

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 03/21/22

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 McKirman~~
~~Tod McKirman~~ ~~Bob Meihls~~ Matt Walker (late) Nathan Wenning

Members Present – Jason Ruble, Gene Smart, Shelly Moorman

Meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller
Please note that with the arrival of Matt Walker there was a quorum of trustees present. All votes were taken after Matt's arrival.

Minutes from the Feb, 21st, 2022 meeting were reviewed.

Minutes were approved by acclimation

Financial Report

Treasurer Dan Adams sent financials to members via email.

February income was	\$1295.40
February expenses were	\$5917.96
February net income was	-\$4622.56
Balance in checkbook is	\$33,068.47 as of Mar.21,2022

Scott McClure questioned the \$169.63 to Wells Brothers entry for gate parts. Nathan Wenning explained it was for the handicap gate replacement.

Minutes were approved by acclimation as presented

Membership Report

Annette McClure reported that we have 451 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 39 worker memberships, and 5 Honorary memberships, which totals 517 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 26 Spousal memberships.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

John C. Wendel ~ Ref: Matt Jeffries & Fred Jutte
Employment: Crown

SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP:

Devin Christopher Wachtel ~ Spouse: Kimberly Wachtel
Employment: Honda

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

Milt asked Annette who adjusted the access numbers in the gate when Dan is unavailable. She said Bob can do it, Nathan said he also does it. Annette said she and Scott would like to learn how to do it. They will contact Nathan who will show them how to do it.

Presidents Report

Milt stated that Ben Brown sent the planned dates for the 22 shoots. As both the club shoots and the ABRA shoots are on the same day, Ben may need help in running the events.

Milt said he worked with a person named Robin Rick from the Lima area. She is with Junior Gardeners of Northwest Ohio. and is fascinated with the fact that the club has such a great habitat area and pollinators and such. There will be a Junior Gardeners day out on the grounds on June 7, where they will come in, learn about our farm, walk the paths and see what nature does at its best. Milt will be on site when they are here.

Milt then said that he had been contacted by Jack Snethkamp, a boy scout from St Marys. For his Eagle Scout project Jack is building wood duck nests for around the lake. Each nest cost about \$92.00 to build. Jack is asking for donations to help in cost of building the nests. He estimates he will need of about \$1100 for the project. He doesn't say where the nests will be going, nor does he ask for specific dollar amount.

Milt asked if we wanted to support him

Tom Cole asked if we need any wood duck boxes. Jason said if we got some we could find a place for them.

Milt said if we give him money, we can request that he build us some boxes.

Matt made the move to give Snethkamp \$300 dollars
Jim seconded the motion^d
Motion Passed

Milt then asked about a new full blown electrical panel in the shelter house talked about in the minutes. He was asking why we need it. Nathan explained it was for when there are activities in the second shelterhouse. Jason added that it was to have multiple circuits available for possible future expansion. Since we are burying a cable we would make it worth while.

Scott McClure

Scott said the club received a case knife with 30th Anniversary Friends of NRA Banquet on it from the Friends of NRA Banquet for our contribution. He passed it around, asked for suggestions – use it for annual raffle prize, quarterly raffle prize etc.

Nathan Wenning

Nathan said Bob left a note that Adam Elsass, the trencher guy, will meet at the clubhouse sometime the weekend of Mar 26 to walk grounds for estimate for trenching. Anyone interested in adding input should be here when he comes. Milt said he would make sure Dan knows he is coming. Tom Cole said he would also be available to meet with Adam.

Nathan then said he and Bob were looking at what was needed for the handicap gate and took some preliminary measurements. They will need to determine actual location of the gate and which way it should swing. Due to the way it is set up the gate will need to be made a bit longer. Milt said he thought we were going to have the gate swing both ways, Nathan said the hinges wouldn't function both ways, and we need to be able to lock it .

He then said he found out something interesting about the club gate. He noticed it appeared to be randomly opening and closing. It seems that when the sun hits it a certain way, there is a shadow going across the laser breaking the beam.

Finally Nathan addressed the new path we want to put through the area Bob calls "the prairie". He said he will need to find an opening in the Northwest corner by the leaky pond, and then make the path a meandering path, allowing people to see a little more of the property.

Mike Lehman

Mike said he call Larry Garrison. Larry came and with Jim's help they filled the traps, put up the 5 stands and put 5 boxes in back.

He also called Prince to fix the last trap. He said it would be fixed by April 1st.

Mike said the club will also need to get more birds this summer sometime.

Milt asked if he had tested the traps. Mike said they should be ok.

Tom Cole

Tom said that because someone fell filling the tank, the fuel tank has been lowered. Since the tank is lower we need to purchase a pump. The guy at CW said a new pump is \$700.00, a used pump is \$500.00.

They go through them completely and can fix them if something goes wrong with it. CW will give us a new hose and do all the installation and plumbing.

Tom Cole made motion to purchase a pump for \$500.00

Jim Cook seconded the motion

Motion passed

Jim asked if the pump was electric with automatic shutoff, Tom didn't know, said it was the kind of pump given to farmers.

Milt said they are going to make a list of stuff in the barn that we no longer use.

