

Annual Meeting

June 1st, 2019

Woman's Club Dixie County

The meeting was called to order by President Doyle Ridgeway at 7:34pm. All Board members were present.

President Doyle Ridgeway spoke about the members' children who were in accidents earlier in the year and the help club members have given them.

The Secretary Patrick Neenan read the minutes of the February meeting. Jeff Williams made a motion to accept minutes with Larry Shannon seconding. Motion passed. Patrick told the members of the IRS filing for 2018 which is on the website and that the deadline has passed to pay both leases. Both of the leases have been paid.

President Doyle Ridgeway told the membership that there will be no foul language or acting out at this meeting and that Deputy O Neal was on site to escort anyone out who acted inappropriately. He also told the membership of the Boards' decision not to accept Jeffrey Boyd in the Club. Jeff Williams made a motion to accept the Boards' decision with John Wilson seconding. Motion passed.

Treasurer Tom Laflam read the Financial report to the members. A motion to accept was made by Larry Shannon and seconded by Kenny Porter. Motion passed.

President Doyle Ridgeway recognized Jim and Jimbo Jennings for their donation of steel to the club to make gates. Doyle also spoke about the half paying members and the financial burden they put on the club.

Vice President Robbie Rewis informed the membership that he was retiring from the Board and he thanked them for their support.

President Doyle Ridgeway opened the floor for nominations for the Vice President position. Dennis Mills made a motion to accept Howdy Turner as Vice President with MG Ridgeway seconding. Motion passed. President Doyle Ridgeway opened the floor for nominations for the director position vacated by Charles Pinner. Guy Anderson made a motion to accept Jonathan Lord with MG Ridgeway seconding. Motion passed.

Robbie Rewis spoke about the rule on letting college kids have a free membership and voting not to change it. President Doyle Ridgeway spoke about the problems the club has had with the rule as it stands.

The meeting was paused so the membership could vote and the count the ballots. The ballots were counted by Daniel Mills, Aaron Dawson, Jonathan Lord and Secretary Patrick Neenan.

Treasurer Tom Laflam read the results of the vote to the membership.

The bylaw change for all members to pay full dues except the board did not pass by 2/3. The vote was 35 for 23 against and 1 abstain.

The first new rule: any executive committee member who has served on committee for 15 years will receive free lifetime membership got 14 votes for and 45 against. Rule failed

The second new rule: no one may hunt on or within 150 yards of someone else's designed and managed food plot without their permission got 53 votes for and 6 against. Rules passed and will be added to rulebook.

The vote to change rule 1 on feeders: Turn feeders off 1 week prior to turkey season got 41 votes for and 18 against. Rule passed and will be changed in rulebook.

The vote to remove rule 4 vehicles: any member's vehicle may be searched by any board member or club manager of the club while in the presence of the owner got 28 votes for and 31 against. Rule failed and will remain in rulebook.

The vote to change Rule 11 Campsites: any member's camp may be searched by a board member or club manager of the club while in the presence of the owner got 29 votes for and 30 against. Rule failed and will remain in rulebook.

The vote to change the word stiff in Rule 3 gates to \$100 got 56 votes for and 3 against. Rule passed and will be changed in rule book.

The vote to add \$100 fine to Rule on litter got 57 votes for and 1 against. Rule passed and will be changed in rule book.

The vote to change Rule 5 under membership to: member's spouse, dependent children and grandchildren under 18 years of age may hunt on member's fee. Member's children who graduate high school receive a 1 year free membership got 54 votes for and 5 against. Rule passed and will be changed in rulebook.

The vote to change the hours of road dragging to: roads may not be dragged between the hours of 1am and 12 pm during general gun season got 29 votes for and 30 against. Rule failed and will not be changed.

The vote to remove Rule 7 under Visitors: Members immediate family brothers, sisters, father, mother, sons and daughters are allowed to hunt archery, Muzzleloading, first nine days of general gun and spring gobbler season. They have to pay \$50.00 fee. Limit one family member per day got 44 votes for and 14 against and 1 abstain. Rule passed and will be removed from rulebook.

