

## Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 03/15/21

### PRESENT

#### Officers

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

#### Trustees

Ben Brown Tom Cole Jim Cook Mike Lehman Annette McClure  
~~Mike McKimman~~ ~~Tod McKimman~~ Bob Meihls Matt Walker Nathan Wenning

#### Members Present -

Shelly Moorman, David Freeman, Jason Ruble, Carl Ward, Keith Puschel (new), Kevin Miller (new), Ty Shelby (new), Ryan Sulliman

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The meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller

Minutes from the Feb.15 meeting were reviewed.

Minutes accepted by acclamation

### Financial Report

Treasurer Dan Adams sent financials to members via email. Included was additional information on the quarterly raffles profit vs loss.

February income was \$4,218.84  
February expenses were \$8,811.30  
February net income was -\$4,592.46  
Balance in checkbook is \$37,996.82 as of March 12, 2021

Dan noted the big expense was insurance payment. He remarked that membership payments have slowed down. Annette agreed, saying that memberships are mostly paid up.

In regard to the quarterly raffle information Dan provided, Milt questioned if the club should continue with the quarterly raffles. Once the cost of the prizes, which is an average \$250.00, and printing, envelopes etc. is figured in it looks like we are “losing money trying to make money” for every raffle except the winter one. Annette said the winter raffle, when dues are sent in, is the only one that she gets a lot of entries on, otherwise not too many tickets get returned.

Milt said he will look into raffle cost and do cost /benefit check. If OK with members, we could probably stop all raffles except the winter raffle.

Mike Lehman made motion to accept financials  
Bob Meihls seconded the motion  
Motion was passed.

## **Membership Report**

Trustee Annette McClure reported 459 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 35 worker memberships, and 7 Honorary memberships, which totals 523 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 16 Spousal memberships.

### **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

**Ty B. Shelby ~ Ref:** Milt Miller & Mark Beougher  
Member of Greater Grand Lake Beekeepers Assoc.  
**Keith A. Puschel ~ Ref:** Russ Waltman & Jeff McPheron  
**Kevin J. Miller ~ Ref:** Mike Green & Ryan On  
**Peter Lloyd Mustard ~ Ref:** Milt Miller & Jordan Wendel  
Employment: St. Mary's Chrysler

### **SPOUSAL APPLICATIONS:**

**None**

Milt welcomed new members to the club, explaining benefits of being members.

Nathan Wenning made motion to accept all new members  
Ben Brown seconded the motion  
Motion was passed.

## **Presidents Report**

Milt started by stating there is a \$1,700 savings fund set up as rainy day fund for the reduction of debt. He explained that in years past, the gun raffle profits had been earmarked for the reduction of debt on the range loan. In 2020 there was no gun raffle due to Covid, however a request was sent to members for donations to the range debt. As a result we have received approximately \$7,200 in donations for the range.

In 2018 the loan taken out was for \$75,000. The loan has been paid down to \$44,000. Milt requested that the \$1,700 and \$7,200 be used to pay down the loan debt. This would leave a remainder of approximately \$35,000 on the range loan.

Ben Brown said that using the money to pay off the loan sounded like a "no brainer".

Ben Brown made motion to use the \$1,700 savings and \$7,200 to pay on the loan debt.  
Bob Meihls seconded the motion  
Motion passed by acclamation

## **Nathan Wenning**

Nathan stated when he was at the range putting up the bulletin board Chris from Denny Door Sales was here replacing a magnet on the gate. Jeff had noticed the magnet needed replaced when he was here previously replacing a bushing on the gate. Nathan said he told Chris we would like to pay the remainder on the gate, but the gate needs to be working properly and we still need the key. Chris said he would tell Denny's.

Nathan said he would like to plan a work day for March 27. He is requesting any member that can should show up with chainsaws, tools and be ready to work. He said we need the log splitter and Julie Cole's bushhog.

Dan said he would post the information on the website and facebook.

Nathan made request to purchase an additional fire ring to be placed by big shelter house. He estimated cost at \$200.00

Nathan made motion to purchase additional fire ring at a cost not to exceed \$200.00  
Bob Meihls seconded the motion  
Motion passed

### **Bob Meihls**

Bob said the bulletin boards are up at the range and ready for posting information. Bob also said 420 members have completed the range training.

