

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 07/18/22

PRESENT

Officers

Milt Miller, President
Scott McClure, Vice President
~~Dan Adams, Treasurer~~ (emailed)
Sandy Smart, Secretary

Trustees

~~Ben Brown~~ Tom Cole Jim Cook Mike Lehman Annette McClure Mike McKirnan
~~Ted McKirnan~~ Bob Meihls Matt Walker , Nathan Wenning

Members Present – Jason Ruble, Gene Smart, Shelly Moorman,

New Members Brian Cox, Kevin & Michelle Weber, John & Karen Lazarich

Meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller

Minutes from the June 20, 2022 meeting were reviewed.

Minutes were approved by acclimation

Financial Report

Treasurer Dan Adams sent financials to members via email.

June income was	\$1,879.60
June expenses were	\$6,317.09
June net income was	-\$4,437.49
Balance in checkbook is	\$20,877.46 as of July16, 2022

Financials were accepted by acclimation as presented

Nathan noted the Mercer Landmark charge of \$759.00 was for 150 gal of diesel fuel. The tank was almost empty, so they had to order more. He has reset the gauge on the pump so we know how much has been used and we can reorder more fuel before we run out.

Membership Report

Annette McClure reported that we have 466 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 38 worker memberships, and 6 Honorary memberships, which totals 532 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 30 Spousal memberships.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Edward (Ted) J. Bergstrom ~ Ref: Paul Renfro & Chris McKinney

Employment: Neil Armstrong Airport-Airport Manager

Brian D. Cox ~Ref: Bryan Klingshirn & Bob McNew
Employment: CAPT

John M. Lazarich ~ Ref: Tom Hendricks & Bill Montgomery
Employment: Self/Director Celina Insurance Group

SPOUSAL APPLICATION

Karen Lazarich ~Spouse: John Lazarich

Annette McClure made motion to accept all new members
Matt Walker seconded the motion
Motion passed

Milt explained the different levels of membership to the new members, and that we are delighted with our spousal memberships.

Presidents Report

Milt had a lot of housekeeping items. With the availability of all the cameras he and Bob have been talking about activities going on at the club that they didn't realize were happening before the cameras were installed. He said when there were rentals here, kids were seen playing on the gate, they tripped the gate sensors, and ran into the range area. Milt said he didn't usually tell renters to stay up front, that they always felt it was understood. Going forward he will include that detail when going over the rules for renters. He also asked that if members see renters here we remind them that there is activity at the range, and they should stay clear for safety reasons

Following that Milt said he reached out to Doug Depweg about the annual gun raffle. He talked to Chris Weaver who is putting together the gun list for the raffle. He explained to Chris our standard procedure was to spend about \$15,000 and then sell 1,000 tickets for \$25.00 ea so club makes \$10,000.

Last year we were already selling tickets at this time.

Milt then stated he had talked to Mandy Fisher from Coldwater 4H. She was asking if we have trees to cut down and/or cut up which they can use for their fundraiser to get money to send kids to scout camp. Milt asked if we want to do this.

Discussion followed concerning what is available, and liability issues. It was decided that we will cut down the tree, cut them up so they can come in, load them up, and let them haul them to where they want to.

Milt's understanding is that Lou is still cleaning, he has reached out to Steve Ewry to confirm she wants to continue cleaning.

Milt then explained that member Andrea Cahill is conducting a safety seminar Sept. 15 for the Beverly Carter Association (a non-profit). She is asking if the clubhouse would be available if there are over 30 participants. He was wondering what rate he should charge the non-profit – member rate (\$100.00) or non-member

(\$200.00), or business rate (\$200.00) After discussion it was determined that since she was renting as a business, we would charge the business rate.

Bob Meihls

Bob said that for the gate – the post is up to keep people from going left and missing the sensors. He added that people who “creep” are not setting the sensors off. He is trying to figure out how to get people to read the gate instructions. The sensors are on North side between 2 no parking signs. The gate itself is working fine.

In reference to discussion at last meeting, about gate incident, Bob said he talked to Jeff Wenning. Jeff said the incident happened the previous Thursday or Friday. Jeff admitted it was his fault. He had stopped on the way out after activating the gate, then tried to hurry up and get out.

Nathan Wenning

Nathan reported that while he has been reviewing the cameras he has seen a lot of wildlife, including 2 does, 4 fawns and an unbelievable amount of additional wildlife.

Nathan then requested that the club purchase a welder. We have small projects where if we would get a small flexible welder that runs on 120 we wouldn't need to do any additional wiring. we could get the job done. They are available at Harbour Freight at a cost starting at \$129.00 to much higher amount. He is looking at one that costs \$250.00 - \$300.00 range. Nathan has the skills to do the welding for us.

Jason Ruble said he thought a larger welder would be better. He questioned if 220 electric was available in the building. Tom Cole said if we do have 220 it would be 30 amp.

Nathan said he felt a smaller welder would be adequate.

It was decided that Nathan, Tom and Jason will check what electric is available in the building before we decide what to purchase.