The vote to remove Rule 8 under visitors: Parents or grandparents over the age of 65 in the same vehicle as the member will hunt for free, same as now for children and grandchildren in school got 37 votes for and 22 against. Rule passed and will be removed from the rulebook.

The vote to raise the campground fee to \$50.00 got 46 votes for and 13 against. Rule passed and will be changed in rulebook.

Tom Laflam read the names of the 29 new members making application to Crane Bay this year.

Timothy Bussey, Jeremy Adkins, Thomas J Johns, Thomas F Johns, Randy Jerrells, James Bush, John Upchurch, Charles Tilley, Louis Marks, Colby Hewett, L.B. Hill, James Ketchum, Hannah Williams, Bruce Studstill, Christopher Black, Derek Rhodes, Michael White Sr, Michael White Jr, Arky Rogers, John Chewning, Hannon Chewning, Austin Tramel, Lane Jameson, Bennie Fore, Glenn Bennett, Jerry Quincey,

William Boykin, Dennis Rollison and Lonnie Hinote. A motion to accept was made by James Jennings Jr. and seconded by MG Ridgeway. Motion passed.

President Doyle Ridgeway told the membership of the hunter orange requirements in both our leases. He also read to the membership the penalty for not wearing orange during general gun and Muzzleloading season.

Landowners Rules: Members hunting during modern gun or muzzleloader deer season must wear a hat and an outer garment, above the waist, of daylight florescent blaze orange(hunter orange) that total at least 400 square inches.

Failure to comply with this landowners rule will result in a \$25.00 fine for the first offense and \$50.00 fine for the second offense. For a third offense will result in loss of hunting privilege for 2 weeks. Any offenses after the third will result in loss of all hunting privileges on Crane Bay lease.

President Doyle Ridgeway told the membership about the youth deer hunt the second weekend of black powder the club will be having. No one may hunt black powder that weekend. Only the children under the age of 15 will be allowed to have a gun while in the presence of an adult and they may take any deer except spotted fawns. President Doyle Ridgeway also informed the members of the State's new 5 deer limit and the deer registry for private land.

Treasurer Tom Laflam read to the membership 2 new bylaw changes which will be voted on in February 2020. The first proposed bylaw change was made by Tom Laflam and seconded by Aaron Dawson. It would change the due date when dues are due and the late fee. It reads:

Change Article IV-Dues

- (a) All member fees (fixed rate of \$1050.00 Plus assessment fee to be determined by lease increase and any other operating expenses to run the club to be shared by all paying members) must be paid by March 15th, in full, of each year by check or money order. Dues not paid in full by this date will be accessed a \$300.00 Late fee. If dues are not paid or postmarked by April 15th along with the \$300 late fee, membership will be canceled. NO EXCEPTIONS. New applications will be selected for the upcoming year to fill vacancies. Failure to receive notice shall not be cause for not paying dues by this date.
- (b) Members that are 65 years of age or with permanent disability, and having been a member for (5) consecutive years will pay one-half (1/2) price of fixed rate of \$1050.00 plus assessment fee to be determined by lease increase and any other operating expenses to run the club to be shared by all paying members.

The next proposed bylaw change was submitted by MG Ridgeway and seconded by Brent Dukes. It would remove Article IX and Article X of the bylaws which read:

Article IX-Amendments

Any proposed amendments to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. They must be acted upon by the club membership at a regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose, provided a copy of the approved amendments has been sent to each club member by United States mail at least 10 days previous to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary to pass or reject it. Any proposed amendments to the by-laws must be submitted in writing prior to the June meeting.

Article X- Rules

Any rule change or rule proposal shall be submitted to the Club Secretary in writing prior to or at the February meeting, to be read aloud to members present and noted in meeting minutes. This will then go onto the June ballot for all members to approve or disapprove.

There was discussion from Robbie Rewis about removing these articles and not replacing them with anything. A motion was made by Michael Mills to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by MG Ridgeway.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Patrick Neenan

Crane Bay Club Secretary