

Fall Meeting Minutes
Birch Hills Sportsman Club
September 10, 2022

Location was held at Harrison City Park

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

- 1) Welcome, pledge of allegiance, recognize any new members
- 2) Call meeting to order
 - a. Meeting called to order by Rick Whisler at 6:45 p.m.
- 3) Secretary's Report, (Kristi Teall) requires motion of approval
 - a. Motion to accept by Todd Rachel
 - b. Seconded by Dave Miller
- 4) Treasurer's Report, (Ron Vasich) requires motion of approval
 - a. Total in assets: \$31,824.61
 - b. Motion carried to approve the treasurer's report
 - c. Hamilton Township Hall cost increase
 - i. Costs increased to \$125.00 per meeting
 - ii. We are looking at different places to hold the meetings that are more cost effective
 - iii. We have paid for some upcoming meetings to date
- 5) Old Business
 - a. Big Buck contest – Please bring any antlers for measurement!!
 - i. Just a reminder to bring in any antlers to share. If you have the largest buck you will get two free badges for the following year.
 - ii. Dave Miller won this year. Congratulations Dave.
 - b. Food Plot update
 - i. It has been approved to move forward with brush hogging the trails at a cost of \$500.00.
 - ii. Next year there will be weed killer added and Steve Swonwinski will do the work
 - c. Potluck discussion
 - i. Do we want to continue?
 1. It was decided to continue the pot luck and possibly hold it at the city park or the New Beginnings Church in Dodge City. Dave Miller was checking on the fee and availability.

6) New Business

- a. Fall meeting date discussion
 - i. Do we cancel the fall workday to avoid conflict with hunting seasons?
 1. Yes, this work day and meeting will be canceled on the normally scheduled day due to the conflict with hunting seasons.
 2. The new meeting dates will be the last Saturday in August moving forward. This includes the work day.
- b. Discussion of implementing QDMA
 - i. Propose a 6 pt or greater rule for all adult hunters
 1. All bucks...This was passed, all yeas but one nay.
 - ii. Encourage harvesting of does
 1. This is not being encouraged, shooting bucks is the preference.
 - iii. Kids would be allowed to shoot any size to encourage participation in hunting
 1. This was declined. All kids will have to follow the 6 pt. Or greater rule.
- c. Removal of blinds/tree stands in January following hunting season
 - i. It is no longer ok to tag a blind for the current year and several years after.. It is ok to tag a blind for the current year and one additional year, but you need to update it every year.
- d. Discuss gate access and keeping them closed and locked
 - i. If you use the gate and open it, please close it and lock it behind you as well as when you leave.
- e. Bear sightings and issues
 - i. Just discussed
- f. Officer Elections and list of future directors/officers – Need Volunteers!!
 - i. All officer positions and Directors stayed the same.

Badge sales will take place after the meeting.

It was discussed to increase the cost of badges to \$20.00 each next year. This will be discussed further in the spring.

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