

Minutes of the May 3, 2014 Birch Hills Sportsman Club Meeting

Upon arrival members were greeted by Mr. Rachel (son of President Todd Rachel), and was asked to confirm/update addresses and emails. Members were also able to pick up an agenda and minutes from the September 28, 2013 meeting.

Meeting was called to order by President Rachel at 7:05 PM. There were 24 lots represented and 24 persons present including guests.

The minutes to the Fall '13 meeting were reviewed and approved. Treasurer's report was given by President Rachel (Andrea Pratt was out of town, but printed out a report to be reviewed). As of 5/3/14 the checking account balance is \$4537.57, savings \$13,600.17 and 2 CDs \$11,265.81 and \$3365.61 with a maturity date of 5/3/24. "For a 10 year you can close early, with a penalty of 6 months interest and still earn more than opening up a 2 year CD" with the current interest rates. Treasurer Pratt opted for a 10 year for a better profit. There was much discussion about this option....propose to combine the 2 CDs into one to get a higher interest rate, questions regarding 10 year term, possible annuity. Treasurer's report was approved by Steve Blackburn and second by Chuck Pardue. However, the report will be reviewed again at the September meeting. Also, members asked if report could be more detailed with credits and debits so it is easier to read.

Old Business

Timber outcome- The Ash tree logging has been completed the week of March 15th. However, some clean-up needs to be completed, concerns regarding the trails not being clear, damage to the ground, and remaining trees and limbs left scattered. Also concerns regarding the 30 brush piles for wildlife. The tree committee will oversee the final clean up with the logging company. Members are welcomed to use any of the cut trees, limbs and brush left from the logging company. **Tree planting-** Rich Whisler organized the planting of 25 Chestnut trees, 12 were planted on the east side and 13 on the west. Ray Pratt volunteered to water the trees. **Food plots-** A motion was made for Randy to determine what is needed for the food plots. Ron Vasich second, motion passed. **Federal Grant status** for forest management plan has been a lot of paperwork with pertinent questions to be answered by each member of our club. It has been decided to forego these questions and dropped. The forest management plan will be revisited in September. **Deer herd winter supplement-** The directors/ officers voted to allot \$200 so Ray Pratt was able to purchase food for our deer herd. With this supplement our deer herd remained healthy through the long cold winter.

New Business

Federal Tax Return- President Rachel has completed a 990EZ tax form, it is required that all nonprofit organization complete this form every tax year.

Liability insurance- President Rachel received a quote of \$479/yr. to cover officers and directors for liability insurance up to a million dollars. There was much discussion whether this type of insurance was necessary as all homeowners have liability on their policies with some members having umbrella policies. However, Brent Weston made a motion to get this type of insurance and Randy Noe second the motion. Members voted by show of hands...14 in favor, 5 oppose. Motion was passed. This item will be reviewed each year. **Tree watering volunteer-** It is recommended the newly planted trees are watered regularly during the hot months. President Rachel felt the need to "Adopt a Tree". But Ray Pratt has volunteered his time to water the trees. **Other Topics-** It was proposed to increase the annual badge from \$10 to \$15, with some discussion it was decided to keep it at \$10. Vice President Leadbetter will make a map with everyone's deer blind location. **Just a reminder to all members please follow the club rules regarding driving in the interior which are posted on all gates. Speed limit 10 mph. Bow season-vehicles in common area only between 10AM-3PM. Gun season-vehicles in common area only between 11AM-1PM.**

Expenses- President Rachel \$41.23, Secretary \$102.98, and Rick W. \$ 70.00. Expenses were approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM