

## Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 12/20/21

### 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 (called Milt)~~ Nathan Wenning

**Members Present** – Jason Ruble, Gene Smart, Bob Severt, Steve Ewry

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Meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller.

Minutes from the Nov, 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting were reviewed.

Minutes were accepted by acclimation

### Financial Report

Treasurer Dan Adams sent financials to members via email.

November income was	\$1,617.68
November expenses were	\$5,629.64
November net income was	- \$ 4,011.96
Balance in checkbook is	\$13,381.68 as of Dec. 12, 2021

Milt asked about entry for RB Advertising of \$1,170.00. It was confirmed this was fee for clothing sale.

Financials accepted by acclimation

### Membership Report

Trustee Annette McClure reported 497 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 36 worker memberships, and 5 Honorary memberships, which totals 560 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 23 Spousal memberships.

### NEW APPLICATIONS:

**David Eichler, Jr. ~ Ref:** John Barker & Doug Moorman  
**Employment:** C-Town

### SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP

**None**

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

On 12/27/21 Dan Adams made the request via email to change status of Kory Hoffhines to worker member. Kory has been helping Dan run cables for the new camera system.

Annett made the motion to accept the change of status for Kory  
Bob Meihls seconded the motion.  
Motion passed via text messages from trustees

### **Presidents Report**

Milt reported on being contacted by Lynn Bryant, requesting use of club grounds for a scouting event. Milt contacted her, they talked several times. Ended up they are going to use Circle T Ranch for their event.

This summer, Bill Montgomery (runs insurance group) contacted Milt. He is a member, had no idea what we have here. Milt gave him a tour. At that time, Bill said he wanted to help with debt reduction, gave us \$500.00 donation. Milt will treat money like our raffle -put in raffle account, write a check to Milt, he will reduce debt by \$500.00

Bill also donated a new Savage 22 rifle in the case. Milt gave him receipt for \$600.00 for his tax purposes. It was suggested the gun be used as raffle prize at the annual meeting. If you can think of another way to use it to make money, he is open to suggestions. He will put it in safe tonight.

With \$500.00 reduction, the debt is down to \$18,000, after starting in 2018 with debt of \$75,000. This proves we can handle payments and still have projects to better the club.

Milt thanked the guys that fixed the bi-fold door, they did a great job,

In reference to club rentals Milt said last year we were lax in requesting reimbursements when there were no shows, due to the Covid situation. This year most people are showing up. He was asking for agreement that it would be okay to go back to collecting fees from renter no shows. It was agreed that this would be acceptable.

Milt had available 5-6 NRA Foundation calendars available at cost of \$50.00, the last page has a stub for a raffle.

### **Bob Meihls**

Bob addressed the gate which hasn't worked in 6 months. He has contacted Denny's Door Sales, they don't know where the replacement battery is, or when it is coming.

Bob also passed out the schedule for Range Safety Classes. In the schedule he took into consideration holidays and dates that wouldn't work for training purposes. The schedule has already been posted to the internet.

Bob noted people are having a hard time correctly attaching targets to the rubber stops. He suggested using a woodworking clamp to attach a long piece of cardboard to attach their targets to, then attaching the cardboard

to the rubber, The clamps are available at Harbor Freight for \$3.00. He suggested fastening them at each station to give people a good way to attach their targets.

Milt suggested putting this information in newsletter for members.

After discussion on pros and cons of the idea it was decided to hang up just 12 of them, put a few on each range, people can use them if they want to.

Nathan made motion to purchase 12 clamps at cost of \$3.00 each to hang a few at each range.  
Bob Meihls seconded the motion  
Motion passed.

Bob then said the guy helping with the grounds map was having trouble. He and Nathan will get together after Christmas to use a different approach for mapping the trails.

Ben said his brother contacted him, he is on club grounds all the time and can take pictures of the grounds if Bob wants him to. Bob asked Ben for his brothers phone number.

Bob then said there is a problem with the Sentry night light by the trap field. He would like to get it checked by Koesters and to make it operate correctly. This would light up the porch.  
He wasn't sure what the cost would be.

Dan Adams checked – last time it cost \$295.00 to repair one.  
No one was sure if the light had been rewired through time or possibly put on a different circuit.

Ben Brown said if we could wait until spring he could take a look.  
It was agreed to have Ben check the light out, then if need be, we could get with Koesters to check it out.

### **Annette McClure**

Annette said membership renewals are coming in.  
She had a request on a lifetime membership, but she wasn't sure what the requirements were.

After discussion it was decided we need to revisit the requirements for Lifetime membership. Currently you need to be a member for 5 years, and pay \$750.00, not prorated by age or anything.

