

**Wyoming County SCOPE meeting minutes:**

**Date:** Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017; 7:00pm

**Location:** Social Services Building, Doody Street, Warsaw, NY

**Call to Order:**

**Pledge of Allegiance, reading of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment**

**Amendments/corrections to minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting:**

- No changes or modifications presented

***Motion to Accept, Seconded and Carried***

**Treasurer's report: Beth**

- Start balance: \$8,736.92
- INCOME (since last report): \$615 total (raffle \$55, donations \$72, dues \$170, rifle shoot \$318)
- EXPENSES (since last report): \$452.40 total (Gary for plaques \$58, Mr. Johnson raffle tickets \$8, Mark for food \$86.40, Mark for \$300 gift certificates for Rifle fundraiser)
- Ending balance: \$8,899.52

***Motion to Accept, Seconded and Carried***

**WNY Environmental Federation report:**

- Preparation for Fair continues
- Planning for 2017 Youth Field Day Event; more information to follow very soon
- Date for event Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**'Weapons Ban' sub-committee update:**

- Public Hearing was held Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- First time that we have been exposed to direct attack and accusations by 'anti-gunners'. Namely the 'New Yorkers Against Gun Violence'. Two in particular were from Erie and Monroe County
- As a result of new information presented by NYAGV the Supervisor vote was postponed until the September meeting. This will be a weighted vote based on each Town's population and is a simple majority vote.
- We anticipate more action from NYAGV, in what form we are not sure. We must continue to prepare and press forward.

- We must respond directly by postcard, phone, email, traditional mail (hand written is best) asking them to support SCOPE's effort. Our sub-committee will make it as simple as possible however, *YOUR* effort is absolutely required. Stress that... *"I am your constituent and I vote!"*
- A 'fact sheet' in tri-fold format is quickly forth coming
- Most of Supervisors are up for re-election this year

### **SCOPE's 100 yard shoot report:**

- Held Saturday, June 24th at the Attica Rod & Gun Club
- 13 shooters, great day weather wise, a lot of help
- A lot of prizes left over
- The issue of possibly running a 'turkey shoot' was mentioned. Some discussions ensued.

### **New Business:**

- Fair sign-up sheet for SCOPE booth in Conservation Building will be emailed around. Fair set-up will be immediately after next month's meeting.
- Chairman Yount asked if there is any interest in marching (Fair parade). The consensus was a 'float' although nice, is not our best use of our limited personnel and time resources.
- Assemblyman David DiPietro spoke briefly about the current state of Albany
  - The Assemblyman expressed his gratitude for being with people who stand for God, for the flag, for prayer and stand for the Country. There is certainly not enough of that in Albany
  - In his five years he has never seen a budget this bad, never seen votes this bad and never seen the dis-function this bad
  - NYC still controls New York State politics with no change in sight because of the corruption. Again he encouraged efforts such as our recent engagement with local government, stressing how important it is.
  - When asked for good news, the Assemblyman said the good news is happening right here. When Wyo. Co. SCOPE stands up and makes a difference, firing a shot across the bow of the anti's, that is the good news!
- Wyoming County SCOPE has convened a committee to research and develop a mission statement. Chairman Yount read the current draft as follows...

*"Wyoming County SCOPE seeks to promote personal and collective security by understanding and exercising our God given responsibility and right of self and mutual defense as affirmed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and to assist others in the same endeavor"*

- Brief discussion ensued and Chairman Yount requested a motion from the floor to accept the mission statement as read and proceed to vote.
- Motion was made and seconded, vote held

***Majority in favor, two opposed, Motion Carried***

- Wyo. Co. SCOPE received a refund check from Ken's Shooting Supplies from last year's Ruger rifle. This check was not reflected in today's treasurer's report
- Statewide SCOPE is planning their annual banquet. Chairman Fox is helping with the raffle for the event, he has requested assistance in the form of a donation from Wyoming County SCOPE. The potential of our chapter purchasing a 'safe' (roughly \$1,000) to be raffled off at the annual banquet was discussed and tabled until questions regarding statewide SCOPE can be answered.
- Statewide Board of Directors meeting will be Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Open to any member.
- Congressmen Collins held a 'gun safety' meeting at the EMPact office (East Aurora). Mike and Brian were able to get in. Erie County Sheriff's office spoke along with, Officials of BATF.
- Still working to find a solid sponsor for the Federal legislation that was presented by Attorney Max Tresmond. Congressman Collins expressed initial interest with little movement since.
- SCOPE has designed new shirts that will be available soon.
- Letters to Supervisor's available tonight. PLEASE TAKE SOME WITH YOU on the way out!!!

**Motion to adjourn:**

***Motioned, Seconded and Carried***

**NEXT MEETING: August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017; 7:00pm**

**Meeting note: brief regular meeting then heading to Pike for Fair set-up**