Milt also said we got the disc from Garrison, but it is an 8 footer. We need to test to see if our tractor can pull it

Tom and Milt met with the CRP people. They got the packet of what needs to be done to the CPR grounds.

We need to keep the woody vegetation mowed. The woody vegetation trumps everything – we need to keep that down.

Tom then said we need to start looking for volunteers to mow. He doesn't know who is coming back this year. He ask Shelly to include request for volunteers to mow in the newsletter.

Tom also said all the mowers complain about mowing between the archery and trap shoot areas. Nathan suggested using that area to test the disc.

Milt said we need to get a dozer in here to get all the projects we have going done, which includes working on that area to smooth it out..

Jim Cook

Jim said he would like to buy grass seed to help keep weeds down. Grass is about \$60.00 for a 50# bag, which is more than enough to do what needs done.

Jim made motion to purchase seed for \$70.00 to spot seed.
Nathan seconded the motion
Motion passed

Jim also said he cleaned up the burn pile, some of the branches need cut up to burn. He will use his saw, but will probably need to purchase two chains. If he needs to, he will go get the new chains when he needs them.

Jim is also cleaning up the brush along the creek by the drive. He will put it on the brush pile so it can dry and they can be burn in the fall.

Other Business

Shelly Moorman

Shelly said she has the Ladies CampOut coming up in April, she posted it on Facebook and already has 12 – 16 people coming.

She has the grant money they can use.

Shelly said in April she is having a Youthfest meeting. She is getting a late start on it. Everything is set up for the Youthfest.

She thanked Matt for taking on the conservation grant for Youthfest.

She has around \$6400 available for Youthfest at this time. Milt said we still need to talk to our donors to stay on their calendars.

Jason Ruble

Jason started by saying the CCW law in Ohio has changed. He said he feels that fewer people will be taking the CCW class. Discussion followed concerning the value of CCW training.

Jason then addressed what is needed to take care of the pond. We have a gallon of the CutTrine. We don't have any of the Aqua Shade on hand – he thought it was \$40 - \$50. Last year we put in 10# of minnows in spring and fall, at a cost of about \$90. He asked if we wanted him to get the chemicals and minnows.

Milt said we have more than ample funds to get the chemicals and the minnows, including fish for Youthfest.

Matt made motion to purchase Aqua shade and minnows.

Annette seconded the motion

Motion passed.

Jason then asked about treating the water meal on the pond at a cost of about \$600.00

Milt said we should develop a master plan including pond aerator to determine what we want to do before dumping a lot of chemicals and stuff into the pond.

Jason asked about shocking the pond to get rid of fish that aren't blue gill or crappie fish.

Milt said he brought his grandkids and they had a good experience fishing. Shelly said she thought participants had a good experience fishing for Youthfest, however the water meal seemed to be very thick on the pond.

Shelly will ask the people who ran the fishing at Youthfest to find out how the kids did fishing last year.

Jason said he, Mike Freeman, and Dave Freeman cleaned the wood duck boxes and goose nests. He then asked if it was ok to move wood duck boxes that are in bad locations. He was told it would be ok.

Milt Miller

Milt said we need to address our goals list distributed in January to determine which ones are valid.

On the goal list are and what was decided:

- Electric to south side of service road - already in progress
- Need to repair shelterhouse #1 - Keep on list
- Bulldozer to level camping area, finish piling dirt up on ranges, repair tire ruts and repair holes in field – keep on list
- Install camera system – Already in progress
- Investigate better restroom facilities. Nathan brought us suggestion for Ecotoilet. -Keep on list
- We currently spend about \$350 quarterly rent for the porta-potties.
- Build second metal building, - Keep on list
- Determine purpose of catch and release pond. Keep on list
- Finish gate – Done
- Finish book of rules. - Scott needs help getting rules on events and information on this. Keep on list
- Revisit trustee titles so we can all take an active role. - Keep on list
- Any other equipment purchase? With the right equipment the work to be done is a lot easier. - Keep on list
- Purchase property just to the west of the club, or at least get a First Right of Refusal from current owner. - Keep on list
- Milt will talk to the Dickies who own the land.
- Lifetime membership requirements need to be addressed. - Add to list
- Kitchen needs remodeled. Add to list
- If anyone thinks of additional goals let us know.

Milt then reminded us of the bear mount from Russia offered to the club from a member. Annette asked where we would put it. Milt said we would need some current mounts around and hang it at the peak of the wall.

Mike Lehman made motion to accept bear mount
Tom Cole seconded motion
Motion passed

Scott McClure

Scott said that Dave Buschur, running for commissioner, said he would come here to talk to us. Discussion followed on when he would be able to come. It was determined that our Blue book says we are non-political. If we invite one candidate, we need to invite all the candidates. It was determined the best route would be for members to go to one of his meetings.

Raffle Prize Winners for winter raffle

1st Prize – Randy Davidson – Fire pit
2nd Prize – Ron Heckler – 2 Yeti Rambler 30 oz. Travel mugs
3rd Prize – Aaron Bruns – Food dehydrator.

There was no more business to discuss

Mike Lehman made motion to adjourn
Tom Cole seconded the motion
Motion passed

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

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