

Minutes – Officers & Trustee Meeting 01/20/20

Present were:

President - Milt Miller

Vice President - Scott McClure

Treasurer - Dan Adams

Secretary – Sandy Smart

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

Trustees absent: Mike McKirnan

Members present- Shelly Moorman, Fred LeJune,

New members present: Rodney Yoder, Jason Deitsch, Steve Schulte

The meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller.

Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed.

Nathan Wenning stated Trustee not present was Mike McKirnan, not Mike Kirkland.

Milt noted that following November meeting Nathan Wenning and Bob Miehl notified him they had found notes from October meeting confirming what he had originally written in November minutes concerning definition of rapid fire was correct. Range Rules will now state "anything over one shot per second is considered rapid fire."

Chris Weaver made motion to accept corrected minutes.

John Lake seconded the motion

Motion was passed

Financial report for December was shown on screen by treasurer Dan Adams.

Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Dan will be emailing the trustees copies of the report.

Chris Weaver made motion to accept financial report

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion

Motion was passed

Membership report - Trustee Annette McClure reported 365 active paid members, 132 members were active unpaid, 25 Life memberships, 25 worker memberships, and 6 Honorary memberships, which totals 553 members actively supporting our club.

Sent 190 late notices 1/9/20, 58 have been paid.

She said that the club present membership is comparable to membership at this time last year.

New applications for Membership –

Keith James Lee, referred by Charlie Ayers and Mike McKirnan
Rodney Yoder, referred by Priscilla Grant and Shelly Moorman
Matthew Lewis Jeffries referred by Steve Ewry and Ben Trissel
Jason P.Deitsch referred by Dave Freeman and Keith Houts
Robert Eldon Sell, referred by Dave Freeman and Gary Schaffer
Steve Schulte, referred by Todd Kutz and Brandon Kutz

Annette McClure made motion to accept new memberships
Tod McKirnan seconded the motion.
Motion was accepted

Milt welcomed the new members present at the meeting. He spoke of the advantages of being club members and what all is available at the club. He also told them that they can access club information on our facebook page and website.

President's Report

Milt said he has received notification letter from auditors concerning CAUV (current agricultural use valuation) program, asking if club plans to remain in program.
John Lake and Milt will address the letter.

D & O Insurance (Directors and Officers Insurance) payment is due. This is insurance to protect the club in the event of a bad decision.
Policy is held with Leugars for year 20/21 at a cost of \$1388.00.
Policy is available for review by members.

Chris Weaver made motion to pay the insurance
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion
Motion was passed.

Handicap ramps have been poured at the shooting range and hand railing on long range is up.
Additionally the existing dirt has been spread.

Security gate at the range has failed. The support pole for the gate had started to lean, causing stress on the bolts securing the gate. The bolt heads sheared off. Hardware to temporarily fix the gate has been purchased at cost of \$100.00.
The gate will be fixed properly in the spring with a new concrete base for the support pole.

Now that the club has locking file cabinets we are transitioning files to be more accessible to members.

Nathan Wenning

Gave a detailed demonstration of how the security gate failed. He explained that the new concrete base for the support pole will need to be large enough to prevent it from sagging in the future.

Any one who knows how to drive a tractor is encouraged to help with mowing of the CRP ground.

He will request volunteers when ready to mow.

Beaver on the leaky pond have made a path to the kids pond.

John Lake

Received an email from Joan Rutschilling containing a letter for participating in CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) renewal. The letter was signed and John will get it to Randy Grapner.

Tom Cole

Stopped by VFW to get information on lifetime memberships

Tod McKirnan

Passed out form with possible guideline to use for meeting notes and agenda.

Addressed an email he sent to members prior to meeting concerning work he had done on creating committees. He stated that it was a "living" document and could be changed as needed.

Trustees can chair only one committee, but can serve on as many committees as desired.

He fully expects committees to work together on projects as needed.

(document attached)

As an explanation of Tod's work, Milt stated previously trustees had titles but as time passed they just went to being trustees in general. Tod's task was to create committees to address the various needs of the club. Each trustee would then be either a chair or co-chair of one of the committees. This way trustee chairs will be responsible for the work of their committees and when someone wants to volunteer for a specific job he could be pointed to the correct trustee.

The members reviewed the list of committees and the expected associated responsibilities.

After much discussion it was decided to have nine committees, each having its own Trustee as chair, except Programs and Education Committee, which would have two co-chairs.

In summary, the following committees and associated chairs were decided on.

