

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 03/18/24

PRESENT

Officers

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

Trustees

Ben Brown, Aaron Bruns, Tom Cole, Mike Lehman Mark Linn Annette McClure
Bob Meihls ~~Matt Walker~~ Chris Weaver Nathan Wenning

Members Present – Jason Ruble, Jerry Dalk, Dave Selhorst, Dave Freeman. Cindy Freeman, Brad Buening, Shelly Moorman

Vice President Scott McClure called the meeting to order.
Scott opened the meeting by talking about the passing of club president Milt Miller.

Minutes from the Feb. 19, 2023 meeting were reviewed.

Approved by acclimation.

Financial Report

Report on financials were sent to trustees earlier via email.

Feb. income was	\$ 1,077.34
Feb. expenses were	\$ 5,390.06
Feb. net income was	-\$ 4,312.72
Balance in checkbook is	\$25,633.07 as of Mar. 17, 2024

Michelle noted that in the financials it shows she wrote a check to herself for \$100.00. This was to get cash for Mike Lehman to use for trap and skeet shoots.

Michelle also said that she is receiving checks from Milt's memorial. She will put the money in the general fund but track the donations. A thank-you card will be sent to everyone sending memorials. She will put in the newsletter how the money is used.

Financials were accepted by acclimation.

Membership Report

Annette McClure reported that we have 446 active paid members, 20 Life memberships, 31 worker memberships, and 9 Honorary memberships, which totals 506 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 21 Spousal memberships.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Craig A. Lunz ~ Ref: Mike Jaeger & Scott Kuether
Employment: Thieman Tailgate

Matthew John Overman ~ Ref: Mike Lehman & Kelly Westgerdes
Employment: Grand Lake United Methodist Church

ADDED AT MEETING:

Corey D. Moorman ~ Ref: Matt Walker & Kelly Westgerdes
Employment: The Boat House

Michael Caudill ~ Ref: Chris Weaver & Dana Waxler
Employment: Grand Lake Guns

NEW SPOUSAL APPLICATION:

None

Bob Meihls made motion to accept new Members
Chris Weaver seconded the motion
Motion passed

Scott McClure

Scott began by talking about the text messages sent to trustees concerning selling the traps to the New Breman gun club. They will install new traps, and are giving us wireless speaker system for the new ones and have everything setup and ready to go. The sell was approved by text.

Scott said we have discussed several times about how the current trap houses leak and are too low for the new traps. They need to be repaired and built up

Tom Cole got quote from Schulte to rebuild them at cost of \$3,000 to \$3,500, not to exceed \$4,500 per unit. We would still need to raise the base for the new throwers.

Tom explained why the traps need repaired.

After discussion it was decided to just keep what we have until we have more money available. We will still need to figure something out for the base.

Ben Brown said he would get a second quote.

We will put notice on Facebook there will be no trap shooting until further notice.

Scott then said that Reel Easy Charters is extending the expiration of the charter that is a prize for the gun raffle until next year. They requested a copy of our tickets to show people we have them available.

Scott went over a handout from Dan Adams. Dan can get a module for our website that would allow us to accept payments for memberships and raffles, etc, online for about \$130.00. There is a 2.3% fee associated with each sell. Dan will test to make sure the module works like we need it to.

It was brought up that we could sell gun raffle tickets on line and send a receipt to the purchaser. We could then fill out the specific ticket with the purchasers name.

Discussion followed.

Chris Weaver suggested we could recoup the cost of the transaction fee by including a convenience charge. Ben Brown said we could make the convenience charge a flat fee for all purchases.

Chris Weaver made motion to purchase the module
Ben Brown seconded the motion
Motion passed

Scott asked if we want to reserve tickets for online purchase if Dan can get the module to work.

It was decided we will sell tickets as normal, until Dan can show the module works. Then we could sell online.

Scott said that Dan McKirnan from San Diego,(Mike McKirnan's brother) said he would like to see a plaque for Milt similar to the one here like Ray Murlin's. Dan said he and Gwen, Milt's sister would like to get the history of the club together. They want to go through Milts office to see what's available.

Ben Brown

Ben said he purchased a 2" tree for Milt at the rotary auction at cost of \$185.00 through Nature's Green. We can pick whatever kind of tree we want. It does not include planting. Suggestion was made to get an Autumn Blaze tree. Ben will call to see if we can upgrade the tree to a bigger tree and see what planting will cost. If they plant it there is a guarantee it will grow for 1st year. Ben will text everybody what he finds out.

Nathan asked about also getting a plaque for Milt.

Bob Meihls said he is checking with Innovative Laser Works.

Chris suggested if we do a plaque for Milt we present it to Linda on behalf of the club members and trustees.

