

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 06/20/22

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~~
Tod McKirnan Bob Meihls Matt Walker , Nathan Wenning

Members Present – Jason Ruble, Gene Smart, Brad Buening, game warden
Amy Allmandinger (new member)

Meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller

Minutes from the May16, 2022 meeting were reviewed.

Minutes were approved by acclimation

Financial Report

Treasurer Dan Adams sent financials to members via email.

May income was	\$2,254.10
May expenses were	\$5,364.49
May net income was	-\$3,110.39
Balance in checkbook is	\$23,578.87 as of June 19, 2022

Tom Cole asked about payment of 463.66 to Shalomar (Shelly) Moorman, Milt explained the money was for moneys she spent for Womens Warrior weekend. She had received grant money that she gave to Dan, and then used her own money to purchase items for the event. These moneys are to reimburse her.

Financials were accepted by acclimation as presented

Milt noted that we are at \$23,500 in the checkbook, and we expect \$9,000 CRP money coming in Oct. Last year we had \$19,000. Shows even though with all our aggressive spending we have been doing OK.

Membership Report

Annette McClure reported that we have 465 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 39 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:

Amy Lynn Allmandinger ~ Ref: Andrea Cahill & Caroline Arnold
Employment: Bookwerks

SPOUSAL APPLICATION

None

Annette McClure made motion to accept all new members
Mike Lehman seconded the motion
Motion passed

Matt Walker

Trustee Matt Walker had to leave early so Milt turned meeting over to him.

Matt reported that he has been in discussion with Auglaize County 4H. They are trialing a multi-county 4H club friendly shooting competition. They asked if we would like to host a competition as Mercer County 4H possibly in Sept or October. He told them he would ask. Milt said anything we can do for youth to get them engaged we will. There was voice agreement from the members. Matt said he will bring back details when he gets them.

Matt said 4H is going well, They are about half way through their instructional period for all their projects.

Presidents Report

Milt has contacted Cotterman about our roof to get a quote, he will meet with them this week. Mike Lehman gave him information on St. Henry Technique Roofing, Milt will talk to them. He asked if anybody else wanted to be available for the meeting, he will get them information about when the meeting will be.

Milt said a member was asking about fishing on the leaky pond with a canoe, kayak or paddle boat. Bob Meihls said other guys already fish with boats. Milt will contact member and let him know it is ok.

Frank Goffena will be here to work on mower tomorrow.

Bright net is coming out to terminate the fiber next week.

Scott McClure

Scott reported Shelley Moorman couldn't be here, but she wanted to let us know that Youthfest planning is going well and on schedule. She said that Jason has been helping out a lot.

As a followup, Milt asked if everyone has contacted the sponsors they were supposed to.

Nathan Wenning

Nathan said he has started clearing new path in NE field, Path starts in Northeast corner by pond, meandering out by pollinator plot up to tree line. He and Bob will continue to work on it to get it more accessible.

Milt reminded Nathan that he and Tom had met with CRP folks, and they will need to do mowing / discing thing during July. They have the plan for CRP in the office as to what needs done.

Tom said if he understands it right, they need to mow either in strips or in checkerboard fashion. Nathan then said on another note, the tractor has slow leak in left rear tire. It is a tube tire, it may be the valve, and sooner or later it will need repaired. Milt asked if somebody here could fix it, Nathan said “he seriously doubted it”.

Discussion followed around how to get tires repaired / replaced and options for us.

Milt suggested calling RRR to get documentation on what’s available.

Bob Meihls

Bob said that for the 3rd month in a row no range safety classes were held. The next range safety classes are scheduled for Monday, July 5 and Saturday July 9.

Mike Lehman

Mike said we are receiving 12 skid of birds on July 12. The cost has gone up a couple bucks a box due to cost of fuel.

Milt asked Mike if he had enough manpower to help, Mike said he does.

Tom Cole

Tom said he’s still waiting to get his backhoe back. He has a lot of projects to get done – including moving picnic tables along trails and in picnic area. He plans on putting stones under the tables and benches

Milt asked if anyone knows how much new benches to put beside the trails would cost

Ben said if someone could build benches, they could use the composite wood to build them.

Milt said we may take up Ben’s suggestion. He also likes the idea of putting gravel down for the tables and benches.

Tom said if we do the gravel it would be nice to have a supply of gravel available to use where needed, What we had is about gone

Ben said Westgerdes Trucking usually has good pricing for hauling gravel.

Tom Cole made motion to allocate up to \$1,000 on gravel for general use.
Bob Meihls seconded the motion
Motion passed

Annette McClure

Annette said she called Mercer Color about the newsletters. She said they are still using the Doll Printing email address. The newsletters should be ready Thursday.

Annette added that she may have someone to be the new club treasurer. This person wants to talk to Dan before deciding.

