

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 08/21/23

PRESENT

Officers

Milt Miller, President
Scott McClure, Vice President
Michelle Weber, Treasurer
Sandy Smart, Secretary

Trustees

Ben Brown Tom Cole ~~Jim Cook~~ ~~Mike Lehman~~ Annette McClure, Mike McKirnan,
Bob Meihls ~~Matt Walker~~, Chris Weaver, Nathan Wenning

Members Present – Jason Ruble, Gene Smart, Mark Linn,

Meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller.
Minutes from the July 17, 2023 meeting were reviewed

Scott brought up the gun and knife winners from the NRA raffle. He said there were no last names on who won the items, and people are calling, questioning if they were the winners.

Milt said that per guidance from Chris, he and Sandy had a conversation and decided since the minutes are posted on line, we would not put last names in the minutes.

Scott asked if we have a record of who won. Milt said we could keep the names with the file with the 30 gun raffle information. We can keep the names there for future reference.

Minutes were accepted as presented by acclimation

Financial Report

Treasurer Michelle Weber sent financials to members via email.

July income was	\$1,905.02
July expenses were	\$3,499.17
July net income was	-\$1,594.15
Balance in checkbook is	\$17,421.80 as of Aug. 20, 2023

Bob Meihls said he has rebate money from Menards if anyone wants to use them.

Financials were accepted as presented by acclimation

Membership Report

Trustee Annette McClure reported 473 active paid members, 21 Life memberships, 35 worker memberships, and 9 Honorary memberships, which totals 538 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 23 Spousal memberships.

New Applications:

Robert D. Zizelman ~ Ref: Chris Weaver & Dana Waxler
Employment: Owner of Zizelman's Automotive Repair, LLC

Walter K. Nickell ~ Ref: Stan Chapin & Tom Risch
Employment: Disabled

New Spousal Applications

None

Annette made motion to accept all new members
Chris Weaver seconded the motion
Motion passed.

Presidents Report

Milt said he wanted to follow-up on last month's business.
For the question for Bob and Nathan – bi-fold doors for entrance as discussed. Trustees were contacted via phone calls for approval of purchase.

Nathan Wenning made motion to accept purchase bifold doors as discussed at July meeting
Bob Meihls seconded the motion
Motion was passed

Milt then said we need to prioritize what we are going to spend our money on to reach our goals. We have the kitchen remodel in progress, he also had 9 loads of dirt brought in, we could finish up dirt if we get a bulldozer in. Sometimes we get busy doing the day to day things and lose site of the big picture. We need to prioritize projects that could improve our stuff, allocate the money and move on.

Milt asked Jason about getting written approval to sell the grant guns. Jason had received an email detailing the process we need to go through to sell the guns and buy replacements. **See attachment.**

Scott McClure

Scott explained that the towels he handed out earlier were from National Shooting Sports, a national group that promotes shooting. August is national shooting month. He contacted them with questions, and they sent the towels and a box of targets and information. They want people to take a picture of their used target and post it to them to show people enjoying shooting sports. Instructions are on the targets. Scott put targets at the range. You can enjoy shooting at the targets, but you don't need to post them if you don't want to.

Scott then said Mike Lehman contacted him. Mike is no longer able to do the Trap and Skeet shoots on Wednesday nights due to his wife's health.

Milt asked for volunteers to take Mike's place on Wednesday from 4:00 until 8:00.

Scott said that Ben Brown had mentioned it would be nice to have a computer for the ABRA shoots instead of using his personal laptop. Scott talked to a local computer company to see if they had anything available. The gentleman donated to the club a 2 yr old refurbished Acer computer with 8 gigs ram, brand new battery, and loaded with Libre Office. The computer dealer wanted no recognition for it.

Chris Weaver requested Milt send a letter on behalf of the club. Milt said he will send him a thank-you card.

Scott said the shelter houses could use some freshening up. He saw an advertisement for a guy offering to do pressure washing. Scott called him, told him we wanted to do the shelter houses but no water is available. The gentleman said he has a 500 gal.tank for the water. He can wash the buildings for \$450.00 each.

Scott then contacted Auglaize rental. They rent their largest gas powered pressure washer for \$60.00 for 24 hrs. Scott was asking around about a water tank.

Ben Brown said his company will let him use a 1,000 gal tank on a trailer and their 5,000 psi heated pressure washer whenever they aren't using it. We would need to fill the tank up here.

Scott said he didn't know if we wanted to go ahead with it, but since washing would be free we might want to. He wasn't sure about the cost to stain the shelter houses.

Scott then said that Niekamp flea market is having an auction. They are selling several tractors ,in case the club is interested. He put a link to the auction online.

Scott then went over the information he passed out earlier showing a breakdown of the demographics of the people accessing our Facebook page. Milt explained the information was used to measure the success or lack of success of the work Allison did for us.

