

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 06/15/20

PRESENT

Officers

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

Trustees

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

Members Present -

Jason Ruble, Shelly Moorman, Bob Meihls, Frank Goffena, James Cook (new member)

The meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller

Minutes from the May 18th meeting were reviewed.

John Lake made motion to accept minutes

Mike Lehman seconded the motion

Motion was passed

Membership Report

Trustee Annette McClure reported 468 active paid members, 47 members were active unpaid, 24 Life memberships, 25 worker memberships, and 6 Honorary memberships, which totals 570 members actively supporting our club.

New Applications for Membership

James L Cook: Ref: Scott Conn & Scott Williams

Jack R Smith: Ref: Duane NewlandJr. & Jeremy David

Kimberly Nichol Wachtel: Ref: Milt Miller & Bonita Collins

Annette McClure made motion to accept new members

Ben Brown seconded the motion

Motion was passed

Financial Report

Treasurer Dan Adams was not present. He emailed financials to trustees earlier.

Milt Miller reviewed them

May income was \$1187.64

May expenses were \$678.63

May net income was 509.01

Balance in checkbook is \$20326.16 as of June 06,2020

Milt noted that our finances are still at an acceptable level. He said that there is currently no income stream, as most activities have been canceled, including rentals. Calls for new rentals are just starting up again. A CRP payment of \$8,000-\$9,000 is expected in early fall.

Nathan Wenning made move to accept financials
Ben Brown seconded the motion
Motion passed.

Presidents Report

Milt thanked Ben Brown for installing the new lights in the meeting room. He said the old lights were kept. Anyone who wants them can have them. There may be additional bulbs to go with them. If no one claims lights and bulbs within 2-3 weeks they will be donated.

Milt thanked Jason Ruble for taking the initiative on getting volunteers and opening the Trap and Skeet shooting back up on Sundays. Mike Lehman said he will see if he can get it open on Wednesdays. Milt said he will change the phone message to reflect the correct days it is open.

John Lake was requested to get a map of the Mercer County Sportsmen grounds. It would be good to have for prospective and new members to show them what is available. Suggestion was made to use Google Maps or talk to county auditor to get a copy from them. Ben Brown and Tod McKirnan said they would try to get a map using Google Maps.

Milt then brought up his concerns about the Black Lives Matter Movement. The concern is that the group Antifa said they would take their protests to rural areas. He was worried about the safety of club guns on site, most of which were purchased through grants. The gun safe could be easily broken into.

He requested ideas on how to proceed. Much discussion followed.

Ben Brown suggested looking into a security system such as Ring or Blink.

Shelly Moorman suggested taking the guns to Grand Lake Guns and storing them with the other items we currently store there.

The question came up do we need to rethink security on grounds. We need to check current security system to see if it allows multiple people to review the files over the internet similar to the Ring and Blink Systems.

Bob Meihls said to make sure the guns are on the insurance. Milt said he would confirm they are insured. Milt will also call Grand Lake guns to see if they would have space to move our gun safe there.

Milt told members that Gary Kremer had left a \$10,000 bequest to the club for training and education of youth in Mercer County. The money will need to be set up in a fund to allow tracking of expenses. Milt will acknowledge the gift.

Shane Dellinger contacted Milt, said he would like to do something in recognition of Gary for all he did for the club, and asked for help on what the possibilities are. Milt asked Annette McClure to contact Shane.

Milt also said that Jon Maras family has donated lots of money to the club, and nothing has been done to recognize their gifts. He suggested putting a plaque on the shelter house for Jon Maras family. This led to mention of people who have donated to the range. These people should also be recognized

Mike Lehman

Mike said that as stated by Milt, Jason Ruble has been taking care of the Trap and Skeet shooting on Sundays. He will talk to his volunteers about opening Trap and Skeet on Wednesday nights.

Mike asked Tom Cole when he could finish up on getting the rest of the electric work completed, so he can finish the remainder of the maintenance work.

Tod McKirnan

Tod would like to add an additional committee for Pond, Channel and Fishing management to his proposed committee list.