1. Membership – Annette McClure
2. Membership Involvement – Tod McKirnan
3. Fund Raising -Chris Weaver
4. Trap and Skeet – Mike Lehman
5. Archery – John Lake
6. Shooting Range – Nathan Wenning
7. Programs and Education – co-chairs Ben Brown and Mike McKirnan
8. Operations – Tom Cole
9. Communications – Donn Hoyng

Tod will update his original document to reflect the changes suggested and email them to trustees. The final document will be reviewed at next meeting.

Chris Weaver

Suggested the only items to be kept in the safe should be the guns.

Guns should be inventoried on a biannual basis.

Money should be kept in the lockable file drawers.
After discussion, the inventory of guns will be added to Operations committee responsibilities.

Chris Weaver made motion to keep guns only in the safe.
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion
Motion was passed.

Question was asked if club owns safe at Grand Lake Guns. Chris confirmed the club owns the safe.

Chris talked to Tom Hendricks about using his pictures on club website, promised to give Tom credit for pictures used. Tom said it was OK.

Shelly Moorman

Discussed an email sent to Milt before meeting about her ideas to have more events for women.
Proposed a women only weekend camp-out (no shooting) in the back and not allow any others in the area. It would be roughing it, fishing, kayaking, possibly include survival skills training.
This would be a free event for participants
Proposed date – 5 pm Fri May 1 to 9 am Sun May 3.

Milt said we could put up barriers to prevent people from intruding on the event.
Notices will be put on website and facebook.

Tod McKirnan made motion to accept proposed event
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion.
Motion passed.

Shelly also reminded us that
Clean up is slated for Feb. 1st. Lunch included for volunteers.

Passport to Fishing is scheduled for May 16, 9-12.

The event is a grant event. It will take place on kids pond, and adults will be allowed to participate.
There will be a fish fry after for those that want to cook their catch.

Nathan pointed out it is a catch and release pond.

Shelly said participants would be allowed to keep only one of the fish they catch.

Youthfest – scheduled for Aug 1.

Youthfest account balance for January is \$4046.42. Includes Passport to Fishing budget of \$350.00
Youthfest is left with \$3696.42 before any sponsors.

Additional Business

Dan Adams addressed background checks for volunteers. He said it is in the best interest of the club to require background checks. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Arrangements have been made for the sheriff dept to perform the checks. The sheriff dept has asked that all background checks be made in the same month.

Stragglers and new volunteers will be tested as they come in.

Nathan asked if a volunteer already has a concealed carry license will they still need the background check. The answer is yes, as the concealed carry checks are not as extensive as a background check. It was determined that volunteers for Shelly's events held for youths under 18 yrs old will be required to have background checks. Shelly was asked to provide a list of her volunteers so they can be notified.

Trap and Skeet volunteers will not need background checks as any youths participating in Trap and Skeet are usually accompanied by a parent.

Discussion then moved to should we have additional training programs for volunteers. Scott asked Shelly what kind of training was required of a 4 H volunteer, and Scott talked of other volunteer training he was aware of.

It was suggested club talk to insurance company for guidance.

Milt will contact insurance companies for guidance and suggestions.

Chris Weaver ask if we could add a button on front page of website that would display address for payment of dues. Also asked if we accept PayPal.

Dan Adams said it would be easy to add the button requested.

Scott said we already have a PayPal account.

Milt will investigate what adding a PayPal account would entail.

Milt asked if the club has received any donations in honor of Charlie Ayers. Scott McClure said \$100 - \$200 has been received, he will get Milt the final amount and names of contributors. Milt will let the family know per their request.

Milt handed out a proposal Bob Miehl's had sent him addressing possible changes to the dues structure. (Bob Miehl's was unable to attend the meeting.)

Scott McClure said that he and Annette had worked with Bob on the proposal. It was based on the VanWert gunclub membership structure. After much discussion of the proposal, Milt suggested trustees to think about what the actual intent of changing membership structure is. Further discussion will be at top of Next Month's agenda.

Dan Adams said he has a new camera system ordered to replace the cameras in back. The new system is wireless with audio. Dan originally volunteered to pay for the new system. Trustees disagreed with Dan paying for the new camera system.

Todd McKirnan made Motion that the club pay for the new camera system.

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion.

Motion was passed.

Milt then asked non-trustees to leave the meeting.

Chris Weaver made the motion to go to executive session.

Tod McKirnan seconded the motion.

Motion was passed.

Chris Weaver made motion to adjourn at end of executive session

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion.
Motion was passed.

Agenda for next meeting
Discuss intent of changing membership structure
Review Tod McKirnan updates to the proposed committees

Next meeting to be held Monday, Feb. 17, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Mercer County Sportsmen Association club house

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