

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 11/15/21

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 – Jason Ruble, Gene Smart, Bob Severt, (New Member); Gwendolyn Cummins, (New Member); William David Robinson, (New Member); James F. Ross,(New Member)

Meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller.

Minutes from the Oct. 18th 2021 meeting were reviewed.

Nathan Wenning made motion to accept minutes
Mike Lehman seconded the motion
Motion passed

Financial Report

Treasurer Dan Adams sent financials to members via email.

October income was	\$11,028.54
October expenses were	\$ 4,430.83
October net income was	\$ 6,597.71
Balance in checkbook is	\$18,501.27 as of Nov. 12, 2021

Tom Cole made motion to accept financials
Annette McClure seconded the motion
Motion passed

Membership Report

Trustee Annette McClure reported 492 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 37 worker memberships, and 6 Honorary memberships, which totals 557 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 23 Spousal memberships.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Gwendolyn Cummins ~ Ref: Chris Weaver & Annette McClure

Employment: Retired

Husband, John Cummins passed. Gwendolyn is requesting to inherit his Land Certificate.

William David Robinson ~ Ref: Chris Weaver & Annette McClure
Employment: Retired

James F. Ross ~ Ref: Michael Grunden & Milt Miller
Employment: N/A

SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP

None

Annette McClure made motion to accept all new members
Tom Cole seconded the motion
Motion passed

Presidents Report

Milt gave floor to Matt to talk about grant requests to the NRA
Matt said he has submitted 2 grant applications.

Grant for Range Improvement Grant to purchase trap throwers estimated at \$30,000.
Includes all trap machines, delivery and installation including any fabrication to get it to fit existing equipment.
Milt asked about servicing the new equipment, Mike Lehman confirmed Ron Cummings can repair the new traps.

Grant for Ammunition for Jr Rifle Club and Youthfest – 22 gauge, 12 gauge 20, gauge etc.
also additional rifles 2- 28 gauge Stevens 555 over/under shotguns
Ammunition qty – 80,000 round of 22gauge , 1000 for 12 gauge, 1000 for 20 gauge, 1000 for 28 gauge
Matt was not sure of total cost of second grant

Matt said everything looked good, but we may need additional documentation, which Milt is working on.

Milt said that Matt Walker had asked if, while the trencher is here to trench for cameras, it would make sense to trench conduit to 1st shelter house to provide electric for people providing food for shoots .
Bob Meihl asked to confirm we want to get electric to 1st shelter house in shape it is in. There is already electric to range 3 we could access for the big shelter house.
Tom said it would depend on what we wanted to do with the electric. He didn't think there would be enough power at range 3 to do much, Bob Meihls agreed
Jason Ruble said we would probably want a designated circuit.
Matt said the most they would run would be one roaster. Milt said for the long term we should do it to accommodate everything. Concern was if there would be availability of resources to run extra circuits.

Milt said either way; it was a good idea to get to the south side of the road, and when the trencher is here we can discuss it further.

Annette McClure

Annette reported that she has moved 4 members from active paid to worker member status, per Mike and Tom Ryan Belman

Rebecca Garrison
Jerry Nieport
Lee Reisen

Annette was also checking on status of Trevor Cook
Jason Ruble said Trevor used to work trap and skeet, but he no longer does it.
He will be removed from worker status

Tom Cole

Tom said we are having problem with CRP ground per visit from Caleb from DNR wildlife division last month.

Milt reviewed information from last meeting concerning surprise visit from Caleb, Milt followed Caleb's visit up with talk to Ryan Kemper who has signed off on all our CRP ground.
Ryan has final say on all CRP ground in Mercer county. He said do nothing, we are fine with what we have.

Tom said he got estimate of \$2770.00 from Lefeld's for new 6 ft disc to work ground. We could order it , but no clue when it will come in, may take 4 – 6 months

Milt said we used to have all kinds of used equipment buried in the grass. No one knows if any of it still exists

William Robinson, new member present, said he had a 6 ft 3 point hitch disc which we can have, if we go to Kentucky and pick it up.

Milt said we can find a way to get it.

Members present thanked William for his generosity.

Tom then said we are getting complaints from mowers about how bumpy the grounds are.
He suggested tearing up the ground in sections to level it out.

Tom then asked about getting tractor seats per last months meeting request.
Again , William Robinson said he has a tractor seat we can have.
Tom suggested getting the other seat recovered.

