

KSC March 5 General Meeting

Meeting started at: 6:19PM

Meeting ended at: 7:20PM

Members present: Mitch Szwet, Jim Miles, Tony Linczeski, Lucas Meyer, John Gregory, Terry Brazeau-Treas, Carrie Brazeau, Rich Brazeau-VP, Richard Clark, Jim Benzing, Terre Radtke-Pres

1st motion to adjourn by: Richard Clark

2nd motion to adjourn by: Mitch Szwet

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Review February's meeting minutes. Any changes? no

1st motion to accept by: Terry Brazeau

2nd motion to accept by: Jim Miles PASSED

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Review February's treasurer's report. Any changes? no

1st motion to accept by: Lucas Meyer

2nd motion to accept by: Mitch Szwet PASSED

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Continuing Business:

Art Contest for Membership Buttons

The club received entries from the Coleman and Lena school districts. Such an overwhelming response! President Terre Radtke has been sharing them on our FB page. Need to vote at this meeting which entry will be our 2025 membership button. Terre created a display of all entries which were numbered. **Button #39 won with 8 votes, which was designed by 7th grader Charlie Heisel. Button #13 had 2 votes and button #1 had 1 vote. Terre will set up a date and time to present the prize money.**

KSC 2025 Banquet

Any updates from the committee? **1,750 Class A raffle tickets were printed. Please push selling them as it is our money maker. Donations are coming in. Been hitting local businesses. Have 16 sponsors so far. Our \$100 sponsorship is a great deal with a 1 in 20 chance to win a gun along with a free meal. Invitations were mailed out on March 3. Providing 2 free banquet tickets for the landowners. T-shirts will be made for the banquet so they can be sold. Helpers will get a free shirt and meal for helping. Clarks will donate a dozen eggs for a raffle prize, thought it would get a laugh and might be a popular item with egg prices being what they are. Next banquet meeting is March 27.**

KSC Website

No progress has been made on the website over the past month.

Election of new President and VP

Terre Radtke will run again for the position of President. Are there any other candidates? **No, Terre Radtke was unanimously re-elected for another two-year term.** Currently, at the creation of this meeting agenda we have a vacancy for the VP position. Do we have any candidates? **Initially did not have any candidates but with a bit of discussion and persuasion, Lucas Meyer was nominated for VP. He was also unanimously elected.** The club's Secretary position continues to remain open. Officers fill in and make do without.

New Business:

Pheasants

With egg prices being more expensive than milk and gas combined as well as the bird flu running rampant, President Terre Radtke reached out to Rolling Hills Pheasant Farm to find out if pheasant prices would be affected. Felt it would be good information to have going into banquet season. Chad said that he expected bird prices to remain the same.

Peshtigo National Bank CD

KSC's CD will be maturing in March. President Terre Radtke and Treasurer Terry Brazeau will review rates between PNB and Associated Bank to determine the best course of action for our money going forward. We will review our expenses and savings for the next six months, April through September. The information collected will be brought to the April meeting so a vote can take place. ***President Terre Radtke had time prior to our meeting, so she went to Peshtigo National Bank (PNB) and Associated Bank to find out what their interest rates were on CDs. At PNB, the interest rate is 4% for 182 days, 9 months and 1 year. Associated Bank is 4% for 7 months and 3% for 13 months. After some discussion regarding upcoming expenses (\$8K for pheasants, \$3K possibly being distributed to the local trap teams, that monies have been distributed for the two 2024 scholarship winners, it looks like we will have three 2025 scholarships) as well as throwing various ideas around, Rich Brazeau made the motion to roll over the club's CD at PNB for the next six months. He felt that the club should wait until our May meeting to decide what to do with the money that is generated from our banquet. Carrie Brazeau seconded his motion. PASSED***

Any other new business/ideas/etc.?

2025 Conservation Congress

Richard Clark spoke about. The event took place on March 3. A regional wildlife biologist attended informing the attendees that 51 ton of carcasses were collected over the 2024 gun deer season. They were also very impressed with the club's idea for hide collection boxes and how it was implemented.

If anyone has any questions regarding the upcoming spring hearing in Suring, you should access the DNR website. Voting begins April 14. This hearing is very important as this is how many of the state's laws and procedures are created.

2025 Continuing Education Scholarships

Terre Radtke reported that she distributed the funds to our 2024 winners over the past two months. Currently, the club has three 2025 scholarship candidates, one from Coleman, Suring and Oconto Falls. Terre asked the club if the due date to get these entries in by, could be moved back to the end of February rather than the end of March to allow for the winners to have more time to plan on coming to our banquet rather than slightly more than a week. ***Mitch Szwet stated that yes it would be nice for the students to have more notice prior to our banquet, but it would be a bigger headache as all other scholarships are due April 1. Plus, sporting events have already been scheduled way in advance. It was decided to leave the scholarship due date alone. Mitch made a motion that the club officers should decide who the recipients would be especially if the club receives more than one qualified entry per school. Carrie seconded the motion. PASSED***

Next Meeting

April 2 at the Klondike Saloon. 6PM.