

Minutes – Officers & Trustee Meeting 02/17/20

Present

Milt Miller, President Scott McClure, Vice President Dan Adams, Treasurer Sandy Smart, Secretary

Tod McKirnan, Trustee Annette McClure, Trustee Chris Weaver, Trustee Donn Hoying, Trustee
 Tom Cole, Trustee Ben Brown, Trustee Mike McKirnan, Trustee John Lake, Trustee
 Mike Lehman, Trustee Nathan Wenning, Trustee

Members Present

Bob Miehs, Shelly Moorman, Steve Ewry, Cliff Rice

New Members present Rodney Yoder

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

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed.

Chris Weaver made motion to accept minutes.

Tom Cole seconded the motion.

Motion was passed.

Financial Report -

In the absence of treasurer Dan Adams, Scott relayed information Dan gave him concerning the monthly financials. Scott will email financials to trustees.

Membership Report -

Trustee Annette McClure reported 422 active paid members, 69 members were active unpaid, 25 Life memberships, 25 worker memberships, and 6 Honorary memberships, which totals 547 members actively supporting our club.

Annette handed out list of 69 active unpaid members, she requested any trustees that see the unpaid members to remind them their dues are due.

She said that the club membership last year was at 549, comparable to current 547 members.

New applications for Membership –

Clifford Rice Jr, referred by Mike Lehman and Pastor Steve Clayton

Robert J McNew, referred by Mike Wilson and Dick Gray

Eric Sutter referred by Tod McKirnan and Dane Dwenger

Annette McClure made motion to accept new memberships.

Chris Weaver seconded the motion.

Motion was accepted.

President's Report

Milt asked Scott to go over several items in his absence.

1. Club needs to find out what kind of fees are associated with PayPal. He asked that Dan put on website information for members to use BillPay to pay dues to allow them to avoid possible processing fees incurred from PayPal.
2. Review of information received from Tom Lammers regarding moral character clause in the constitution debriefing. Scott handed out a document with Lammers recommendation to remove the clause. His reasoning was that good character cannot be defined, no other clubs use such a clause, and even if we tried to define good character, it would be endless. The handout contained suggested new text.
3. It was also noted that section 4 calls for suspension of membership vs revocation. Suspension sounds temporary. Question was if we should make the loss of membership permanent or leave it temporary.

Pros and cons were presented for keeping the wording as is.

Members are asked to keep these last 2 issues in mind, as nothing can be changed until the annual meeting.

Scott had earlier emailed members suggested changes to membership application bulleted below.

- Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No (circle one)
- I understand that false or misleading information given on my application may result in immediate revocation of membership.
- By signing this application, you are consenting to a criminal background check by MCSA if necessary.

Nathan Wenning made motion to accept changes.

Chris Weaver seconded the motion.

Motion was accepted.

Steel Targets and Beginners Day.

Email from John Barker listing proposed dates for steel targets, and Beginners Day of Apr. 18.

The date May 17 was already taken by the 4H.

Email also had a request for additional volunteers to help with the events.

John requested approved dates be posted Facebook and in newsletter.

Nathan Wenning made motion to accept request.

Ben Brown seconded the motion.

Motion was accepted.

DNR sent thank-you card for all the club does.

Scott McClure asked if we could make a final decision on replacing carpet in clubhouse.

Carpet prices are a bit cheaper now. B & B Estimate for carpet is \$2882.88. B & B suggested using 2 X 2 square carpet tiles.

It is easier to replace damaged / stained carpet using 2 X 2 square carpet tiles. Many hospitals and businesses are going to this type of installation.

Ballpark estimate was \$4000.00 for the 2 X 2 square carpet tiles.

Nathan Wenning made motion to spend no more than \$4000 on new carpeting.

Annette McClure seconded the motion.

Motion was accepted.

Steve Ewry stated we need to make provisions for maintaining the new carpet.

Nathan Wenning made additional motion to spend no more than \$400 on new carpet shampooer.

Annette McClure seconded the motion.

Motion was accepted.

Mike McKirnan

Said the ramp, concrete pad, and handrail has been installed.

He presented invoice for \$ 5270.00 from Schulte, who did the installation, and requested it be paid.

Nathan Wenning made motion to pay the invoice.

John Lake seconded the motion.

Motion was accepted.

Mike also said the ramp as installed is 8 foot wide, it should be widened another 24 - 30 inches.

If it is widened, the tree would need removed.

Nathan Wenning said we can remove the tree, but will need help removing the stump.