Annette then said the Annual Meeting is coming up before you know it. Be thinking about it. We will talk about specifics next meeting. Milt suggested we could get out the historical information on the club again.

Milt asked if trustees with terms expiring this year (Ben Brown, Tod McKirnan, Nathan Wenning) were coming back for next term. All answered they were. Tod said due to his kids activities, he has hard time getting to meetings sometimes. He added if anyone were interested in his position they should let him know

It was decided to carve out time at next meeting to discuss the annual meeting.

Tod McKirnan

Milt asked Tod to resurrect the committees he set up, and to contact current trustees to accept positions on the committees.

Jim Cook

Jim said he checked on a 6ft finish mower to pull behind the John Deere tractor. It cost \$2,000 plus freight, and has a 5 yr guarantee. He said we need to do something for a backup when what we have goes bad. Jim highly recommended getting one.

Ben Brown

Ben said that for the ABRA State match he is doing pretty decent getting sponsor ships and items for the prize table. He will need help with sign ins scoring targets and getting things set up. The meet is Aug 28th.

Jason Ruble

Jason shared the flyer he created for the Waterfowl Festival being held Aug27th. Milt asked if he intended to put club logo and contact information on it. He said he will use his cell phone and email for contact information.

He said they will be holding a local calling competition, and build on results to try for state competition next year. He has funds from last year to use to provide plaques for the calling contest winners.

He asked if it would be ok to use a tent from Youthfest for the Waterfowl blind shoot contest.

Jason plans on having T-shirts made up, and asked if he could use club logo on it. Answer was yes he can. He will purchase shirts to sell, then spend proceeds on next years event,

Jason said there will be guys bringing their dogs for demo at the pond. He plans on setting up fans to cool the dogs

Jason confirmed that he will be taking over the Youthfest event from Shelly beginning next year. He said he would like to bring back the family meal instead of bagged meals for next year.

Jason has ordered fish for this years Youthfest, to be delivered a few days early, similar to last year.

Brad Buening, Mercer County Game Warden

Brad said this year, starting July 1st you can go online to sign up for any of the hunting applications . The hunt and fish Ohio app is available for your smart phones. You can get a lot of information on that, including your hunting digest.

CDW – Chronic Waste Disease. Disease that deer get. 200 deer were recently tested, only 2 had the disease, in Wyandot and Hardin county

There will be changes to hunting regulations this year, including early deer season and early gun season in 3 counties. They are looking to reduce deer population in those counties.

Milt ask if there was any insight into training for kids hunter program on sight and hands on vs online. Brad said the Hunter Ed course could still be done. But no one wants to be instructor. Jason said he did all the training and testing 2 years ago (before Covid). When he got to where he had to hold a class with certified instructor, he was told they aren't doing that anymore. He was told he would be contacted when they could go forward. He hasn't been contacted in over 2 years. Brad said he didn't know anything about that.

Milt asked if any training was going on across the state.. Brad said that Iron Element had held training a couple months ago. Ben said he would find out information from Iron Element on how they did the training.

Milt said we have the instructor. But they aren't allowed to hold classes. Jason said he wasn't sure if he would be eligible to even teach the class, as all his training was over 2 years ago.

Brad said he would look into it, and get back with us.

Other Business

Milt said that last week fiber optic cabling was trenched into both shelter houses.

Bob said there was a "gate incident" today . A member, Frank Crabtree drove into the end of the gate. The member claimed he didn't see the gate was open. His vehicle had minor damage, the gate still works.

Milt said that Jeff Wenning reported that as he was going out the gate, it hit his 2022 Ram truck.

Scott asked if we could review the camera footage. Bob Meihls said he wasn't sure it would be a good view based on the position of the camera.

Bob said he would contact Jeff about the incident.

Bob then asked if we could get something to protect against power surges. Ben and Jason said that a power protector strong enough to protect against the power surges at the clubhouse would cost \$2,000 - \$3,000.

Bob brought up that when he was here earlier this week there was a really bad smell from the kitchen.

Discussion followed concerning the state of the kitchen area, and how to improve it.

Milt said he had Amos Clifford, who used to work for Riesens, here to inspect the water softener Tom donated to the club. Amos said it is okay, but he offered a smaller unit. The only cost would be the wholesale cost, plus memberships for himself and his helper.

Annette asked if any grant money from Friends of NRA went towards the kitchen. Milt said we would need to ask Matt.

Tom said we should ask Amos to come to next meeting

Milt said there are two issues to the kitchen – cleanliness and organization of kitchen in addition to the water softener. He will talk to Steve Ewry and Lou about the kitchen odor.

Milt will invite Amos to the next meeting. Next meeting we will talk about the cleaning and organization.

Tom Cole pointed out that the first shelterhouse needs attention – they noticed rotting posts when the trenching was done.

There was no more business to discuss

Bob Meihls made motion to adjourn
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion
Motion passed

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, July 18, 2022.
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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