

## **Birch Hills Sportsman Club Fall Meeting Minutes, Sept 30, 2017**

Members were greeted and were asked to confirm/update addresses and emails at the front desk. Members were also able to pick up an agenda, club financials and meeting minutes from the Spring 2017 meeting.

President Rachel recognized new members or first time meeting members (Bruce Correll Lot 38, Matt Badger Lot 100, Robert Bernard Lot 2 and Mike and Irene Moody Lot 67, Rich Kogler Lot 12, Jim Kirby Lot 66), welcome!

The meeting was called to order by President Rachel at 6:32 PM.

The fall work day was cancelled due to it being the day prior to opening day of bow season.

Todd also reminded folks that the club had voted in the past to avoid shooting any fawns or button bucks if possible. However, there are no "antler point restrictions" for the club at this time.

Spring 2017 meeting minutes were handed out at the beginning of the meeting and were accepted as written.

It was mentioned that there is an illegal blind in the commons area behind lot 84. This will be discussed with the lot owner to be removed.

Ron Vasich presented the treasures report. The clubs total balance as of tonight is \$33,783.

Current accounts are: Checking - \$7,823 Savings - \$8,590. Three CD's of \$11,828, \$3,532 and \$2010 for a club total of \$33,783. For grounds maintenance the club spent \$4386 which was less than the \$7000 budget (\$2970 was for food plots which were hired out). The information boards were slightly less than \$1000 and the 5 trail benches were \$257. For income, badge sales were \$992 and logging down payment of \$2000. Financials were accepted and approved as written.

\$3000 was proposed for food plots also and \$2000 for additional trail maintenance.

### **Old Business**

**BHSC Social Get Together** –Pot Luck dinner was a huge success!! Plan is to schedule another one for June 2018. It was proposed that this year's dinner be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in June (June 9<sup>th</sup>) so please mark this on your calendars!!

**Forest Management** - A tree harvest (~ 30 acres) in the Northeast corner of section 32 (inside gate 3) is scheduled for this winter. The contract allows the loggers to work from Dec 1<sup>st</sup> through Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. This ends one month earlier than previous contracts to try and complete log removal prior to the ground thawing which should minimize trail/road damage. This will provide an additional \$19,000 income in 2018.

**Big Buck Contest** – The club contest for the largest buck was postponed till next year since no one brought in antlers to be measured at the spring meeting.

**Food Plots** – A professional food plot service was utilized to till, fertilize and seed all 5 food plots on both sides of the property in the spring. The two east side plots were reseeded in the fall since they were not growing well. These will be examined in the spring and reseeded if needed. Several miles of trails were cleaned of growth by brush hogging. Thanks to Wayne Jaynes for coordinating this effort!! A motion was made and approved to provide Wayne with a \$50 gift certificate for dinner for all his efforts.

**Benches for trails/Information boards** – 5 benches were installed along the trails along with two information boards inside gates 1 & 2. Trail maps have been placed on each board where hunters can indicate where they are hunting. It was suggested that a lot list with owners names be placed in each board but was rejected. Thanks to Chris & Susan Madej for the benches and Wayne Jaynes for the information boards!!

**Fruit and Chestnut Tree's** - New posts and fencing were installed on the 10 apple trees on the east side. Posts/fencing is taller and wider to prevent deer from grazing on the tree tips. The old posts and fencing was relocated to the chestnut trees to enhance their protection from animals. Plastic tubes on the chestnut trees were also cut down to allow better sunlight to the lower leaves which seems to have improved the growth.

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### **New Business**

**Line item for possible legal fees-** Todd recommended (with board support) that the club create a line item in the 2018 budget for possible legal fees. Tara Hovey (Harrison attorney charges \$300/hr) and it was suggested that we allow \$2000 in next year's budget.

**Pole barn on M-61** – A new pole barn installation was requested to the BHSC building committee and approved. However, the building violates our 25 foot side yard setback restriction by 5 feet and neighbors complained raising it as an open issue. Todd will work with the lot owners to reach an agreement.

**Proposed Bylaw Changes-** Proposed changes in the bylaws were reviewed and several updates identified. The changes were reviewed line by line and approved. The most important change is that the **fall annual meeting will now be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of September!!**

**2018 Officers** – The current board has agreed to stay on for another year. A motion was made and approved to retain the same board for 2018. Todd commented that this would be his last year as president but would consider staying on as a director and updating the website.

**Meeting adjourned 8:27 PM**

**Thanks to all members and guests for attending!!!**

**Your email addresses are needed!!** The club spends approximately \$100 for each mailing (twice a year). In an effort to conserve our club money, we ask that every lot owner share their email address with the club if you have one. **All emails addresses are confidential** and are not shared outside the board of directors unless permission has been provided by the lot owner. If you have a new or updated email, please send a note to me at [hunter19301@yahoo.com](mailto:hunter19301@yahoo.com) so that we can send our meeting communications electronically. Thank you, Rick Whisler, Secretary (Lot 5)