

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 08/16/21

PRESENT

Officers

~~Milt Miller, President~~
Scott McClure, Vice President
Dan Adams, Treasurer
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, Dave Freeman, Todd Vehorn (New Member)

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Scott McClure.
He welcomed Todd Vehorn to the club.

Minutes from the July 19th 2021 meeting were reviewed.

Minutes were accepted by acclimation

Financial Report

Treasurer Dan Adams sent financials to members via email.

July income was \$3653.92
July expenses were \$7229.35
July net income was -\$3575.43
Balance in checkbook is \$17,270.13 as of Aug.13, 2021

Financials were accepted by acclimation

Membership Report

Trustee Annette McClure reported 486 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 36 worker memberships, and 7 Honorary memberships, which totals 551 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 21 Spousal memberships.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

James Warren Corey ~ Ref: Donn Hoying & Nathan Wenning
Employment: Dick Lavy Trucking

Todd Michael Vehorn ~ Ref: Ken Lefeld & Bob Brunswick
Employment: Owner/Operator of T&K Acres, LLC

Wilbur Edward Welling ~ Ref: Shelly Moorman & Annette McClure
Employment: Diller Custom Pumping

SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP

None

Annette McClure made motion to accept all new members
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion
Motion passed

** On Tuesday Annette made motion via email for approval of spousal membership for James Corey's wife.

** It was approved via email vote.

Presidents Report

In Milt's absence, Scott had several topics to cover per Milt's request.

1.) Confirm that the trustees up for re-election. All 4 eligible trustees are confirmed they are running for re-election. Trustees running are:

Tom Cole,
Bob Meihls,
Mike Lehman
Annette McClure.

All current officers confirmed they are also running for re-election.

Bob Meihls said he heard rumor Chris Weaver may be running for trustee. Scott made note to talk to Milt about it.

2.) Ask Jason Ruble about the Water Fowl Festival scheduled for Aug 21st 2021, from noon to 3:00. Jason said all is going well. They did a test run for the blind shoot, Matt from 4H got back with him - 4H will be serving food for the festival.

Jason said that since information about the event was posted on the website he has gotten calls from all over, friend requests from California, interest from people as far away as Lake Erie and New York. There is a group of guys from Fort Wayne with connections in the Water Fowl world coming to set up.

He has contacted HRC (Hunter Retriever Club) about setting up a hunter trial competition..

He said he is also pursuing holding a duck calling competition next year. He has contacted the guys in Stuttgart, Arkansas who hold the world competition. They would like for us to hold state and regional competition. Currently there is no duck calling contest in the state of Ohio. There is a \$250 application fee.

He inquired about the possibility of using money made from the festival for the application. He wants to apply early, as another group has also made inquiries about holding a competition. He wants to get our application in first.

Scott ask if there was any expense to the club. Jason said only the cost of the birds for th e blind shoot. Competitors will be charged \$10.00 to shoot 25 birds.

Ben Brown made motion to spend \$250 for the application to hold the duck calling competition.
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion.
Motion passed

There is a lot of interest for next years festival. Suggestions were made from guys further away to have a 2-day event, as it would make more sense for vendors that need to travel to attend. The only issue with that is interference with trap and skeet.

3.)The next topic was having skeet shooting open to the public during the annual meeting. Mike Lehman said they have always left the public shoot, especially if shooters came from far away. Jason Ruble said in the past members got one free round, non-members paid as usual.

Nathan Wenning made motion to open Skeet to the public during the annual meetings
Annette McClure seconded the motion
Motion passed

4.)Was there any activity on the mower deck in the barn, and if there was going to be any. The answer to both questions was no.

5.)Guy that had the 6 seater golf cart we used for annual meeting previously has passed. Do we want to pay to rent one for this years meeting. Bob Meihls said the 6 seater worked well. He felt it would pay for itself.

Tom Cole made motion to rent 6 seater golf cart
Mike Lehman seconded the motion
Motion passed

6.)The winners of the quarterly raffle were pulled. They were Lonnie Tindall – 1st, Mark Ballinger – 2nd, Tom Hendricks – 3rd.

Milts question was who will deliver raffle prizes from tonight's drawing.

Nathan said he would take Tom Hendricks, we still need to figure out the other two.

7.) There is lots of interest in teaching people how to trap shoot. Do we want to set up training for one week, one month ???

Questions would be how do we split it up – Men / women ; shooter vs non-shooter?

Jason asked if we would be teaching how to use shotguns or just trap and skeet shooting? Would we do this like the CCW classes? NRA offers a basic shotgun class. He is considering becoming an instructor.

Much discussion on training options followed.

Scott said Andrea Cahill does something like this with the AIM class.

Jason said he would like to see a high school trap shooting league in the area.

Scott said he thought Shelly Moorman was looking into that.

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Jason said that if we want to do Trap and Skeet shoot training for members and school groups he would do it, but he would need help. He said if we are offering training to public, we should make it a class.

Tom Cole said we should open it up to the public as a way to promote the club.
Discussion on liability followed.

Scott ended conversation by saying we need to determine what kind of interest is out there.

8.) Milt wanted to recognize Shelly Moorman for all her work for Youthfest, There were a lot of kids here from all over. Shelly did a great job with it all.

9.) Information on gun raffle ticket status.

Envelope #50 for the gun raffle is still missing. What will be done if someone brings in a stub who wasn't notified? After much discussion it was determined we would honor the ticket after doing due diligence to investigate the ticket

Tom Cole made motion to honor ticket with doing due diligence
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion.
Motion passed

We are close to 100% of tickets sold.

There are several envelopes with single tickets unsold.

Jason Ruble suggested bringing the unsold tickets to Water Fowl Festival to be sold.