Mike Lehman

Mike said that the trap and skeet birds are coming tomorrow. The birds went up because of diesel fuel. When they get here John will put them where they need to go, then on Sunday Mike will have the guys put them where he needs them

Tom Cole

Tom said the barn is a mess. We need to go through it and get rid of what we don't need. He requested three people who know what is in there and what its good for to help go through it. Milt, Nathan, and Bob will meet with him July 21 at 9:00 to get started. They will offer stuff to members first, then post items on Facebook to get rid of them.

Tom then said that his backhoe will be back July 19 (tomorrow) so he can start projects like moving the wood pile and railroad ties, fix broken field tiles, dig out and put stone down for picnic table, fire rings and firewood in camping area, put stone down for the benches by the walking trails, etc.
Goal is to make camping area easier to move

Then Tom said he needed to schedule a work day. He said the trees need marked to know which ones need cut down. Milt and Bob said that until it cools down, they wouldn't be helping much.

The work day was tentatively scheduled for Oct 1. Tom and Nathan should get a list together of what they want done

Annette McClure

Annette reminded everyone that the Annual meeting is Sept.18. She asked if she should plan on getting food from Friendly Markets as in past years. She anticipates getting same amount of chicken and sloppy joes as last year. Members will be asked to bring food as carry-in like always. Annette has notes on what was used last year.

Shelly said she will stop at Friendly's and order chicken and sloppy joes..

Annette then asked for ideas for entertainment.

Milt said in recent years the goal was to be an event that kept people entertained while they were here. Examples were tours, displays of antique guns and arrowheads, kids games, last year we had rented hover ball, Annette said the boy scouts were planning on being here, Chris Reed will be available, Ben Hein does painting. Shelly said she could get the fishing Backyard Bass game we had last year.

Annette said we need to start calling these people, and asked if members would bring stuff in. Nathan will bring his arrowheads, Tom will bring his stuff again, Jason Ruble will ask a guy that hand carves duck calls

Jim Cook

Jim said he still needs volunteers. We need to start treating the volunteers better.

Shelly suggested we invite 4H members and their parents to help.

Tom Cole said he hasn't had very many people volunteer to mow this year.

Jim said a lot of times we have people to help with certain jobs, but we always say wait, we need to get it approved. By the time we get work approved, the people aren't interested in helping any more.

Discussion followed on ways to get more members to volunteer.

Other Business

Shelly Moorman

Shelly started out by saying we need to do marketing and promote the club to get buy-in for people to volunteer. She proposed creating a flyer, putting an article in the newsletter, put info on Facebook. Milt responded that articles have been written, but to no avail. Unless you call people to help, they are not motivated to help.

Shelly said Youthfest is moving along Jason will be following her around on Youthfest day to learn the job. She will have job descriptions available for Jason to reference when she leaves. She said it has really helped that Matt Walker took over the conservation grant.

Everything is in and ready to go. There are 61 kids signed up so far. There are 11 days left, so they will be putting it up on Facebook again.

Milt asked if there was a way to know if the people he contacted have come through with their donations. Shelly explained that when she needed further help, she would send an email. Currently there is no place on line to see the status of contributions for Youthfest.

Jason suggested that they may be able to talk to Dan to see if there is something they can do to get the information on the website.

Jason Ruble

Jason said both of the guys that pulled birds for the 5th Sunday have quit. He contacted Mitch Speckman to help out. The issue is that he needs somebody with a set of keys to the main building, the lock room, trap houses and traps. Milt said there were plenty of keys to make some available for him.

Jason then said that the Waterfowl Festival and Youthfest could he have keys to the big barn. Milt told him yes. Jason then asked for access to the safe for Youthfest. Milt said they could give him the combination as soon as he remembers who has it. Shelly said she thought Milt had the combination.

Jason then brought up the pond and how to make it better for the kids. He said shocking is not very effective. Since it is a catch and release pond, could we put up a sign to only put Bluegill, Crappie and Perch back in. All other species can be kept.

Milt said we could try putting a sign up, but he didn't know how effective a sign would be.

Jason wondered if we could put trail cameras up to simply make people think they were being watched.

Next topic was feeding the fish. Jason said Moultry makes a fish feeder for \$350.00 that would have a timer on for when the feed is distributed. It has a solar battery for power, and guard against squirrels and raccoons. He was wondering if we could maybe using some of Kremer money to purchase a feeder.

Milt said the Kremer money is still available in a separate account with the raffle money at the Mercer Savings Bank

Milt requested that Jason develop a comprehensive plan for improving the pond. The plan should take into consideration aeration, stocking ,shocking, chemicals, etc.

Milt Miller

Milt added that Ben had sent email requesting help with the state ABRA shoot Aug. 28th. He asked if everyone had seen it.

Milt said he had estimate on roof from Cotterman for \$3500.00 He is going to request another estimate from St Henry Roofing. Milt was given Frost Roofing and Ohio Indiana Roofing as sources for quotes.

Jim Cook

Jim said that last month he asked about getting bids for a finish motor. A 6 ft mower would cost about \$2,000.00. Jim said the old mower is worn out. He said he would get quotes if they want him to. Milt said getting quotes would be a good idea.

Jason Ruble

Jason said that when he was here Sunday a couple of guys sat on the railing and it broke. He pointed out the broken rails so they can be repaired.

There was no more business to discuss

Tom Cole made motion to adjourn
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion
Motion passed

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, Aug. 15, 2022.
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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