Tom Cole

Randy Caywood has been doing all the grounds mowing. Mike Grunson wants to help with the mowing also. He needs to contact Tom to get the OK.

Tom said the gate was really slow.

Milt agreed, said several people can enter with a single opening of the gate. Milt said the support post needs to straighten, and asked Tom if we could use his backhoe. Milt, Bob Meihls, and Nathan Wenning said they would pick a day to work on the pole, and call Tom to use his backhoe to do a pull on it.

Nathan Wenning

Nathan said Charlie Goetttemoeller saw someone misusing the range. Nathan suggested that Dan explain to others how to review camera footage in a timely fashion. Milt said he had already talked to Dan about training more members. It was decided that Bob Meihls, Milt Miller, Nathan Wenning, Ben Brown and Jason Ruble will be trained.

Nathan then said the tractor has a tire that won't hold air and needs replaced. Milt asked Tom Cole to get the tire replaced.

Ben Brown

Ben asked if we are ready to start up rifle shooting. It was agreed to start it up in July. Ben will get a flyer together, and contact Annette with details for Facebook.

Ben also said he could order additional lights for the clubhouse if we want them.

John Lake

John said there is no update on CRP yet. He believes the deadline is Sept.11.

Mike McKirnan

Mike said additional back fill needs completed.

Milt said he would talk to his neighbor to rotor-till as well.

Other News

Shelly Moorman

Shelly said funds for Youthfest were still \$3380.00.

She attended the White Tails Banquet. They will donate funds for future programs.

Since Passport for Fishing did not happen in May, she hopes hold the program in September.

Shelly suggested the club look into an adult league for shooting 22 and pistols.

Shelly then said that grants are available every year, but we need to define our needs and submit for them.

Jason Ruble

Jason noted that Gary Kremer had always taken care of the pond and kept the benches looking nice. He said he was willing to work on the pond, as he has his own pond . He contacted Steve at Shelby Fish Farm, the same person Gary always used for the club. He said Gary had purchased 10 lb. of minnows at cost of \$90.00 and fish food at cost of \$32.00 every year.

Jason also said the pond really needs an aeration system. There are several options.

Install a windmill at cost of about \$2000

Install electric pump at cost of about \$1100, plus cost of plastic airline (@\$28 per foot) to control the algae on the pond, Jason suggested purchasing 6-8 Grass Carp (these don't reproduce) at cost of \$13.50 ea. We could also use a product called Cutrine to kill the algae, at a cost of \$32.00 gal, we would need about ½ gal for the pond.

Discussion then followed on what the goal was for the use of the pond. Is it a kids pond, an adult pond, do we do catch and release, or allow people to keep fish they catch?

Milt said the pond was meant to be a kids pond to get them interested in fishing, but that we up stock it for Youthfest. He said there is very little signage for the pond.

Bob Meihls said we really need to keep the pond open for everybody.

Milt suggested we table talk of the pond until we get a policy for it. For right now, if members see someone misusing the pond, they need to talk to them. We all have ownership in the club.

Jason Ruble brought the discussion back to this year in terms keeping the pond under control. He wanted to confirm he would be compensated if he got the minnows, fish food, and Grass Carp, and treated the pond with the Cutrine.

Shelly said if he could get a list together very quickly of what he proposed doing with the pond, she would see if she could get a Stepping Out Grant from ODNR. The deadline to submit the grant request is June 30.

Mike McKirnan made motion to give Jason \$200.00 for pond maintenance.

Annette McClure seconded the motion

Motion passed.

John Barker would like to start steel targets up on the 3rd Sunday of the month, from 1 – 3.

Bob Meihls talked to Steve Ewry. They will start in-person range safety classes in July. He thanked Tod McKirnanfor helping get the training caught up.

Milt asked if we have enough news for the September newsletter. It was determined we do.

Congratulations to winners of the quarterly drawing:

1st – Charlie Goettemoeller

2nd - Denny Dysert

3rd – Bob Kinnison

Annette McClure made move to adjourn.
Nathan seconded the motion
Motion passed.

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, July 20th, 2020 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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