

## **Dunham's Bay Fish and Game Club Inc.**

Minutes of January Member Meeting

1/8/2025 Pledge 7:10 PM – Scott Ragner Vice President called the meeting to order

Motion to accept the minutes – Jeff Beettie 1st Dennis D. 2nd Dave Smith unanimous vote to accept

Dennis Dempsey BOD – discussed 1/7/25 BOD meeting . The Board met and voted in new President - Tom Ordway and new Board member Nick Vaughn. Leslie Richard resigned as Secretary and Kathy Grant was voted as new Secretary.

Set up time to go to the bank to make changes on signature cards.

Bob B resigned as Board member and Dennis Dempsey stepped in as the Membership Chair 1st Dave Smith unanimous vote to accept

Tom Ordway is on zoom – Sam read a letter from Tom about being the new president as Tom was listening, but unable to unmute himself. Tom will try to come for the 2 shoot on Sunday.

Treasurer Report – We have copy of last year's income statement. \$111,703.05 Debit card account \$ 2224.00 Motion to accept 1st Paul Parks, 2nd Smitty unanimous vote to accept

Dennis D reported on membership. Members – 544 Active – total 739 - John B stated using the new electronic system is much better – we have approx. 20% increase in membership vs the mailings that were done in the past..

### **Archery – Pat Beland**

1/14/2025 – 6 pm

Monday and Thursday (opposite of 4H) at 5:30 a group of young adults – this group shoots at Hudson Falls on Tuesday nights – our indoor range is wider then Hudson falls – we have 30” shooting lanes Hudson Falls are 24” – HF goes through 6,000 targets – This group might want to come here – if we could get rid of the coffee tables, rug and lamps we

could have more room to shoot – Hudson Falls gets very crowded, more room here. Want to make sure rules are being followed, no broad heads; no darts

Motion to get rid of the coffee, table, lamps etc for open up indoor range, – 1st Pat Beland, 2nd John Bowe – motion carried

Can take furniture to Habitat to Humanity in South Glens Falls – Pat taking care of

### **Building and Grounds – Don**

Motion John B to purchase a vacuum cleaner – 1st Sam . Vacuum was located in closet after meeting

Spring construction for the Garage due to not pouring cement in the dead of winter.

### **Shot Gun – Glen Smith**

Nothing now – going to open it up to the schools -HS teams practice for about 2-4 hours – Their season in spring is 7 – 10 weeks (March – May) – It is on hold until we get things ready for them – need to get it built to do this.

John B – need to do research but range was established for schools to use it – maybe 10 years ago. John will give Glen the information needed to determine if this is viable right now. Maybe limit to Warren County schools.

### **2 Gun – Sam**

This Sunday 1/12//2025 –

### **Steel – Sam & Shane – No Report**

### **She-Shooters – Melissa Stark - No Report**

## **Smokeless Range – Sam**

Adapted equipment - Company sells rail mount that comes with infrared lasers – can use shot gun with this. It might be something to look into.

If marketed right – people might use this – the smokeless account needs to be changed for this. An RSO would have to be present at every event for this to happen.

## **Conservation Council – Dan, John and Dennis are part of this**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month is the Warren County Conservation Council at Cornell. We are required to be a member.

Need to send them a check for membership.

Has to do with fishing, hunting, trapping, forestry and public access to lands.

This year they are getting back to intentional purpose of DEC public rights – public fishing rights on private lands – Landowners with (PFR). DEC information locator – the list will be on their website.

Fish and wildlife Board – 2 meetings of delegates in Winter – 2 meetings in the summer – anyone is welcome to attend.

Legislation started today – June 12, 2025 – bill proposed – Linda Rosenbell is trying to stop pheasant hunting in NYS– to close down the Reynolds game farm in Ithaca – This farm was hit by Indian flu a few years ago -DEC is stocking additional pheasants for hunting . There are only 8 places in NYS that have pheasant hunting – might hear about ammo, gun range – 1900 bills already submitted to legislation.

March 29 - 9am – 2pm – Flea Market – Dennis works on this with Dan – Dennis in charge of tables -30 tables inside – can have outdoor tables depending on weather - table rentals \$20 members - \$25 nonmembers – needs to be sporting goods – need volunteers to help at door and with parking. We need to advertise.

**Boat Course** went well – If anyone is interested in getting another course, use the State website to contact instructor to get it set up – easy state website for this – This course is needed to operate a motorboat – Dan Ladd can help get this organized but will not be attending.

### **Old Business**

ADK Bar Grill Happy Hour bill was \$264 paid by debit card. It was a nice get together.

Phone is still not up and running still in S. Garvey name – need debit card, spectrum – internet and phone

Motion that John or Pat go use Debit card to get phone and internet set up with Spectrum with Shane                      1st Dan    2nd Melissa    unanimous vote to approve

### **New Business**

John Bowe set up new youth committee – wants a few new bows for this – cost \$200 for this.

John Bowe made Motion to spend the grant money up to \$2,000 with \$200 already spent on the 3D stands – 1st Pat 2nd Shane - unanimous

Dates for range to be closed should be changed. – for the rest of this year we are closed on Thursday – revisit this in October for the fall/ winter months.

Motion to adjourn – John Bowe – 2nd Pat Beland                      8:09pm