### **Mike Lehman**

Mike reported that the trap and skeet season will be starting Apr. 1 with trap only. Scott doesn't have the trailers for 5 stand quite ready yet. Trailers will have a battery stand and room for 5 boxes of birds on them.

Mike said he may need additional help with trap and skeet. Ron Cummins usually gets the stuff ready, then Scott runs the 5 stand stuff. Ron is having shoulder surgery on Mar 26 and won't be able to help for a while.

Milt said we need to make sure the traps are working correctly, Mike said they should be ok. Milt suggested a trial run to confirm all is good.

### **Ben Brown**

Ben Brown said when weather gets nice he will paint the gate.

For rimshooting competitions, Ben plans on the ARA fun competitions to run the same as last year.

Ben said he needs to contact ABRA group about joining them. He will send an email before contacting ABRA.

The ABRA competitions on Sundays May - Oct will be scheduled based on what else is going on at the time. Doug Depweg said he would have help available for the ABRA shoots.

Ben also said that he needs to contact Doug about the concrete shooting benches progress. Milt said somebody from the club should be here when the benches are delivered.

Bob Meihls requested that one of the existing wooden benches being replaced be moved to the archery stand area to use for siting.

Ben also said that he believes the composite wood he is getting donated to the club is still coming.

Ben said he made inquiries about putting up a restroom. It would be a Men / Womens 2 stall restroom with shower in both sides. The cost was estimated at over \$150,000.00.

## **Annette McClure**

Annette conducted the raffle pull for winter. Winners were

1<sup>st</sup> – John Linneman

2<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Hoyng

3<sup>rd</sup> – Carl Pugh

## **Jim Cook**

Jim said he needs yellow paint to paint squares where people stand for trap and skeet shooting.

Jim Cook made motion to purchase 1 gallon of paint for Trap and Skeet shooting.

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion

Motion passed

Jim then said the club should consider getting a 7ft box blade to keep the gravel areas cleaned up and looking nice.

It would fit our tractor . Jim estimated the cost at \$700 - \$800.

Bob Mehils said we really need to have one. There is enough gravel ground coverage to warrant it.

Jim Cook made motion to get estimates on 7 ft box blade.

Nathan seconded the motion.

Motion passed

Jim will get cost estimates from 3 vendors.

Jim then raised the question of why do we mow all the way to the woods. He suggested mowing up front and letting the rest of the grass grow.

## **Matt Walker**

Matt said he plans on getting the steel target team to the club for practice.

He is still waiting on guide lines for shooting with the 4H kids.

## **Tom Cole**

Tom said he met with Milt and Nathan to divide the grounds up for mowing. Each area should take about 2 hours to mow. He contacted his volunteers and got 3 “Yes” answers for mowers. He would still like to have additional help mowing.

Tom said Julie Cole asked about bringing the younger scouts out. In order for the group to stay overnight there is a requirement for flush toilets. Bob Meihls responded that we will need to look into Nathan Wenning’s earlier suggestion. (Eloo Remote Toilets)

## **Other News**

### **Dave Freeman**

Dave said they have changed out the straw and wood shavings in the goose boxes. He requested additional wood shavings and straw.

Dave said they are planning on putting predator guards on the goose boxes. There was evidence of coons getting in the boxes. He plans on using spouting for the guards

### **Jason Ruble**

Jason said he is trying to get more wood boxes and goose nesting boxes. He is also looking for spouting for the box guards.

Jason then addressed needs of the catch and release pond. He is getting ready to go to Shelby Fish Farm. He reminded us that last year we talked about the duckweed in the pond and discussed treating it in the spring. The cost would be about \$600.00

To control algae, last year we used a product called Cuttrain at cost of \$32.00

He said we have plenty of fish food available.

He asked if we want to stock the pond with minnows, 10# will cost about \$90.00

If we want to prevent algae growth there is a product called Aqua Shade that tints the water blue. This costs \$30.00 - \$40.00

The club needs to decide what we want to do.

He also said last year we talked about an aerator for the pond.

A windmill would require an electric pump. We would need to get power to the pump, and an airline to the windmill.

Dan Adams asked if we could use the bequest from Gary Kramer estate to upgrade the kids pond, the answer was yes. It was decided to hold off on the aerator until we hear from the estate when the money would be available.

There was much discussion on what to do for the benefit of the pond.

Determined that duckweed is actually good for the water, but a hindrance for the fishermen.