10.) Update on annual meeting to be held Sept. 19, 2021.

Activities will start at 1:00, meeting will be at 4:00

There will be a work day scheduled for the day before the meeting to get things ready. This will entail doing the typical things done every year.

There will be an announcement in the newsletter asking for volunteers to help.

Tom Cole will get ice – Annette said 10 large bags

Annette McClure will order chicken and sloppy joe from Friendly Market

Jason Ruble will order pop – 2 cases (24pack) of each of the pop in the pop machine

Nathan Wenning will get prizes (has around \$300.00 to spend)

Annette McClure will get plates, silverware, condiments

Jason Ruble will get water

Bob Meihls

Bob said the gate part was shipped from manufacturer today, doesn't know when it will arrive.

The new Century light had a loose connection in circuit box, that's why we got charged to fix it.

Nathan Wenning

Nathan said the reason the board went bad had to do with power outage, and a member couldn't get out.

Denny's Door Sales was called, two unknown guys came to repair it, they switched wires around, and when they tested, the board went up in smoke.

Jason Ruble asked if they figured out why the gate didn't work, Nathan responded they fried the board before they figured it out. The battery backup didn't work as well.

Nathan then said he wanted to schedule a work party for Aug.28th at 9:00 am. to replace boards and top of steps on archery platform. They will be removing old stuff, cutting the new boards and putting them down. Dan said he would put a notice on Facebook and website.

Finally Nathan said he has cut down the locust tree at the main entrance to the field in southwest corner. He is bush hogging all the locust trees to get rid of them.

Tom Cole

Tom questioned if we were doing anything about mowing the berms at the shooting range. There are trees starting to grow there.

Nathan said in the past they would go in yearly in the fall after growth dies off and weed whack them

Jason wondered if we can spray for that?

Dave Freeman confirmed that they do make a spray for that type of growth.

Tom then said he has really had good luck with guys that were mowing. Unfortunately, Mike Grunden can't do it anymore this year due to personal issues. Mike is hoping to return next year.

He then said that there is a tree at the boat ramp that looks dead, can we remove it?
Nathan said they will take care of it when they get a chance.

Mike Lehman

Mike said Wednesday Trap and Skeet is going really well. Sunday isn't quite so busy.

Dave Freeman said at the last Youthfest meeting, Wilbur Welling, who is also treasurer for the NRA Club, attended. Dave proceeded to say that Wilbur said the NRA has a lot of money available via grants. They suggested writing grants for trap throwers, skeet throwers, block building for traps, etc. Someone just needs to write the grants and submit them.

He said Laura Walker is a great grant writer.

Matt Walker explained the NRA grant process. He said hardest part is making sure the final reports get submitted.

When Annette asked if he would write the grants Matt said he would consider it.

We need to get a wish list together and see what the grants would cover. - ammo, trap stuff, scholastic trap, etc.

Annette McClure

Annette said she would like to get the newsletter out by Sept. 1st. She asked that articles be turned into Shelly Moorman by Sept. 24th.

Annette said they would like to try selling apparel again, which we tried 2- 3 years ago. There is no upfront cost to club, we get \$5.00 for each item sold.

Everyone agreed to go put it in the next news letter.

Jason Ruble thought this could also be a good fund raiser for next year's Water Fowl Festival.

Then Annette said she was looking for contact information on Dan Arnold.

Dan Adams looked his name up on the Mercer County Auditor website on the internet, found his address for her.

Ben Brown

Ben asked that reminder be put on Facebook and website for the ABRA shoot this month which is on 5th Sunday of month, Aug. 29th. Dan will put on Facebook and website.

He also said the ABRA Shoot in September will be an ABRA club shoot. He said they usually award trophies. He will pay for them with proceeds from the shoots. He asked for suggestions where to get the trophies.

Scott said there is place by Totally Promotional in Coldwater that does plaques and trophies.
Dan Adams suggested Visions

Jim Cook

Jim asked if we could move a few tables to help with mowing.

Jason said we need to have tables available for Youthfest, and Annual Meeting.

Tom Cole said he could move them if someone tells him where to put them.

Nathan said we could move a few tables around the leaky pond. Bob agreed with Nathan, suggested putting a table at the end of the main drive where all the paths come together, and another up around the pond where you could sit and see into the pond and look over the prairie.

Nathan said he and Tom would get it done.

Other Business

Jason Ruble

Jason said that when the guys delivered the fish for Youthfest they said the weeds in the pond was watermeal, not duckweed Unlike duckweed there is no benefit to this stuff. Unfortunately, the process to destroy it is still the same.

He also said when the pool table was moved back where it belonged, they found damage to the floor. He didn't know when or who caused the damage.

This led to a discussion on what to do when hall renters damage property or fail to clean up properly. Suggestions were made for requiring a security deposit on rentals, and changing the rental contract.

In 2019 rentals from members brought in \$1600.00, from non-members \$1200.00

Bob Meihls reminded us that we had a conversation on this last month.

It was determined we need to talk with Milt about making changes to the contract.
Scott will bring it up to Milt when he talks to him.

Nathan Wenning then brought up the stuff on the pond in reference to next year Water Fowl Festival and holding dog trials. He said if the pond looks nice it will have a big effect on people. He felt treating the pond would be beneficial.

Jason Ruble said he is all for treating the pond. He feels we need to think of pond in terms of Youthfest. If we determine what our objective for pond is we could figure out what to do with it, and how to do it.

Annette asked about using funds from Gary Kremer for the pond.

Discussion then followed on what can be done for the future of the pond.

There was no more business.

Mike Lehman made the motion to adjourn
Matt Walker seconded the motion.
Motion passed.

Next regular meeting to be held on Sunday, Sept.19, 2021.
***This will be the annual meeting.

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