

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 08/15/22

PRESENT

Officers

~~Milt Miller, President~~
Scott McClure, Vice President
~~Dan Adams, Treasurer~~ (emailed)
Sandy Smart, Secretary

Trustees

Ben Brown Tom Cole ~~Jim Cook~~ Mike Lehman Annette McClure ~~Mike McKirman~~
~~Tod McKirman~~ Bob Meihls ~~Matt Walker~~, Nathan Wenning

Members Present – Jason Ruble, Gene Smart, Shelly Moorman, Michelle Weber, Bob Hurm

New Members Todd Green

In the absence of President Milt Miller, Vice President Scott McClure called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the July 18, 2022 meeting were reviewed.

Minutes were approved by acclimation

Financial Report

Scott left everyone know that Michele Weber is taking over for Dan.

Treasurer Dan Adams sent financials to members via email.

July income was	\$2,319.56
July expenses were	\$14,402.12
July net income was	-\$12,082.56
Balance in checkbook is	\$7,574.55 as of Aug. 13, 2022

Mike Lehman noted the financials showed that cost of birds has really gone up.

Scott passed along that Milt had talked to Dan Adams. After the gun raffle we usually put \$10,000.00 on the range loan. This year after the payment we will have between \$7,000.00 - \$8,000.00 left on the loan. Dan proposed that a good thing to do is when dues payment comes in after the first of the year, we pay off the remainder of the loan. That will free up about \$700.00 per month. We don't need to decide right now, but everyone should be thinking about it.

Scott added that the estimate on roof repair is \$3,500.00, and we have \$7,500.00 in the bank. We really can't go through the winter without fixing the roof. We need to be watching the finances.

Financials were accepted by acclimation as presented

Membership Report

Annette McClure reported that we have 470 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 38 worker memberships, and 6 Honorary memberships, which totals 536 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 31 Spousal memberships.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Jennifer Lynn Flores ~ Ref: Carey Huston & Jennifer Kraner
Employment: JenClean LLC

ADDITION AT MEETING:

Donald E. Green ~ Ref: Andy Green & Ben Brown
Employment: Chief Supermarkets

SPOUSAL APPLICATION

None

Annette McClure made motion to accept all new members
Bob Meihls seconded the motion
Motion passed

Presidents Report

Scott passed along the following information from Milt.

Scott brought up the email Dan Adams had sent about paying dues on line. This is a feature asked about when dues were due last year. There is \$120.00 to implement the plan, plus a fee on each transaction.

Milt said he felt members should use bill pay through their bank.

After extensive discussion it was decided that we should go ahead with further investigation. Bob Meihls suggested that we have Dan get something set up in time for a presentation to show us how it would work at the October meeting.

Scott will ask Dan to get something set up for October.

Scott wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the group email Dan set up

officertrustees@groups.outlook.com

This address can be used for group communications between members and trustees so everyone can easily send messages.

Todd McKirnan is willing to step down as trustee, as he is not very active any more. If you know anyone who would like to be a trustee, let us know.

Lou and Steve are having health issues and will no longer be doing the weekly cleaning.

We will clean it ourselves until after the 1st of the year. If you know someone interested. have them call.

We talked about the kitchen needing remodeled at the last meeting. Milt decided since Bob, Sandy and Annette looked at it then, they will be on the committee to work on fixing the kitchen up. They can start working on getting ideas together and quotes, but due to the state of our checkbook, we don't want to spend money until after the 1st of the year.

Last month we talked about allowing people outside of Mercer County be members. Dan said Milt looked it up, and at 1965 in annual meeting it was decided then that no one outside Mercer County could be a member, and stipulated that this ruling can never be changed by any future trustees / votes. That is why we have worker memberships.

Scott brought up the annual meeting on September 18. Everything is moving along smoothly.

Shelly said she had the food ordered.

Nathan will be bringing his arrowheads.

Jason said he talked to a gentleman who carves ducks. The gentleman said he would try to be here, but did not commit.

Annette said they tried to get the Hover thing we had last year from Big Bucks. Since Nietkamps and Big Bucks is for sale, they wouldn't make it available to us because they weren't sure of the sale situation.

Bob Meihls

Bob said he will have the gun raffle tickets for the next 10 days or so. He's contacted some of his sellers from last year. He left 2 packets at Grand Lake guns.

Scott asked who is doing letter to send to raffle winners. Mike said he gave Milt a copy of the letter from last year. Bob said he thought Milt will be sending them out.

Still have problems with people creeping up on the gate. Bob is going to make signs telling people minimum speed is 10 mph to get gate to open.

Nathan Wenning

Nathan said he met with Tom and Milt about the CRP ground. He explained what they need to do in August per state requirements to rework the fields.

The CRP fields are worth \$9,000.00 to the club, and really need to be taken care of, or we will lose that money.

If anybody knows any one with farming experience, we can use the help. Nathan said he is getting to where he can no longer run the tractor. We need several people to help take care of the grounds. It takes about 50 hrs a year to care for the CRP ground.

Mike Lehman

Mike reiterated that the price of birds went up due to price of diesel fuel, causing them to raise the price of Trap and Skeet. Going forward cost will be :

\$5.00 per round 3 rounds or less

4 rounds for \$18.00

5 rounds for \$22.00.

