

Minutes of the September 26, 2015 Birch Hills Sportsman Club Annual Meeting

Upon arrival members were greeted and were asked to confirm/update addresses and emails. Members were also able to pick up an agenda, proposed 2015/2016 budget and meeting minutes from the spring 2015 meeting.

Meeting was called to order by President Rachel at 6:33 PM. Note: New time for meeting to allow more travel time for those returning to down state. 32 members were present representing 25 lots. New club members were welcomed including Woody Hurkley/Lee Haddix (#27) and Jennifer and Jeff Flaughner (#66). Welcome!!

Todd reminded that all hunters (excluding immediate children) require having a badge while in the commons areas. Steve Blackburn (#75) has purchased badge supplies for the next several years. Ron Vasich (#6/7) and Todd Rachel (#102) will be selling badges this year from their lots for \$10 each. Also, badges will be available "by mail" this year by contacting Todd directly for \$11 per badge. If someone is found trespassing on the property, please call 911 and the Sheriff department will respond to one of the club gates. Also, please remove any brush around your lot number signs. Spring meeting minutes were reviewed by Rick Whisler (BHSC Secretary #5). The minutes were approved as written.

Ron Vasich (BHSC Treasurer #6/7) presented details on the individual items purchased for the club in FY 2015. Also presented were details on saving/checking accounts and our CD investments. A budget for 2015/2016 was presented which totaled \$7395 of expected costs. This included items for Administrative, Maintenance (gates, signs, etc.), Grounds Maintenance (food plots, trees, etc.) and Special Projects (road work, etc.). The budget was approved for \$7395 by a vote of 26-3. Included for 2016 are replanting of the clubs 5 food plots (~\$2600), fruit trees (~\$950) for the west side, road improvement (\$2000). Bank Totals were: Checking \$2,686, Savings \$23,581, CD #1 \$3,428, CD #2 \$11,481 Les Bruno (#142) recognized Ron Vasich for his outstanding efforts in presenting and getting a budget approved for the next year! This is a huge step forward for the club!!

Old Business

Fruit Tree planting- 10 apple trees were planted in the lay down area on the east side. Fencing and water buckets were included to help prevent wildlife damage and just start growth. Thanks to Randy Vasold (#14), Randy Noe (#100) and Rick Whisler (#5) for getting these in place.

Chestnut Trees- 24 of the 25 trees planted in 2014 are still alive. Hopefully we'll see tree growth outside the protection tubes this year!

West Food Plots- Two new food plots were established where logging had been done. Charlie Heath removed stumps and rocks from both plots and Brent Weston (#145/146) and Ron Vasich (#6/7) limed the lots and got them planted.

Old Food Plots- Randy Noe (#100) planted the other plots with "Cow Peas" which the deer loved! So much so the two east end plots were mowed down and had to be replanted with winter oats by Randy!

Liability insurance- Ron presented proposed insurance from Hardy Insurance (Harrison) for club officers and directors for one year at \$450 which was approved by the membership and is valid from 9/29/15 – 9/28/16.

New Business

No Trespassing Signs- Ron Vasich purchased and made "No Trespassing" signs for the club. These were handed out and members asked to install these on their front property lines.

West Side Fruit Tree's- It was discussed planting apple trees on the west side near the new food plots. \$950 will be allocated to purchase trees, fence and watering buckets for a small orchard. Randy Vasold and Rick Whisler

Burned Out Cabin Lot #50- It was discussed that this lot is an ongoing issue with trespassers accessing the commons areas with ATV's. Todd agreed to install signs and a rope/cable/chain to prevent access. The lot owner has agreed to allow the club to do this.

Officer Elections- Todd Rachel (President), Randy Noe (Vice President), Ron Vasich (Treasurer), Rick Whisler (Secretary), Brent Weston (Director) Randy Vasold (Director), Bob Grignon (Director) were presented and approved for 2016.

Pond – Member consensus was to not pursue installation of a pond at this time.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM

Thanks to all members and guests for attending!!!

Rick Whisler, Secretary
October, 2015

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