

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 03/20/23

PRESENT

Officers

Milt Miller, President
Scott McClure, Vice President
Dan Adams, 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, Dave Freeman, Cindy Freeman, Dustin Tobias, Amos Clifford, Ken Wilges, Andrea Cahill, Bob Hurm, Mark Linn, Scott Williams, Emma Weber

Meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller.
Minutes from the Feb. 20th, 2023 meeting were reviewed.

Milt asked Tom Cole if he had time to check on tractor weights – Tom said no.
Milt asked Matt Walker if he had talked to NRA rep about insuring the guns – Matt said the rep hasn't got back to him yet.
Milt asked Bob Meihls and Nathan Wenning about printing the list from the gate. Bob said it didn't work. They will work on it on a day when it isn't so cold out so they can stay out there and call support.

Minutes were accepted by acclimation

Financial Report

Treasurer Michelle Weber sent financials to members via email.

February income was	\$1,796.11
February expenses were	\$9,234.38
February net income was	-\$7,438.27
Balance in checkbook is	\$23,050.46 as of March 15, 2023

Milt asked Matt Walker about the grant money check from NRA for \$2092.00, after explaining the club has separate accounts for different events, Youthfest, Jr Rifle Club, Competitive Shooting, and one more. Matt said the money was for Youthfest. Michele confirmed she has access to the individual accounts at the bank.

Milt said he checked with Technical Roofing. They haven't started repairing the roof due to supply chain issues. They should be here this week.

Financials accepted by acclimation

Membership Report

Trustee Annette McClure reported 439 active paid members, 21 Life memberships, 35 worker memberships, and 9 Honorary memberships, which totals 503 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 20 Spousal memberships.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Kevin Michael Draiss ~ Ref: Tammy Barger & Jason VanTilburg
Employment: Our Home Family Resource Center

Jason Bradley Laffin ~ Ref: Brian Miller & TJ Smalley
Employment: Mercer County Engineer's Dept

James Allen Lininger ~ Ref: Will Guingrich & Marc Zizelman
Employment: Fleetwood

Mary E. Wyatt ~ Ref: Todd Morden & Jason Prater
Employment: Retired

SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Freeman ~ Ref: Dave Freeman
Employment: Retired

Annette said at this time last year there were 451 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 39 worker memberships, and 5 Honorary memberships, which totaled 517 members

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

Presidents Report

Milt said he had the knife and gun for the raffle available for viewing on the table.

Milt asked Bob Meihls if Dwayne Joseph had his session with Bob. Dwayne's drawing prize from last month is in the office.

Milt talked to Tom about the CRP ground. It needs worked up. It didn't get done in the fall, Milt pulled out the Master plan for the CRP ground, which said we are required to work the ground up. He asked Tom if our equipment was capable of doing the work, if not Tom should contact Johnny Dicke before he gets too busy. Nathan Wenning said we just need to scratch the surface, our equipment should be able to handle it.

Milt asked Ben Brown if he filed the application with AES to have electric pole put in. Neither Ben nor Tom Cole have heard from them. No permit is needed for the work to be completed.

Milt then asked Scott where we stand with our Facebook account – who is authorized for access. Scott said it was pretty much ok. Authorized users have one common password to access the site.

Scott McClure

Scott gave a breakdown of cost for the current Gun and knife raffle.
\$1,500.00 for NRA sponsorship, \$109.40 for the tickets, \$18.00 for envelopes for total of \$1,627.40
To break even we need to sell 163 tickets.
So far 74 tickets have already been sold.

We have total of 1,000 tickets to sell. 500 tickets were sent to members with quarterly newsletter.
Jr Rifle kids have tickets and instructors have tickets to sell. There are additional envelopes of 10 tickets each available for sale if anyone wants to sell some.

Nathan Wenning questioned when the raffle would be over. The tickets say the raffle is over when all tickets are sold. It was decided that the raffle can actually be over when we determine it to be over.

Michele Weber suggested we evaluate ticket sales at next meeting and then decide when to end the raffle.

Scott then said he has been talking to Allison Brown (Ben's daughter) who will be interning for the club, working on our social media presence. She said she anticipates working 100 hrs between May and August. She was wondering if she was going to be paid.

Much conversation followed.

Matt Walker made motion to pay Allison \$15.00 per hr, not to exceed \$1500.00, to be paid as a scholarship
Tom Cole seconded the motion
Motion passed by acclamation.

Scott will act as supervisor for Allison.

Bob Meihls

Bob reminded new members that they need to take the Range Safety Training class before they can shoot.
Next classes are Apr. 1 at 9 am and Apr 3 at 7 pm.

Bob said Don Rhinehart donated 29 shooting trophies he found for sale at the Senior Citizen garage sale.
Trophies can be modified as needed to use for club purposes.

Mike Lehman

Mike said that Trap and Skeet shooting starts in April. He confirmed he has everything ready.
Brett Ayers will be helping on the 5th Sundays.