The data indicated we have had almost 3 times more Facebook visits in 2023 than in 2022.

Allison was given a check for her work. She said she is willing to continue updating our page.

Jason Ruble said if we had Allison continue to work on Facebook for us it would be a good tool to reach younger generation.

Milt said he and Scott talked, and felt that we could have Allison do updates and projects as needed and we could utilize a per job stipend to pay her.

Tom Cole suggested we put the question on the application "How did you hear about us?"
Milt said that was a good idea, a simple line change.

Jason asked if Allison ever got access to work on the website. Ben said she had never been able to get with Dan to work on the website.

Scott said that Dan has been updating the website. It has been changed in the last week.
Discussion on Dan's changes to the website followed.

Bob Meihls

Bob said we are continue to have the issue with the gate keypad printer. He talked with Jeff today. Jeff said he has talked to the company. They said we should make sure printer is fully charged, then try to print. If that doesn't work, Jeff will need to do a soft restart. If that doesn't work, the only other option is to do a hard reset, at which time we will lose all our data and it will need to be re-entered manually. Bob said he and Nathan will try to get the first two steps tried on Thursday If they don't work, they will wait until weather cools to do the third step, so it isn't so warm when they have to re-enter the data.

Bob Meihls contacted the health department about testing our two wells. They gave him 2 bottles for water samples and instructions. Bob wasn't sure if we can actually test the wells ourselves, based on the instructions he received. Testing is a drawn out process

Discussion followed on testing the water

Bob said he would talk to the city about testing the water in the pump in back.

Scott asked if they can shut it down if the water is contaminated. Bob wasn't sure.

Milt asked if now that we have electricity to the shelterhouse, should we go ahead and trench electric to the pump and put in a casing pump for water back there. Bob agreed that was the logical thing to do.

Ben Brown explained what we would need to have in place to put in a pump.

Nathann Wenning

Nathan started by addressing the purchase of the welder we talked about at the last meeting. He again presented his list of items to buy.

Estimated total cost of list of items he would need is \$800.00

Ben said the welder would pay for itself over time. He also said he could probably get some of the stuff for us. Discussion followed on pros and cons of purchasing the welder.

Nathan Wenning made motion to purchase welder and items needed, not to exceed \$1,000.00

Tom Cole second the motion

Motion passed by acclamation

Nathan then asked about applying for the loyalty card at Harbor Freight. He asked Milt to look into it. Milt said he would get Harbor Freight a list of valid names for the card.

Annette McClure

Annette brought up the annual meeting coming up at the September meeting.

She has a cheat sheet of what was purchased last year.

Milt said if Annette gives him the numbers of what to order he will talk to Nate to get items ordered.

She will check tonight as to what we already have available.

Chris Weaver

Chris said the gentleman still hasn't picked up his gun from the raffle. Chris has not been able to talk to him. Since we tell winners they have 60 days to pick up the guns, technically the club owns the gun.

Chris recommends telling the guy he will forfeit the gun if he doesn't pick it up within a set time limit.

Milt will get Chris the contact information he has for the guy, and Chris will try to contact him again.

Chris said he will tell the guy he will forfeit the gun if he doesn't get it picked up soon. He will also offer to give him the value of the gun in a gift certificate instead of the gun if he chooses.

Discussion followed on best way to address the issue if the guy doesn't pick up the gun.

Bob Meihls questioned how we get gun transferred since we don't have FFL.

Chris said the person that ultimately gets the gun will need to pay the \$30.00 transfer fee to Grand Lake Guns.

Tom Cole

Tom said he has started removing the duct work in the kitchen. If anyone wants the old duct work they can have it.

As a reminder, earlier we voted \$350.00 for Amos to do plumbing and \$1,500.00 to have Amos move the furnace.

Mike McKirnan

Mike talked about sealing the rifle range baffles. He talked to Ben Etchen, (Etchen purchased May Painting) Etchen will give us the material, and we would need to pay for the labor to spray the areas exposed to the weather, not anything under roof.

Estimated cost was \$3,000.00 The stain is oil based and will need redone in 5 or 10 years. Mike wants to check to see what color the stain would be after applied before we vote to proceed.

Mike said he and his family are looking for mowers. Dealers are saying you need 5 HP mower per foot wide if mower, That means we would need 25 hp mower for our 5 ft mower.

Ben Brown

Ben asked about status of adding two new benches and prone shooting table for ABRA. Discussion followed on whether or not there was enough room to do as requested.

Milt proposed as a compromise to add just one bench instead of two. Ben agreed that one bench is better than none.

Ben estimated the cost at less than \$500.00 to complete the project. ABRA funds could pay for this.

Milt then brought up steel and paper shooting competitions, and asked Ben if that would be something he would be interested in doing. Ben said maybe down the road.

