish and Wildlife Festival at Hyde Park in Niagara Falls on June 3, 2006. They are putting up a big tent

for clubs that want to set up a display. The Niagara River Anglers are having a fishing contest there in the morning and it should end at noon. The Federation will have the Shooting Trailer set up. Make sure you fill out the application and return it soon as possible. (See Insert)

3. Dale Shank suggested we look into getting decals made up for each club with their emblems on it. John Butcher will get a quote for us by the next meeting.
4. John Butcher reported there are several clubs that have not paid their dues. Please get your checks to treasurer Gordon Botting SR. by the next meeting.

**For the Good of the Federation:**

WNY Friends of the NRA: William Mudge

The FNRA Banquet Date is set March 24, 2007.

Hartland Conservationist: Matt Zarnosky

Hartland has Trap Leagues and Silhouette Shooting starting. (See Inserts)

Iroquois Arms Collectors: William Mudge

The IACA next meeting is on May 10, 2006 at AMVETS Post 26 on 600 Ward Road in North Tonawanda at 8:00 p.m.

Niagara County Gobblers Chapter NWTF: Herb Leaderhouse. The seed corn and trees are in.

Niagara River Anglers Association: Paul Jackson

1. Their annual smeltfest is next Friday May 5, 2006 at the sand docks.
2. The Anglers are going to have a Spring Outdoorsman Raffle and Wild Game Dinner on Saturday May 13, 2006 from 1:00PM to 5:00 PM at the 3F Club Pavilion in Lewiston.

North Forest Rod and Gun Club: Dale Dunkelberger North Forest is having a gun raffle June 11, 2006. Tickets are \$20.00 each. There are 10 prizes plus a grand prize of an Artic Cat 44x4 ATV. Door prize is a 2000-watt Honda generator. Contact Dale at 434-9268 if you want tickets.

Pheasants Forever of Western New York: Dave Whitt They have set their 2007 Banquet for March 23, 2007.

Pioneers Sportsmen Club: Don Clark

They are meeting on May 3, 2006 at the Niagara County Sportsmen Club at 9:30 am. Anyone who wants

to come is welcome.

SCOPE: William Mudge

Bill reported their next meeting is May 17, 2006 at the American Legion Post 410, 42 Niagara Street in Lockport at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend as his guest.

UAW 686 Pistol League: Gordon Botting Sr.

- I. The UAU 686 is holding a pistol instruction class on April 13, 2006. Contact Gordon Botting for details at 716-434-1563.
2. The UAW pistol league is having their banquet at the Lockport Conservation Club on May 13, 2006. Contact Gordon Botting Sr. for details at 716-434-1563.

Wilson Auxiliary: Tammy Thrush

May 5, 2005 is the Auxiliary feed basket auction. (See Insert)

Wilson Conservation Club: Chris Schotz

On June 17, 2006 is the date of the Kids Fishing Derby sponsored by the Wilson Conservation Club. Over \$1000 in prizes will be given away.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn, Chris Schotz, 2nd Paul Jackson, carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
*William Mudge*  
Secretary, NCFCC

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[www.OutdoorsNiagara.com](http://www.OutdoorsNiagara.com)