Tom Cole

Tom said at last meeting we determined we had a problem with not being able to see people at the gate. He passed out information from Koester's Electric. on a commercial lighting system that works after dark only, that works on motion control, has a 2 head light. We will shine one light in driver's window, one on license plate. We will mount the light above camera that's on the pole. Quote was for less than \$500.00
Discussion followed concerning how the light works, wattage, placement and warranty.

Tom Cole made motion to install light, not to exceed \$500.00
Jim Cook 2nd the motion
Motion passed

Tom will call Koesters to get it installed.

Tom mentioned the CRP fields. Some of them need renewed. Milt and Tom will meet with Joan to fill out papers to renew participation. We have until middle of April to get it done.

Mike McKirnan

Mike said most of the work we have done was done with treated lumber. He said the lumber should be treated and sealed. It would be used on picnic tables and baffles. He had information from Sherwin Williams on sealer, which sells for \$61.00 gal.

Nathan said we have a tank sprayer we could hook up to garden tractor to apply the sealer.

In the following discussion it was agreed that it was a good idea to protect the wood.

Milt asked Mike to get quotes on sealers and bring them back next meeting.
Ben said to make sure what he gets quotes on is sprayable.

Ben Brown

Ben said that as far as Allison working on the internet stuff, if anyone has an event, send her pictures, and what we want her to say on the sites. Send Ben information on events and she will try to get to them.

Ben also said Allison does not have access to the website yet. She needs to talk to Dan Adams about this.

Chris Weaver

Chris said he was approached about spraying for ticks at the range. Milt said last year on advice of sprayer people we did not spray. The spray is harmful to fish and pollinators.

Ben said during the shoots he tries to spray some short term stuff, and he always has Off available.

Chris then brought up the gun raffles. He said this is the 1st year the VFW could not sell all their tickets, it is getting increasingly harder to sell gun raffle tickets.

In this area gun raffles are getting over saturated. He suggested instead of doing 30 guns, maybe we should consider offering a quarter beef, a Yeti cooler, gift certificates, cash prizes, etc. as something to think about. Ben Brown said he liked the idea of diversifying the prizes. It opens the raffle up to a broader group of people.

Matt Walker

Matt said he was working through the Grant process. NRA grant has been awarded. He submitted for conservation grant, and he gun collectors grant for Youthfest has been submitted, the NRA grant for trap throwers is in status of hold, waiting on 3rd letter of endorsement which he has already arranged to get. Andrea said she probably knows of another group to write an endorsement letter if needed.

Matt then said as for 4H they will starting ranges weekly in April, their meetings are the 3rd Sunday. of month. They will be using rifle ranges and traps, starting 1:00 pm. They do request on Sunday from 3 – 4:30 for steel in range 2. This is a carry over practice from previous years, nothing new.

Andrea Cahill

Andrea had for display the box she ordered for the last Jr Rifle Club distinguished expert. The last Distinguished Experts scored over 100 points on her qualifying target which gets her into the 100 Club.

Andrea noted that the last three Distinguished Experts were girls, and most of her shooters were girls.

Other News

Brad Buening, conservation officer

Brad said the state of Ohio is releasing over 100,000 rainbow trout in Ohio. The fish will be 10 – 12 inches, considered catchable size. The closet to us will be Davis Lake , North of St Marys, on Apr 12, and Willshire Quarry , at edge of town by the river off of 224, on Apr. 15. Willshire will also be holding a fishing derby that day

Jason Ruble

Jason said he needs to get the guns to Aaron for cleaning before Youthfest. He asked Milt for his copy of the gun inventory.

Jason then said Ctex has agreed to letting us have our trap throwers delivered there.

Milt asked who installs and wires the trap throwers. Mike Lehman said Fort Recovery put theirs in. Jason said he will ask around at Fort Recovery when he goes there for meeting. Ben Brown said if all else fails he will figure it out and get them wired.

Andrea asked if the gun journal was still in the vault. It was created when they all got together and cleaned the guns. She said they took pictures of the guns and had put serial numbers on them. She has a copy of it if we would like a copy.

Jason then said that he and Dave Freeman will be working on duck wood boxes soon. He wanted to make sure it was ok to relocate the one that is on the side of a tree close to the youth pond. They will also be putting up the boxes in the building.

Milt then asked if we wanted to talk about the kitchen remodel. Amos Clifford was available to talk about the plumbing.

At the last meeting we were going to move the duct work and install the cabinetry from Matt Brown. Tom said he could do the electric, but we needed someone to quote the plumbing. Discussion followed about replacing the furnace, moving the furnace, just moving plumbing, and incorporating the water softener. It was decided Amos would provide us with two quotes – the first would be to just move the plumbing, the 2nd would be to move the furnace and plumbing. Amos said he can get the quotes rather quickly.

Ben Brown made motion that Amos share the quotes, and if they are clear, we vote via email. If the quotes are not clear, we will call an emergency meeting with zoom.

Chris Weaver 2nd the motion

Motion passed.

There was no other business

Nathan Wenning made motion to adjourn

Chris Weaver seconded the motion

Motion passed

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, Apr. 17, 2023.

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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