Bob asked if we should get another row of baffles on 100 yd range to help with shooting options. Milt asked Mike McKirnan to look into adding baffles to the range. Ben said we may be able to get grant money to add the baffles. Milt answered that an estimate is needed as a place to start.

Ben then said down the road he would like a building for the long range to put ABRA equipment and as a place to sit in the weather. Ben said he would like one the size we have or a bit bigger (8 X14 or 8 X 16).

Other Business

Jason Ruble

Youthfest went well. We had 79 kids present, 85 had signed up. Decided 80 is the sweet spot for the number of stations and volunteers that we have. In the future we are looking at splitting up the groups by age. He has \$11,600.00 left in Youthfest funds, minus a few outstanding bills.

Jason then said he would like to see the club sponsor kids to Camp Coonskin. We can get grant money to fund the sponsorships. He said he talked to the lady running CoonSkin Camp, and if anyone is interested, she could show them around on Saturday August 26.

Milt said that our Youthfest came about through Coonskin Camp.

Jason then said Aaron Bruns has volunteered to work on our Youthfest guns for free. Aaron would like the combination for the gun safe so he can pick up the guns to work on, and he isn't liable for all the club guns at once

Jason said they will create a sign out sheet so we know who has the guns.

Bob Meihls made motion to give Aaron combination to the gun safe.

Nathan seconded the motion

Motion passed

Jason will give Nathan the safe combination.

Bob Meihls cautioned against calling Aaron a gunsmith due to licensing and liability issues.

Jason then asked permission to cut up the 4 X 6 (or 4 X 4) wood stored in shelterhouse #2 to make rifle rests for the Youthfest shooters. It is old lumber that we technically have no use for. All agreed he can use it.

Jason said when he replaced the flag on the pole he put a pulley on the pole and added a pull rope in case the rope holding the flag needs replaced again.

Jason asked if the Youthfest fishing volunteers could put up hooks on the back wall of the barn to store their poles. Jason offered to go through the back room and shed to organize it for better storage..

Milt said the only thing that needs kept if the stain for the buildings that need stored inside to prevent freezing.

Ben Brown made motion to for Jason to clean up the back room and shed

Nathan Wenning second the motion

Motion passed

Milt and Ben said if Jason gets pushback from his cleaning to tell them the trustees voted unanimously for the cleanout.

Jason then explained that he would like to use Youthfest funds to purchase 3-D targets for Youthfest., and store them from rafters in the shed .

Jason then talked to Nathan about "shocking" the pond. Jason was told to get rid of the big fish at the bottom we would need to really shock it.

Milt asked how shocking the pond would help with kids catching fish. Jason explained that if we get rid of the big predator fish as we continue to stock the pond more fish will stay alive in the pond. Jason said he intends to keep digging into the process.

Annual Meeting

Milt then brought up the annual meeting as it is our big event.

In the past few years members have brought out their collections and hobby stuff. We plan to do all that again. He asked what else can we do to try to get people to do.

Scott said he asked new member, last name Brake, who takes pictures if she would like to display her pictures at the annual meeting. She said she also does pottery and puts some of her pictures on the pottery. Scott told her she could bring her pottery to display and sell if she likes. She hasn't confirmed yet.

Another idea Scott is kicking around is having a photographer here to take picture of members, member's family, pets, guns etc. The photographer is looking into how he would charge to do this. The photographer is just starting out.

Ben suggested we could offer him \$100.00 for 4 hrs work plus whatever he sells his photos for. After discussion it was decided Scott would try to work something out with the photographer

Scott then asked if we want to get Allison to really promote the Annual Meeting. Ben Brown said that we need to give Allison pictures and information soon as she has started back to school.

Next discussed was having a display of 1911 CMP guns that several members have.

Milt will call Tom Hendricks about bringing his guns.

Nathan will bring his arrowhead collections
Tom Cole will donate a few items he made

Bob Meihls asked about a golf cart for tours – Milt will have his here.

Jason asked about getting pop. Milt said we could take everything out of the pop machine and put it into the trough. Jason asked for a count of what we need for the meeting – Annette said she would email him the information. Jason will get it for us.

Scott confirmed we are doing the silent auction for the Youthfest guns.

Milt said in the past they authorized \$350.00 for door prizes. Bob and Nathan will get the prizes. He also added if you have anything to donate to bring out for the raffle, bring it out.

Finally a cleaning day for the Saturday before the Annual Meeting was scheduled for porch cleaning and window washing and just generally getting ready.

There was no more business to attend to.

Nathan Wenning made motion to adjourn
Bob Meihls second the motion
Motion passed

Next regular meeting to be held on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2023. 1:00 pm – 7:00 PM
meeting to start at 4:00

***This is our annual meeting for members and trustees.

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