

**New Jersey Chapter – The Wildlife Society**  
**Fall 2013 Meeting Minutes**  
**October 16, 2013**  
**Lenape Farms Unit – Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area**  
*Estell Manor, Atlantic County, NJ*

The meeting was held at the old hunting lodge located on the Lenape Farms Unit of the Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area. This tract of land was recently acquired by the State of New Jersey. The meeting started at 10:40 am with an introduction by Evan Madlinger, Chapter President. Evan welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and started the meeting with introductions around the room. Evan began the business portion of the meeting by noting that due to the federal government shutdown, he has been unable to access his TWS correspondence and information. He recalls that the only piece of correspondence that NJTWS has signed on to was in support of NJ Fish and Wildlife funding.

Evan noted that Jim Sciascia has retired from the Division of Fish and Wildlife and is currently in Wyoming hunting. At this time we are unaware as to whether Jim intends on continuing to serve as the NJTWS Treasurer. The Board will be following up with Jim in this regard.

Mim Dunne announced that the Cookingham scholarship was awarded to Jessica Valenti, a Stockton student. Jessica is a marine fisheries major and has done work at Rutgers College. She was a great candidate and well deserving of the award. Mim thanked Beth Ciuzio-Freiday, Eric Schradling, Kim Gurlavich, and Evan Madlinger for assisting in the review process of all candidates.

Evan announced that Eden Buenaventura has stepped up to take the position of the Education and Information chairperson.

Evan also discussed Board elections. In the spring of 2014, the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and one Board Member will be up for re-election. We really would like to see new faces. Amy Jones will send out an email prior to the spring meeting and include a section in the Spring 2014 Newsletter with information about elections.

Evan asked if any other Board Members had additional information to discuss. Beth Ciuzio-Freiday indicated that she has offered to serve on the National Committee for awards. In the spring they will be considering nominations of individuals that are deserving of such awards. She will be sending information to Amy Jones for inclusion in the Spring 2014 newsletter in regards to nominating someone for an award. It would be great to have people from New Jersey represented.

Evan also congratulated Ted Nichols on his receipt of the Distinguished Service Award from National TWS. This is a big honor, and Evan was supposed to receive the award on Ted's behalf at the National Convention in Milwaukee and present him with the award at

the fall meeting. Unfortunately, due to the government shutdown Evan was unable to attend the National Convention. Therefore, the award will be presented to Ted at the spring 2014 meeting. Jim Applegate noted that the National Awards are taken very seriously, so this is a big honor for Ted.

Ted Nichols presented a brief summary about the logistics of the facility. Ted also announced that lunch will include pulled pork, as prepared by Jim and Carol Applegate. As always, thanks to Jim and Carol for providing the meal at each meeting. Don Freiday will collect a donation of \$5.00 from each individual to cover this cost.

Ted introduced the presentations, as follows:

**Lenape Farms history and overview**

*Dave Golden NJ Division Fish & Wildlife Southern Region Bur Land Management Superintendent*

**Forest management concerns, issues and plans for Lenape Farms**

*Jeremy Webber, NJ Forest Fire Service, Southern Region*

**Southern pine bark beetle management in New Jersey**

*Ron Corcory, NJ Forest Service, Southern Region*

**History of white-tailed deer management at Lenape Farms**

*Dave Burke, Former deer management coordinator, Lenape Farms; Chair, NJ Fish and Game Council*

A field tour led by the morning presenters was after lunch, and included observing and discussion of the following features:

- Southern pine-bark beetle treatment
- Forest thinning
- Atlantic white cedar regeneration and restoration
- Wetland restoration site
- Field management with warm season grasses
- User access plan

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:45 pm.

*Meeting minutes prepared and submitted by Amy Jones, NJ TWS Chapter Secretary*