Youth 16 and under will be \$3.50, limited to 2 rounds.

Workers will be \$3.50 per round.

Our cost is \$3.50 a round
Last year a box of birds was \$10.15. This year it was \$18.75.
Everybody that comes here says we are the cheapest around. In the spring we may need to looki into raising the price again.
Mike made a sheet with pricing available for handout.

Tom Cole

Tom said he has a good crew mowing.
Building on Nathan's report, our CRP land has overgrown. We are so overgrown that he, Nathan and Milt decided to chop it down, disc it and redo it.
Tom said he was told by a govnrment guy that "If you can't walk through it neither can the bunnies and birds."
They would like it to be 40% dirt.

Annette McClure

Annette requested Scott read off the names of the winners from the quarterly raffle. Winners were:

- 1st Prize – Galen Cisco
- 2nd Prize – Mark Linn
- 3rd Prize – Eric Clousen

She said we made \$870.00 before cost of prizes from raffle. Nathan said he spent around \$230.00 on prizes.
Scott will contact winners.

Ben Brown

Ben started by saying Aug 28 is state match for ABRA. He is expecting around 30 people. Annette and Scott will be there to help out. If anyone else wants to help man the gate or direct people where to park, that would be appreciated.

Ben is planning on setting up around 8:00
Bob suggested to lock the gate open. Ben agreed that was a good idea.
Tom said he would mow the grass short before the meet.
Ben will mark parking spots with paint.
Scott suggested they check with Mike's Sanitation for porta pot cleaning.

Other Business

Shelly Moorman

Before Shelly started Scott thanked her for all her hard work in organizing the Youthfest in the past, saying she did a fantastic job.
Shelly said she enjoyed it but she is ready to hand it over to Jason.

Shelly will be giving Sandy a copy of Youthfest stats for the record. (They will be put in the binder).
Shelly questioned that since we have a new treasurer, will Dan be taken off the checking account?
Scott said he imagined so, after the annual meeting.
Shelly then said at some point she will need taken off the checking account for Youthfest and get Jason put on it, since Youthfest takes care of its own funds.

She said Youthfest was a good day, kids were phenomenal. She was surprised that very few parents stayed to help.

Shelly said for Jason she sent out emails and most of the volunteers were coming back next year.

Scott asked who is taking care of cost of Wilbur's 3 hatchets that were broken at the Youthfest. Shelly said she has to talk to Wilbur – that will be her last expense. The cost will be paid by Youthfest account.

Shelly said that Youthfest account is ending with about \$5,600.00
At one point the Youthfest bank account was just under \$10,000.00
Youthfest expenses were about \$4,000.00

She hasn't heard from Matt Walker yet about the conservation grant. They had a turnover over there, so its taking longer to hear how much money we will be granted for Youthfest, it could be a couple grand. This money is like a reimbursement. Youthfest is pretty healthy for next year

Jason Ruble

Jason said he has come to appreciate Shelly's organizational skills as she hands Youthfest over to him.

Jason said that as a side-note to Youthfest, he talked to a guy from Spencerville who said his child coildn't stop talking about Youthfest. The guy does trivia nights as a fundraisers. He volunteered to do a few fundraiser nights for the club. It wouldn't cost us anything.

Jason wants to pursue this fundraiser as a way to support the different events held at club.

Jason said at Youthfest he has noticed that the more timid kids respond better to women at the stations. As a challenge to everyone Jason would like to try to get a mix of men and women volunteers at each station. He thinks this would go a long way with the kids.

To Jason's surprise, the guys that helped with fishing said the fishing was good at the pond. The guys did say the pond looked crappy.

Jason then said that the same weekend as the Sunday ABRA shoot the Waterfowl Festival is on that Saturday. There are some guys doing a retriever demonstration at the pond. He was wondering if we could get the gate locked open for that time period. Bob Meihls questioned the time when they would be doing the demonstration. Jason said he thought it was between 10:00 and noon but he would check to be sure. Bob said that maybe he and Nathan could work out something to be around to man the gate during the demonstration.

Jason then showed the T-shirt he purchased to sell at the festival.

Mike Lehman

Mike questioned who put the Lowe's receipt in the Trap and Skeet fund and took all the small bills out. They didn't put their names on the receipt. Then on Sunday, there wasn't any money to run. No one knew who it was.

Scot said Dan would check the cameras.

Bob Meihls

Bob said that any trustees that haven't picked up their raffle tickets he has them available. Please get with him before they leave and pick theirs up.

Sandy Smart

Sandy said that Gene has the three benches completed, and turned in invoices for \$278.37. They have 1 bench leg left. For another \$60.00 they can build another bench. Nathan asked if they need another 2 x 4. Gene said they do. It was agreed that another bench would be built.

Tom Cole

Ben has taken on getting new 200 amp electrical service out to the barn.

There was no more business to discuss

Nathan Wenning made motion to adjourn
Ben Brown seconded the motion
Motion passed

Next regular meeting to be held on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022. ***This is our annual meeting.
1:00 PM meeting at 4:00 PM

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