### **Tom Cole**

Tom said he has the new seats on the 2 mowers. Dan Adams noted Tom did not ask for reimbursement for the seats.

He said we are doing okay with volunteers as long as everybody comes back.

Tom then asked who services the mowers, sharpens blades, etc? Milt said member Frank Goffena services our equipment. Milt will get Tom Frank's phone number. Tom should tell Frank what needs fixed and he can fix it.

Tom said he hasn't had a chance to get disc donated by William Robinson here from Kentucky. Tom intends to call William to discuss getting the disc. Tom said the 6 ft disc has the notched blades we wanted.

Tom asked how to tell how much fuel is in fuel tank. As soon as the fuel gets low, we need to get the tank down and get the legs cut off of it. Once we get that done, the supplier will furnish a pump for us.

Discussion followed on how to get the tank down. It was suggested to contact Scott Pierstorf who uses a forklift for storing pontoons. Mike Lehman will contact Scott and let Tom know if we can borrow it.

### **Jim Cook**

Jim asked who do we know that can sharpen saw blades. The bush whacker blades need sharpened. New blades are \$16.00 and they get dull pretty fast.

Milt said True Value between New Bremen and Minster sharpens saws, it is worth a call to see if they will sharpen the blades.

Jim then asked permission to burn the brush pile from where he has cleaned up the paths.

Milt said we have always burned small brush piles, so go ahead and burn them.

Jim asked about patching the baffles at the range where they have damage from being shot by the shotguns with clear silicone. He was told to go ahead and fix the damage.

### **Nathan Wenning**

Nathan thanked Jim for all the work he has been doing clearing the brush up.

Nathan is waiting to schedule work days for when the weather gets cold enough.

He said there is an Oak tree by Kramer's bench that needs side trimmed, and a pine tree that needs limbed up. If we get enough guys we can get these jobs done.

Milt said that per last months meeting, we still need ground leveled in several places. When we have the scheduled work days, we should get someone with a dozer in to help gets us caught up on all the open projects.

Jim Cook asked why isn't the bush hog and box blade set under the pavilion. Nathan said he was going to put both of them under the pavilion but he needs help to get them hooked up to move them. Tom Cole said Nathan should give him a call and he can help.

### **Ben Brown**

Ben said he is working on dates for the shoots next year. He might move the shoots to the fourth Sunday.

Nathan asked Ben if he would help get the stuff needed for the security gate to put in where the handicap fence had been cut.

### **Jason Ruble**

Jason asked if the pop had been removed from the pop machine. Steve Ewry said you take the diet out before the temperature goes below zero.

Jason asked where to store it. Steve said it gets put in refrigerator and people buy it at events and stuff. Steve will help Jason take the pop out this week.

Jason asked what the status was of the Pheasants Forever appreciation shoot.

Milt said he and Nathan met with Matt Van Tilburg from Pheasants Forever to check the grounds out. They decided the grounds would work, the shoot is planned for sometime in February. The club needs to provide manpower for the traps, when Pheasant's Forever people go to the back they are on their own.

Jason then asked about putting battery operated throwers out at the leaky pond and a layout boat in the pond and shooting towards the road (703). Milt said there should be plenty of room. Jason then brought up the aeration system ,since we talked about running power out that way at the last meeting.

Milt said he was glad Jason brought this up. We need to be looking at the pond and decide what we want to do about the kids pond so an action plan can be determined. Money is set aside – Kramer's \$10,000.00 is set back. Jason said he will check on power requirements for the aeration system.

Last for Jason was the patterning board for shotguns. He talked to Mike Freeman and Dave, and they determined we can just let it go. Milt asked if there actually is a need at the club for shotgun patterning, Jason explained he thinks so. Anybody who does any shotgun hunting is patterning their gun.

Milt said under current range rules, you can use shotgun on range 2 and 3.

Steve Ewry said sometimes you have to say this is what we got, this is what it is.

### **Other Business**

The pool table was sold to member Eric Clausen for \$250.00.

Milt plans to talk to McKirnan about building a collapsible base for the ping-pong table that was on top of the pool table.

Dan Adams said that he and Annette had talked about taking dues payments on line. We do have that ability on our website. He can't get it set up for this year. It would be a payment portal on our website, We would charge a payment fee so we don't lose money..

Dan then said Ben would like to set up a separate account for the ABRA shoots and fun family shoots like we have for Youthfest and Jr Rifle. Milt said there is no reason we can't do that.

Bob Meihls made motion to adjourn  
Annette McClure seconded the motion  
Motion passed

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022.  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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