

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 07/17/23

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 McKirman~~,
~~Bob Meihls~~ ~~Matt Walker~~, Chris Weaver, Nathan Wenning

Members Present – Jason Ruble, Gene Smart, Dave Freeman, Cindy Freeman, Ted Hiday, Rob Molloy, Mark Linn, Will Welling, Brad Buening, Bob Cramer, Aaron Bruns

*** There was no quorum of trustees present.

Meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller.
Minutes from the June 19, 2023 meeting were reviewed.

Minutes were accepted as presented by acclimation

Financial Report

Treasurer Michelle Weber sent financials to members via email.

June income was	\$5,618.53
June expenses were	\$3,924.46
June net income was	\$1,694.07
Balance in checkbook is	\$18,467.61 as of July 10, 2023

Milt asked if we had received a check for CRP reimbursement – 50% has been approved for reimbursement. We need to reimburse Tom Cole and his brother-in-law for the work they did on the CRP grond.

Financials were accepted as presented by acclimation

Membership Report

Trustee Annette McClure reported 470 active paid members, 21 Life memberships, 35 worker memberships, and 9 Honorary memberships, which totals 535 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 23 Spousal memberships.

New Applications:

Damon Michael Swartz ~ Ref: Brian Miller & Sean Finke
Employment: Ayers Mechanical Group

Adam Michael Schroyer ~ Ref: Ryan Bellman & Aaron Beougher
Employment: City of Celina

New Spousal Applications
None

Annette McClure made motion to accept all new members

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion

Motion passed by 4 trustees present.

Follow-Up – Via email Annette got approval from Bob Meihls and Tom Cole, Milt Miller got approval from Matt Walker and Mike Lehman.

Motion passed.

Presidents Report

Chris Weaver and Brad Buening spoke first, as they had to leave early.

Chris Weaver

Chris said the last remaining gun from the raffle hasn't been picked up. He will call him and tell him he needs to pick it up before the end of the month or he won't be able to get it.

Milt asked Chris what is the state of the gun, Chris said he wasn't sure but will ask Doug. Milt suggested keeping the gun for future use if not taken.

Brad Buening (game warden)

Brad said it is time to sign up for controlled hunts – you need to go online to apply.

15 new wildlife officers have been hired.

A new 4 wheeler has been donated for patrolling.

Fish are not biting due to the heat.

Milt Miller

Milt said that Jason had earlier asked him what Saturdays were available in August for the waterfowl festival, but all Saturdays are rented. Milt recommended that anytime there is a yearly event it should be held the same weekend every year, so it can be protected ahead of time.

Milt then asked Jason if there was a weekend in September that he would like to reserve. Jason said he is looking at Sat. Sept 23. The date is open, so Jason reserved it.

Going forward the waterfowl festival will be held the 3rd weekend in August.

Milt then went forward with the raffle drawing. He congratulated Annette and Scott on taking care of it. The drawing made \$5,070.00 less \$1,500.00 and cost of tickets. The income from the raffle was included in this months financials.

Bob Cramer pulled the tickets for the winners.

1st place – Scott W. – Springfield Armory Hellcat Pro 9mm Pistol with NRA logo

2nd place – Steve K. – Frontier Freedom Bowie Knife.

It was suggested only first names , last name initials and city of winners will be published.
That will be put on agenda to vote on for next month.

Nathan Wenning

Nathan said that Bob Meihls ,who was not present, has donated lamination machine. It uses 6 or 7 mil lamination pages.

Nathan then said that the folding door entrance to meeting room needs replaced. He and Bob worked on present door multiple times and feel it can no longer be repaired.
They went to Menards and got quote for pair of folding doors 36 x 80 x 1-3/8 at cost of \$191.91. These would have to be cut to height and width and stained or painted with polyurethane.

They also priced PVC accordion doors. Cost would be about \$114.52 for a pair of doors.
Scott questioned the quality of the PVC doors.

After discussion, of the members present it was decided to purchase the bifold doors. Milt will put out an email to trustees to get a quorum on the decision.

Nathan then said he asked Bob when the last time was that the well water was tested. They talked to Michele Kimmel at the Health department, and it will cost \$40.00 to test the water.
Jason asked if we could get the water inside the clubhouse at the same time.

Nathan Wenning made motion to have the water tested
Ben Brown seconded the motion
Motion passed by 4 trustees present.

Milt will put out an email to trustees to get a quorum on the vote.

