

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 11/21/22

PRESENT

Officers

Milt Miller, President
Scott McClure, Vice President
Michelle Weber, Treasurer
Sandy Smart, Secretary

Trustees

Ben Brown Tom Cole Jim Cook Mike Lehman Annette McClure ~~Mike McKinnan~~
Bob Meihls Matt Walker, ~~Chris Weaver~~, Nathan Wenning

Members Present – Jason Ruble, Gene Smart, Mark Linn, Brad Buening, Wilbur Welling, Adam Seitz (new member)

Meeting called to order by president Milt Miller at 7pm.

Minutes of 10/17/22 were reviewed
Minutes were approved by acclimation.

Membership Report:

Annette McClure reported that we have 479 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 37 worker memberships, and 6 Honorary memberships, which totals 544 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 32 Spousal memberships.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Amos Daniel Clifford ~ Ref: Milt Miller & Tom Heinrichs
Employment: American Heating and Plumbing
Applying as a worker

Derek C. Young ~ Ref: Milt Miller & Amos Clifford
Employment: American Heating and Plumbing LLC
Applying as a worker

Richard Allen Kellermeyer Jr. ~ Ref: Annette McClure & Matt Clements
Employment: Southern Made Digital Solutions Lab

SPOUSAL APPLICATION

None

Annette McClure made motion to accept all new members
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion
Motion passed by acclimation

Milt said that lifetime member Jon Maras had passed away. The club received a memorial in Jon's name from John and Lynette Westgerdes.

Annette asked if Ryan Bellman and Don Luegars should still be listed as workers. It was determined to remove their names as workers.

Financial Report

Financials sent to trustees earlier via email.

Oct. income was	\$10,485.11
Oct. expenses were	\$5,056.66
Oct. net income was	\$5,428.46
Balance in checkbook is	\$9,734.33 as of Nov. 16, 2022

Financials were reviewed by Milt
Financials were approved by acclimation.

Nathan asked what the charge of \$750.00 from John Dieringer Construction was for – It was for stone Tom had delivered.

Nathan also asked about charge of \$724.50 from Mercer Landmark was for – it was fuel.

Michelle asked about a check of \$4,100 from the State of Ohio Maint/Warr DNR. She wanted to know how to enter it in the ledger. Matt said it was payment of grant money for Youthfest , Jr Rifle Club and AIM program.

Presidents Report

Milt said he talked to the CRP representative about the South Field, explaining we don't have the same equipment that farmers have to work the ground. He said he got in writing that they agreed we should just plant it in grass and call it good. We do, however, need to follow their plans for the other CRP ground.

Milt also said we cannot be mowing paths in the CRP ground. We are permitted to mow only between July 15 and March 1.

Next Milt said Dan is done with the current installation of the cameras. Milt suggested the purchase of 2 additional cameras. One is for liability purposes to be used on track field 2 which is still used for trap shooting. The second Bob suggested we put a camera facing the target holders so we can tie damage to the shooter directly vs guessing when they got on the firing line.

The outside bathroom is unisex, left unlocked for everyday use. It locks from the inside only. Bob Meihls said key is on the same little ring as paper towel dispenser. It is above the sink in the kitchen, to use if someone gets locked in the restroom and for some reason cannot get out.

Tom Cole asked what if someone gets locked in the bathroom and can't get out, and there is no one around with a key to the clubhouse door. After discussion it was determined that a plan would need to be determined to make a key available.

Milt also said he went to Millers, a big supply house on 25A south of Wapak, and set up an account for the club. They will bill us for purchases.

Milt then said Jason has stepped up for the hunter safety classes, but in trying to get certified, Jason has received nothing but pushback from the DNR. Milt was asking Jason for permission to do some letter writing to ask questions on his behalf as to what is going on. What bothers Milt is that this could be affecting our youth clear across Ohio.

Jason said he is done with trying to get hunters ed certified.

Brad Buening (Game Warden)

Brad gave a review of the Youth Deer Gun season this past weekend. There were no injuries. Total permits this season was 39,000. a little over 9,000 deer were killed this season. Mercer County had 59 this year (39 last year) and Auglaize County had 71 this year (46 last year)

Overall numbers were up quite a bit this year.

Scott McClure

Scott presented a quote for the kitchen remodel. He had a handout for cabinets from MW Wholesale Cabinets from Greenville, Ohio. The quote of \$4,475.00 was for cabinets only, no countertop or installation, and we would need to pick them up.

Scott said the nice thing was that they created a blueprint drawing so now he can take that to other places for additional quotes.

Milt suggested Scott contact St Johns Builders. They have a storage building where they keep supplies from buildings they remodel. Bob Meihls said he would check with them.

Sandy Smart had quotes for flooring from B&B flooring and Roedigers. The quotes range in cost from \$1,543 – \$1,830 with different level of flooring.