Discussion followed concerning if the ramp would be used for handicap parking or simply maintenance vehicle access and unloading supplies. Mike said his goal was to make the ramp usable and safe. Bob Miehl said we need to prepare for maintenance of the range. Steve Ewry said if we allow handicap parking on widened ramp, it wouldn't be very functional for more than 1 vehicle. Mike suggested posting "No Parking, Unloading only" sign.

The cost to expand the ramp was estimated at \$1000.00.

Mike said if we can make arrangements to widen the ramp, Schulte could get it on the scheduled.

Ben Brown made motion to spend not more than \$1000.00 to widen the ramp.

Tom Cole seconded the motion.

Motion was passed.

Mike also said he has been contacted by a guy who would like to have a swap meet for fishing lures and such on site. The gentleman said he could provide enough vendors to fill the clubhouse and porch. We could rent vendors tables for \$10.00. Cost to club would be for advertisements.

Nathan said we used to have this type of event. He suggested Mike talk to his guy and find out what day he would want to come.

Nathan Wenning

Had nothing to report. Added a new work date will need to be scheduled when the weather cooperates since the Feb work day was canceled.

Scott said the LeJunes are interested in any excess trees the club has. He gave them Nathan's name.

Shelly Moorman said the LeJunes are active in 4H and would like the trees for projects they are working on. Nathan said they should contact him, and he would help them if he could.

John Lake

Received a letter from Joan Rutschilling containing information on the CRP pollinator plots, inspection of the plots by Daniel Frances from Pheasants Forever and what needs to be done to continue in the program. John forwarded the letter to Milt and Nathan.

John and Nathan said the letter was "vague" as to what they thought it meant.

Earlier Milt had talked to Scott, said he believed the old plots needed killed and replanted as polinator

plot.

John said he would contact Joan and Milt for further explanation.

Chris Weaver

He has contacted Doug about the 30 day gun raffle.

He handed out the list of guns for the raffle.

He intends to run it like last year

Since there are so many raffles now, it will be done in October, but for only 30 days.

This will give us 6 months to sell the tickets.

Tickets will be available in 100 packets of 10 random tickets each. This will prevent consecutive tickets.

Tickets will be \$25.00 ea.

Limit of 1000 tickets sold, for total of \$25000.00 if all tickets are sold

Cost of guns is \$13819.50

Cost of printing tickets \$180.00 for total cost of 13999.50.

If all tickets are sold, club profit will be \$11,000.00

Chris Weaver made motion to approve gun raffle as presented.

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion.

Motion was passed.

Ben Brown

Ben presented information on a RimFire Challenge shooting competition he would like to start. He had information from American Rimfire Association, which uses paper targets, and Rimfire Challenge, which uses steel targets. There are 2 different type of challenges – one is set up so 90% of participants can shoot with 90% accuracy 90% of the time. The other is based on speed and accuracy.

Shooting age starts at age 9, with divisions based on age groups.

The challenge would be set up as a fun competition, using guidelines from the groups he has information from. Similar clubs in Ohio are holding these competitions. If we like the results, there are organizations the club can partner with. The clubs are big on safety training.

We could charge entry fees to shoot.

Annette McClure said it would be good to get a competition going.

Nathan Wenning asked Ben to get with him to work on it.

Suggestion was made that this could be a once a month Saturday event, and we could go from there.

Ben is also working on a project at work that may result in extra LED lights becoming available for a low cost. He will let club know at next meeting.

Also said a member had notified him that there is a "mud pit" in front of the 50 yd rifle range. He suggested putting mulch in the mud hole.

Shelly Moorman

Time for the March newsletter.

She has article on new range sidewalk.

Mike will send information on Skeet shooting.

Chris to send information on gun raffle

Members should let Shelly know if they have anything else to add.

She has already received responses for Ladies Campout.

Meeting for Youthfest is Feb.28 at 6:30 pm.

She will talk to volunteers, decide on event shirts, etc.

Meeting in Findlay this month about the Grant process.

Bob Miehl

Presented invoice of \$93.89 for parts purchased to fix gate.

Chris Weaver made motion to pay invoice.

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion.

Motion was passed.

Scott McClure asked that we go to executive session.

Chris Weaver made motion to go to executive session.

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion.

Motion was passed.

Executive Session was held.

Chris Weaver made motion to end meeting.

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion.

Motion was passed.

Next meeting to be held Monday, Mar. 16, 2020 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Mercer County Sportsmen Association club house

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