Nathan then said that Bob is looking to stop doing the range safety training classes. He put out a request for someone to take his place. Tom Hendricks would like to volunteer to teach the safety training class. Bob said he would start training him after the annual meeting. Chris Weaver said he would also help Tom.

Nathan told us that he, Bob and Tom Cole met with Travis Stachler. Travis brought his drone out and took arial pictures of the club grounds. Travis will lay the pictures out for us so we can select which ones we want to post to show where the trails are. He will come back in the fall after the leaves fall and take a video we can share with new members, at the annual meeting, etc to show them the grounds.
Travis is taking the pictures pro bono.

Nathan and Bob went to Harbor Freight to price titanium welder and various other supplies needed to use it.

The total cost for all items he listed was \$696.22 before tax. Nathan suggested putting limit to \$800.00 to catch what he missed.

Ben Brown said he was all for getting the welder. He said he would take the list of items to work to see if he could get any of the required items.
Ben also said he would donate a welding helmet.

Bob Cramer said to make sure we have enough power to run the welder. He also suggested contacting TriStar to see if they have any “old” items they are no longer using that we could get.

Ben said we are fine with the electric.

Nathan then explained the Harbor Freight “Inside Track” program that offers discounts to members. The program costs \$29.99 per year. We can join as club, and list people authorized to use the membership.

As there was no quorum it was decided to give Ben time to check what he can get for welding supplies. We can review and decide what to do at next meeting.

Annette McClure

Annette said she added information on membership application about members vehicle make and license number.

Annette then reminded everyone that the annual meeting is coming up in September. Milt asked all officers if they are returning next year. They will be.

Trustees Mike McKirnan, Jim Cook, Matt Walker terms are up this year. As none of these were present Milt will reach out to them to find out their plans.

Annette then brought up the August newsletter that should go out early August. The newsletter has to go out on time to meet constitutional requirements. Possible topics to include

- Presidents newsletter.
- Info on gate
- Internship program
- Raffle winners for
- Kitchen Remodel
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- Water Fowl Festival Sept 23rd
- Drone taking pictures
- Ben will write up info on ABRA
- Get rid of Catfish caught in pond
- Friendly’s is catering annual meeting

If Shelly is unable to do the newsletter, Dan Adams may be able to help out

Other News

Jason Ruble

Jason talked about an issue with YouthFest guns from the NRA grant – The 2 Tristar 12 ga semi-automatics and 2 Tristar 20 ga semi-automatics. The ammunition the club uses is a low power ammunition and these guns won’t cycle it. Aaron has tried to make them work, and has followed up with manufacturer, but has not been successful. Modifications can be made to the guns to make them work, but Jason is concerned there is no guarantee they will work correctly and they are being put into the hands of kids. Will Welling contacted the NRA rep who said if the guns aren’t serving the purpose intended we can sell them and use the money to buy guns that would work for us.

Milt requested to get guidance from NRA rep in writing via Will Welling to protect the club.

Jason suggested we offer the guns to club members at discount. There is nothing wrong with these guns. However, they have been shot, and there is no box.

Other suggestions were a silent auction with starting bid stated or a raffle including these 4 guns and the raffle gun that was never claimed.

After intense discussion we will be doing silent auction at annual meeting

Ben Brown made motion to do silent auction for the 4 guns at annual meeting
Nathan Wenning seconded motion.
3 attending trustees passed the motion

Milt will put out an email to trustees to get a quorum on the vote.

Jason gave update on Youthfest.

Funding started with \$ 5,797.00

Currently there is \$12,000.00 in fund.

He has just started paying bills out of the funds.

He has fish on order to be delivered.

Friendly Markets will be catering lunch for us at \$5.99 per plate. They will deliver.

Jason purchased paper plates, napkins, condiments etc.

Jason did an interview with Kevin Sandler for Spectrum. Air date is July 20. We will put this on Facebook.

Jason was wondering if we could do YouthFest registrations on line.

For Mike Lehman Jason said we are really getting low on tokens,

Scott said that he is making 150 at home right now.

Jason then asked if we should try to send newsletters via email.

It was suggested to put this question on the form in the letter we send with annual dues notification.

Maybe include on same form as annual dues return paper.

Nathan asked Jason about shocking catch and release pond to get rid of catfish after YouthFest.

Jason will get quotes from Shelby Fish Farm to get it done.

Milt will follow up via email with absent trustees on

- replacing bi-fold doors for meeting room
- purchase of welder and additional equipment needed
- silent auction for guns at annual meeting
- trustees whose terms are up this year

Annette McClure made motion to adjourn

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion

Motion passed

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023.

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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