

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 08/19/24

PRESENT

Officers

Scott McClure, President
Vice President Dan Adams
Michelle Weber Treasurer
Sandy Smart, Secretary

Trustees

Ben Brown, Aaron Bruns, Tom Cole, Mike Lehman Mark Linn Annette McClure
Bob Meihls ~~Matt Walker~~ Chris Weaver Nathan Wenning

Members Present – Jason Ruble, Steve Ewry, Kevin Weber, Gene Smart, Ed Davis

President Scott McClure called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the July 15,2024 meeting were reviewed.

Approved by acclimation.

Financial Report

Report on financials were sent to trustees earlier via email.

July income was	\$ 9,210.53
July expenses were	\$ 11,232.35
July net income was	\$ 2,021.82
Balance in checkbook is	\$ 33,973.51 as of Aug. 19, 2024

Sandy asked if money had been transferred. Michelle said the money for Gary Kremer and Milt has been transferred into memorial account.

Financials were accepted by acclimation.

Membership Report

Annette McClure reported that we have 473 active paid members, 20 Life memberships, 31 worker memberships, and 10 Honorary memberships, which totals 534 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 24 Spousal memberships.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Nicole Donna Stephens~Ref: Matt Walker & Laura Walker
Employment: Emergency Physician Group

ADDED AT MEETING:

Christopher G. Wilson ~ Ref: Bob Meihls & Nathan Wenning
Employment: Harbor Freight Tools

NEW SPOUSAL APPLICATION:

Cole William Stephens Spouse: Nicole Stephens
Employment: Self/Lake Shore Realtors

Annette McClure made motion to accept new Members
Chris Weaver seconded the motion
Motion passed

Presidents Report

Scott started meeting by saying that he, Annette, Dan Adams, and Brian Miller met with ODNr to discuss moving boundaries. The state says their property goes to the Roudabough line. Then ODNr said since we've been taking care of it he could see us going to shoreline, but then ODNr said possibly another line on the map. There is another meeting with Columbus in a month or so to see what they say. They believe the meeting in Columbus is with the head surveyor of the state. Scott said he has no idea how long all this takes, that these issues often take years to get settled.

The gate, range shed and shelter house are all on questionable property.

Scott said that Bill Montgomery donated \$250.00 to club instead of purchasing raffle tickets.

Scott said he and Annette started staining on pistol range. It isn't easy, but it looks nice. It makes a mess.

Scott then asked if everyone got a copy of the liability letter sent earlier. Since worker members and honorary members don't get a share certificate, but have full access to the grounds, the liability letter will protect us should anything happen. Honorary and worker members will need to sign the letter- anyone that doesn't get a land certificate.

Bob Meihls made motion use the form.
Nathan Wenning 2nd motion
Motion passed

Milt's donated boat has been delivered. We need a title to put it in channels, but Milts sons said if we want the title it will need to go through probate. We will keep it out of the channels.

Scott brought up annual meeting. We've got 3 or 4 Pheasants Forever pictures in the office. Every year we get a new one, and we would take down one. It was determined to raffle the ones we have in the office.

Dan Adams

They have been organizing the office. Question was what to do with the big counter in there to make room. We have no use for it

Ben Brown made motion to get rid of it.
Nathan Wenning 2nd motion

Motion passed

Dan then asked about key access to the club. No one knows who all has a key to the club. He suggested replacing all the deadbolts, then putting a key swipe access on the far north door. It would work like the gate keys. Dan estimated total cost would be around \$800.00. Every trustee would get a key, and anyone else needing temporary access would use a key card. There would be a master key for common areas.

Ben Brown said we should just get it done. We've talked about it often enough.
Nathan Wenning agreed, said that way all the old keys would be obsolete.

Chris Weaver made motion to replace locks as discussed not to spending more than \$1,000.00
Ben Brown seconded the motion
Motion passed

Dan said he would get the stuff ordered.

Bob Meihls

Bob addresses the task list he had sent via email to everyone. The task list is not in any special order.

Of the items on the list was removing the bird droppings and nests on the porch. Bob asked for volunteers to take care of completing the task before the annual meeting.

Aaron Bruns said he would take care of it.

Ben Brown said he would donate some evil eye reflectors to hang on the porch to keep birds away.

Another item on the list was replacing lights in front room. Dan said he thought the lights are just plugged into outlets. Ben said he would see if he can get the same kind of lights for that room as in the meeting room. He will take care of getting the lights replaced.

Bob then said trustees need to review the list and determine what we want to do and when it needs done. We will need volunteers to help with some of the tasks. We will also need equipment to get these jobs completed. When we post the request for volunteers we will need to include the list of needed equipment for them to bring.

Nathan Wenning

Nathan asked how many raffle tickets have been sold. Annette said most are back and sold, there are less than 50 remaining.

Nathan said Brian Moeller suggested raffling a golf cart. We could set up a booth at the fair and Lake Festival to maybe make it easier to sell tickets.