Tom lastly asked about a cleanup day, maybe form a committee to determine what needs done.
He said the camping area is getting overgrown and is really bumpy where trailers are parked.

Bob Meihls suggested getting a dozer to get the area leveled out.

Milt said we normally have a winter cleanup session.

Nathan Wenning,

Nathan requested scheduling work days in January or February, this coincides with Tom's request.
He would like to:

Get some young guys to cut down the locust by the range so they don't grow up again. He said we should do this annually to keep them from growing up again,

Get path opened up maybe another 5 feet wide.

Milt said we should also talk about trimming up trees so we can mow between the trees,
Need to open path up on other side of creek

Nathan then said Ben sent him drawing for new gate at 100 yd range. He would like Ben to go with him to purchase items needed to build the gate. Milt said to go ahead.

Nathan reported that Jeff from Denny Door Sales was on site again last week. He was on the phone with the engineer and they worked on the gate for 3 hours.

They did trouble shooting on the gate and when they threw the switch, it burned the board out again. They have a new board at the shop. As he was leaving, the tech told Jeff to test the batteries and make sure they were working correctly. Turns out one of the batteries is wired backwards. This could be the whole problem. The batteries are under warranty, Denny's Door sales is contacting the company to see where we stand with this. There is no time frame for the fix to be completed.

Milt Miller

Milt said that the bi-fold door to the meeting room has bit the bullet and fallen off its tracks. It was installed in the 60's, the track is shot and the little rollers are in bad shape.

Milt requested an open ended proposal that he and Nathan get replacement and process for replacing it.

Bob Meihls said he went to Menards to check doors out. Our door is not a standard size door. A new door would need finished and we would need someone to finish the doors. Approximate cost would be \$350- \$400.

Jason Ruble asked if the current door could be reused, just replace the track.

After discussion it was decided that Bob, Nathan, Milt and William would get together and figure out what to do about the door.

Bob Meihls

Bob said speaking for Mike Lehman that a box of birds had been donated by Don Huser that we need to see if we can use them.

Bob then said that Mike Freeman asked at the annual meeting that the range committee and trustees reconsider putting a shotgun patterning board up front some place.

Discussion followed concerning liability and safety issues of having a board up front.

Jason Ruble suggested a moveable target.

Nathan suggested having designated days and times for patterning with a movable target that would be put in storage when not in use. Issue is getting someone to be in charge of the patterning, getting the targets out and putting them away, etc.

Nathan said he is almost to the point of proposing banning shotgun loads on the range. People are using the baffles to pattern their Judges and stuff like that.

Jason Ruble said that we are actually having two discussions – one about patterning and one about vandalism. He believes we probably have more people than we are aware of coming out to pattern their guns at the range when no one is around. He suggested building a movable target for at the range.

Jason then stated that as for the vandalism, he felt people need to be held responsible for their actions. If they aren't doing things correctly and safely they gotta go.

Extensive discussion followed concerning safety and vandalism problems.

As final comment on the topic Milt said he would tell Mike we are thinking about his proposal, and ask him to come to meeting to discuss the options. He may have ideas we haven't considered.

Bob then explained the new map of the grounds he had on display shows mostly our property. He would like to make a smaller version of the map and highlight the trails and such for people. Nathan has already walked the trails and figured out the distances. He asked if everyone felt it would be a good idea to make the smaller maps with color coded trails and put names on different areas like a newcomers welcome letter.

Jim Cook

He said he is working on the sidewalks and putting in the dirt where its needed.

Other Business

Scott asked about how to handle getting rid of the pool table as voted on in last meeting.

Milt said it was a gift and he had no other information on where it came from. We do have instruction manual.

Tom Cole made motion to offer it on facebook to members at cost of \$300.00 and they move it.

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion

Motion passed

Bob Meihls made motion to go to Executive session

Mike Lehman 2nd motion

Motion was passed

Non trustees and officers were asked to leave for the executive meeting.

The ultimate disposition of executive session was that Milt, Bob and Scott will make appointment with Doug Depweg to talk to him about how the situation was handled.

Tom Cole made motion to accept decision

Mike Lehman 2nd the motion

Motion passed

Nathan Wenning made motion to adjourn

Annette McClure seconded the motion
Motion passed

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, Dec 20, 2021.
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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