Ben Brown made motion to purchase 10# of minnows and Aqua shade treatment for the pond

Jim Cook seconded the motion

Motion Passed

There was additional discussion on purchasing Cuttrain to help with algae growth

Matt Walker made motion to purchase Cuttrain

Tom Cole seconded the motion

Motion Passed.

### **Scott McClure**

Scott presented information on the range donations recognition plaques.

There are 3 options

1<sup>st</sup> – 18 X 18  
rigid chrome colored plastic  
painted logo and names  
10 yr warranty  
\$300.00

2<sup>nd</sup> – 18 X 18  
engraved plastic  
no logos, just names  
5 yr warranty  
\$300.00

3<sup>rd</sup> – 18 X 18  
stainless steel  
engraved names and logos  
lifetime guarantee  
\$1200.00

Dan Adams asked if we could add names to the plaque in the future, Scott said no this is final once it is done.

Club member Dusty Ahrens works for the company that makes the plaques.

Scott also had an estimate of \$199.01 for an aluminum plaque mounting stand from Lefelds.

Ben Brown asked if Lefeld gave a quote for a stainless steel stand instead of aluminum. They did not.

Bob Meihls said we would need to get a quote for the stainless steel option.

Consensus of trustees was that the lifetime option was best.

Ben Brown made motion to go with the lifetime plaque (3<sup>rd</sup> option) and stainless stand at a cost not to exceed \$2000.00

Bob Meihls seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

### **Shelly Moorman**

Shelly started by requesting club permission to hold several women's events that were canceled in 2020 due to Covid. She said she would like to have the Women's Warrior Jamboree Apr.30th – May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This would be like the event scheduled last year, including primitive camping, with no shooting, and no archery. She would expect to be around 10 campsites. They would be on the far side of the bridge.

Funds to help pay for the event will come from Step Outside Grant.

Since this was approved for last year, it is good to go now.

Shelly said Andrea Cahill will be starting AIM up again soon.

## **Youthfest**

Next Shelly covered happenings for this years Youthfest, scheduled for Aug. 7th. .The first meeting was held Feb.26th. Volunteers were excited to get started. In the meeting it was suggested we purchase radios for all 8 of the activity stations. Paul Renfro is working on getting them. Ace Hardware may match purchase. Shelly is working on getting donations to cover the cost.

Shelly said the original plan for this years Youthfest was for 48 kids. She was wondering if Covid keeps getting better, could we add additional participants. Milt said per last meeting discussions if we can go full bore we should.

Shelly said Wilbur Welling and Cory Bruggamen from Friends of the NRA have volunteered to help with the Youthfest Trap and Skeet station.

This year Youthfest program will include talks on outdoor occupations and the path to take to get to them.

Shelly said currently there is \$3,300.00 available for the Youthfest. She is hoping to get around \$4,000.00 in donations and has requested 2000.00 in grant monies. Youthfest expenses are usually around \$5,000.00

In her grant request she included cost of sanitation stations, gaitors, and water bottles for all participants in case Covid is still an issue.

The next meeting for Youthfest is scheduled for Wednesday Apr 14 at 6:30. Shelly requested Milt or Dan be present to open the safe so she can check the guns for Youthfest.

She is also working on a conservation grant for the following events

- Junior Rifle. - money to pay rental fees to Grand Lake Guns

- AIM - \$300.00 - ammo; \$200.00 – snacks & water

- Rifle Shoots – money for targets and water

## **Dan Adams**

Dan said the cameras are up. If anyone wants to see how they work, stay after the meeting and he will show them.

## **Ty Shelby**

Member Ty Shelby is also a member of Greater Grand Lake Beekeepers Assoc. They maintain several hives on the grounds. Ty said that all 3 hives are alive and well

## **Carl Ward**

Member Carl Ward said he is member of Rendezvous Club.

They would like to hold 2 camp-outs at the club – one in spring and one during annual meeting, similar to 2019 meeting.

Cost to club would be negligible, (advertising, pump porta pots).

They would do demos including tomahawk, shooting, blacksmithing and adle-ladle.

Carl said his members would sign waivers for the club.

Bob Meihls said we would need to look into insurance liabilities.

After discussion it was decided to hold executive session after meeting to discuss his proposal.

There was no other business.

Matt Walker made motion to adjourn and go to executive session

Mike Lehman seconded the motion

Motion passed

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, April. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:00 pm. - 9:00 pm

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