Mike Lehman

Mike said shooters for trap and skeet are really down. He thought maybe it was the cost of ammo. We had to raise our prices due to the cost of birds, but we are still cheaper than other places.

Jason said Fort Recovery, Progressive and Nieport all sell food and beer and have leagues. That's why they get so many people in.

Dan mentioned that handling guns and having beer is a felony

Ben Brown

Ben said that the state match for ABRA is Sunday. Setup starts around 8:00.

He was hoping to talk to Matt about stepping up the food. It would be nice to have more than just burgers. Several people offered to help out with food if Matt's group needs help.

Annette McClure

Annette said she will organize the tickets she has and post where we are for sure.

Annette then asked that Nathan do the speaking at the Annual Meeting since she and Bob are both up for re-election.

Dan asked if at the annual meeting do we need to have a meal since not many people show up.

Steve Ewry said that our constitution requires an annual meeting including a meal.

Bob said normally we set up the Saturday before the meeting. The club is scheduled to be rented on that day. He will check to see how late the renter is planning to be at the club to determine if we can setup then.

There was intense discussion on what we need to do to get better attendance at the annual meeting. It was decided that we would get better prizes for the drawings. In the future we will start advertising earlier, possibly set up a committee just for the annual meeting.

Chris said for a prize he would sell a gun to the club at cost of \$400.00. He will take care of sales tax.

Other suggestions were a 4 person tent, an arctic cooler, a yeti tumbler,

Ben Brown made motion to spend upto \$1,000.00 in prizes for the annual meeting

Tom Cole 2nd motion

Motion passed

The quarterly newsletter will go out this week. Prizes will be listed in the newsletter.

Annette asked if we should again ask for people to bring in items to share.

Scott suggested including club history information.

Event will start at 2:00, meeting portion will be at 4:00, meal will be at 5:00 and prize drawings will be at 6:00.

Mark Linn

Mark said he has noticed a lot of weeds around the channels and catch and release pond. He asked if we could get some kind of spray to clean up the weeds. Scott said not on the channels.

Mark said he had another guy from St Marys that wanted to be a worker. He didn't recall how we handled the last guy from St Marys. The guy just needs to pick up an application, and work on a regular basis.

Then Mark said the CRP ground is getting out of hand, there's too much brush and wild berries. We can mow it but the weeds just come back. He suggested we spray it.

Mark will talk to Matt Gardner, the Pheasants Forever guy who is in charge of CRP ground to confirm what he can do. He will get a cost and get it approved before he does anything.

Bob Meihls said to remember this is CRP ground pollinator plot for money.

Tom Cole

Tom said that Fred has cleared up around camping area and trail to leaky pond. 2 days later Fred had his knee replaced, and will be out of commission for awhile.

Fred would not accept payment for his work.

Tom also said at one point he needed a bandaid. When he tried to use one from the first aid kit it just fell apart.

Chris Weaver said we should replace the first aid kits and put them on yearly maintenance. Most kits are only good for 1 year. New kits will be ordered.

Then Tom said that the office cleanup project is almost done.

We need to schedule a cleanup day for the annual meeting.

Chris Weaver

Chris said no one takes dud ammo any more. Ammo manufacturers and sheriff departments won't take it. He suggested putting the dud ammo into a 5 gal bucket with some used motor oil and store it in the garage some place.

Jr Rifle club is starting when school starts. He will give bill for that to Andrea to turn in.

He will need the raffle tickets by next Saturday. He will send invoice out for guns Oct 1, the day after the raffle is done. He will send out winning letters to people whose tickets are drawn. We will get gift certificates and cash prizes to Chris to award to winners. If anyone under age of 21 wins a gun, they will get a gift certificate for value of gun.

If a gun is not won, Chris will either credit us with value of the gun, or someone from club can claim gun. We can decide at end of raffle

Aaron Bruns

Aaron said bullseye shooting is going well, but attendance is small. As its his 1st time he hasn't pushed it. He's going to start pushing for attendance for people outside of club. He is looking at other club schedule to share when events are held.

He said he also noticed that other clubs have a scheduled work day every month or so. He said that is just a suggestion for us to try. Chris said that other clubs require a person to work at least 8 hours a year for the club to be a member,.

Jason Ruble

Jason said that the Youthfest was a success. We had 62 kids attend, which was kind of low. Investigation found that The Mercer County Fair started early, St Henry had a big boys club event.

Jason said he wasn't able to put a lot into the Water Fowl Festival. He did have a large number of 17 – 25 year old shooters who were interested in other events here at the club.

Scott reminded everyone that Iron Element was closing. He said anybody that has connections should try to get the Pheasants Forever Women on the Wing group meet back to our club.

Chris Weaver made motion to adjourn
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion
Meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting to be held on Sunday, Sept.15, 2024.
2:00 PM, Meeting at 4:00, Dinner at 5:00, drawings at 6:00
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