

Sullivan County Long Beards meeting minutes – February 22, 2013

Meeting commenced @7:30pm with pledge & 11 members present.

Secretary: Previous meeting minutes read and correction made to amount of Scholarship \$\$.
Correction and minutes accepted as corrected. (Pat, RichP)

Treasurer: Minutes accepted as read. We received our NRA Grant Merchandise for a total \$4,06850, which consisted of 10 target guns, 2 cases and 2 muzzleloaders & 10 cases of .410. Expenses: \$100 dues to Conservation Council, \$100 donation to NRA. Income: \$755, \$500 of which is earmarked TBD for Wheelin' Event. Treasurer gave us a projected budget, which if followed will leave us with a balance of \$110 for next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary: Calendar given for approval, several changes made and will be available for next month. Thank you from NRA. There have been several discussions on how to make Turkey Hunters Care more honest. Membership decided to make December be the month that we give turkey to the community as in Nov they are being inundated with turkey and would appreciate it at another time. So, as of s2013, we will be trying this out. Date is now Dec 20th. We also are going to try to give more to food pantries, as we have found out that quite of few of the turkeys are not going to the neediest of people, but to people who have the means to feed themselves. Motion made, seconded and carried (Jim, RichP). Donna, Jim Cole and Patrick manned the booth at the Middletown Gun Show and brought in \$1445.

Hank has booked most of the stations for the JAKES event, Butch needs to get confirmation from Barry Fletcher for use of the park.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim Cole mentioned that Price Chopper will donate 500 tickets for free for non-profits. Ethan gave a report on what he needs and what he has for his Wounded Warrior Xcursion project. One of the guys is still in the hospital but there are two that we will do in the fall (October 12th & 29th). Butch, Pat, Jim & Donna will do the gun show in Middletown on May 4th & 5th. Hank will do the Liberty Show for April 27 & 28th. Hank will also do Villa Roma, depending what kind of deal they come up with.

Hank gave report on NWTF Convention. The initiative for this year is "Save the habitat, save the hunt", which is an initiative to provide more food and to introduce more youth to the hunting traditions. He got several donations from the merchants for the X-treme JAKES of the Year Program for the State.

Butch is waiting for the states' choice of the applicants for the Scholarship Program. March 1st is the deadline.

Open discussion on DEC Camp and hunter ed. It seems they have initiative in place this year for hunter education. Coon Club will be having a hunter ed class on April 12 & 13th. Trapping Course will be at the Excelsior Club, call Joey. Banquet discussion and plaques (Hank will have made) for 9 recipients. Motion to close @9:10pm, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted: Frances D'Auria, secretary