Ben then said the website for the Rimfire League has been launched – its RimfireBenchrestFederation.com. Its got dates and schedule, and an email address for questions. They will post scores once the matches start.

Aaron Bruns

Aaron said everything is ready for the gun cleaning class on Apr. 6. He already has one person signed up

Tom Cole

Tom said they are doing leveling on trap and skeet as Larry Garrison is available.

Mark Linn has been mowing the CRP ground. Mark said there is a lot of weedy growth. Fred will try to work us in this spring to take care of the weedy growth. Fred may also be able to do the leveling in the camp area for us.

In the kitchen they need to finish tying up the lights and hooking up the air conditioning. He has to get with the plumbers to see when they can get that done.

Tom then said we have a few cottonwood trees that maybe ought to be removed. Tom dealt with a sawmill that pays for cottonwood trees and cuts them up. He asked if he should talk to them about taking some of the cottonwood trees down.

Ben said to go ahead and check into if they would take some down.

Mike Lehman

Starting Skeet on April 3rd.

Mark Linn

Mark said he had the tractor worked on because it keeps getting hot. Lefeld's did a lot of work on it, which cost \$844.00, but the problem wasn't fixed. There is a place in Fort Wayne that will work on the radiator problem for about \$600.00. It would either be a whole new radiator or save the tanks and repair the core.

He has permission from FSA office to mow past Mar 1st. You're not supposed to mow CRP ground after Mar 1st to July 15th. The brush is getting out of hand.

Bob Meihls made motion to repair tractor, not to exceed \$800.00
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion
Motion passed

Bob Meihls

Bob said we are talking about spending a lot of money. We need to prioritize getting the traps set up as soon as possible, above all the other stuff.

Bob then said that he and his wife Rita have been collecting the rebates from Menards from the kitchen remodel. They had about \$140 in rebates. They used \$121.00 of it to get supplies for the rental season. Annette added that we also got lights with the rebate money.

Bob then said that about 2 years ago when we got our new gate, we were supposed to be able to get a record of when people use the gate. Denny's Door Sales has not been able to provide us with anything to do that.

Dan Adams called Bob, and told him he thought he had found a card reader that would work the gate and record entry, instead of using the key punch entry. System control module cost about \$400.00, which Dan would donate. Our cost would be cost of 600 cards and labels, about \$233.00. System hooks upto the camera system.

We would still have cost of postage to send out cards and printing. Dan, Bob, Nathan and Jeff from Denny,s Door Sales plan to test on Saturday to see if it works with the gate.

Dan will try to be at next meeting to explain how this will work.

Bob said we don't need to do anything now as the gate is currently working. We need to prioritize our spending.

At this point Michelle said our property taxes have doubled this year. Last year they were \$ 3,588.84 for a full year.

This year she paid \$ 3,600.00 for a half year.

Nathan Wenning

Nathan said there is a problem with Range 3 walk through gate by the handicap ramp. The support post is preventing the gate from lining up and locking. It will need to be repaired.

Nathan said the club office needs cleaned out. You can't hardly walk in it.

Chris Weaver

Chris said raffle tickets are here. Cost was same as last year.

He told Jason the 28 ga shotgun for Youthfest finally came in to the shop.

Other Business

Brad Buening (game warden)

Brad said the St Mary's fish hatchery is having open house on Sat. from 10:00 to 2:00
He added that Mercer county had 1137 deer were harvested, up about 200 from latt year.
6 Otters were harvested. Otters are coming back in good numbers

Jason Ruble

Jason said the 1st 2024 Youthfest meeting is Apr. 3 at 6:30 for anyone who wants to attend.

He said for the pond at the very least we need to get a gallon of Aqua shade for it.

Jason said we can decide later what we want to do about trying to keep the pond clean.

If we want to do minnows we need to do it soon.

Ben Brown made motion to spend \$200.00 on minnows and the aqua shade for the pond.

Annette 2nd the motion

Motion passed

Scott said the last text Milt sent him was don't forget Gary Kremer money. Generally talked about was using it for the pond. The money was to benefit the youth at the club.

Shelly Moorman

Shelly said the Ladies Campout date has been changed

She will post the change on Facebook

Dave Freeman

Dave said that he, Jason and his brother planned on maintaining the duck and goose nests this weekend.

Chris Weaver

Chris asked if we needed to do a formal vote to confirm Scott as interim president.

Chris Weaver made motion to install Scott as interim president until annual meeting
Mike Lehman seconded the motion.
Motion was passed

There was no other business, meeting was adjourned
Mark Linn made motion to adjourn
Chris Weaver seconded the motion.
Meeting was adjourned

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, Apr.15, 2024.
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
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