Bob said we would be removing the utility sink, and that we should have a high rise faucet for filling buckets. Bob said that we haven't solidified the complete plan for the remodel

Scott said that Jason and Dave did a great training session on trap and skeet shooting.

He then talked about getting a dehumidifier for the safe to address the issue of guns rusting. The suggestion was made to put a "golden rod" dehumidifier into the safe.

Discussion followed about putting a dehumidifier into the safe. It was decided more research was needed before making a decision.

Bob Meihls

Bob said he has talked to member Jennifer Flores. She gave an estimate for cleaning the duct work for \$50.00. Her business is cleaning. The only issue is that she would need a ladder, which the club probably needs to purchase.

Her standard price is \$50.00 for two hours of labor, using her own supplies and equipment. Bob said she does really good work.

Bob and Milt have talked, and think we should hire her weekly during rental season and monthly the rest of the time. Bob made note Jennifer prefers paid in cash.

Bob Meihls made motion to hire Jennifer Flores to clean two hrs per week during busy season and as needed thereafter. We can work out a schedule with her.

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion

Motion passed

Jason Ruble

Milt asked if Jason and Shelly got the ammo inventory completed. Jason said they did not, that they discussed grants and various Youthfest needs. They did add to the NRA grant request for the same amount of ammo as last year.

Jason will try to get the inventory completed soon to know what ammo we have and what it is for. He suggested that we should try to keep at least one years worth of ammo on hand. This year Youthfest went through three flats each of 12 and 20.

Milt then asked if Jason had oiled the guns. Jason said he wiped down the ones with rust . He said he and Matt had been talking. They have club guns and Matt has guns he uses for 4-H they would like to have torn down and cleaned so they are ready to use. There is a young guy who is a gunsmith, named Jacob.(Matt knows his last name) he knows who could do this for us.

Milt said another guy is Scottie Kellar from Bradford who does that kind of work. He was a member at the club, and has done work for Bob and Milt in the past.

Jim Cook said Aaron Bruns, a member who volunteers for the club, is self taught training gunsmith to consider.

Jason will call Aaron Bruns about cleaning the guns, and let him know what we need done. He will ask Aaron if he is interested in doing the work.

Milt then said he asked Matt who owns the guns Sportsmen received through the grants. Matt said the guns belong to the grant issuer should the association disband. The person who picks up the guns has to fill out FFL's paperwork for the background check.

Jason brought up that one of the guys selling raffle tickets suggested we set up a Venmo account. Annette said we wanted to do that for the dues payments also.

Milt said Dan Adams was supposed to be here to present a proposal to set Venmo up.

Scott said Dan told him there is a fee for the individual and 30 cents per transaction plus 3%, fee and a \$150 yearly fee for the vendor.

After discussion it was decided to wait for Dan's presentation before we put Venmo in place.

Nathan Wenning

Nathan said he was Bob's left hand man today. Bob explained there was a situation on the range on October 29. Nathan got a call at home from a member who saw someone attach a target on a 4 X 4 upright on one of the baffles on range 3.

Bob was onsite so he talked to the guy, asked him for his membership ID and info. After discussion the person said he never shot at the target, Bob asked him to take the target down and remove the staples. Bob explained to the person everyone needs to read the range rules every time they come to the range. Bob will write up an incident report. The issue is considered resolved.

Milt said that's where the camera comes in. We need visual confirmation down line of range for this type of situation. Bob noted that the cameras are motion activated. Since he and the other person didn't move during their conversation, they didn't record anything. However, Nathan was watching the cameras live as Bob talked to the gentleman. He could see and hear everything that was happening.

Gate monitoring continues. People are going around the gate or parking up front and taking the path between the buildings and getting onto the grounds. Currently we have no way of identifying who is doing this. Bob proposed sending out forms to members when the dues notices are sent to collect members primary and secondary vehicle description, make, color and licenses. This would be voluntary to fill out. If we get enough forms back, we could make a program to keep this information available.

Mike Lehman

Mike said the cost of birds is around \$3.50 per round of 25 rounds. He has observed some members shooting more than 25 rounds.

He wants to raise the cost to members to \$4.50 per round to cover the cost of the additional birds.

Milt told Mike to do what he thinks is needed since he takes care of that program.

Tom Cole

Tom had a couple of things for the kitchen remodel.

Tom said if we get the countertop and sink from Menards, they will cut the hole for the sink out for us.

Tom then said for the furnace, to do what we want to do with the cabinets, the duct work on south side needs removed. Our current furnace will not push the air up and over. He can make the duct work work with the current furnace, but that isn't the best idea. If we had a furnace that blows air up, we can get rid of the duct work on the floor. He has material for the duct work to use when we decide what we want to do.

Ray's Refrigeration will change just the inside furnace unit and hook up to the current outside unit to it. Quote to do this was \$4115.00 including the duct work.

Tom said he and Jim Cook have put a cable across the service road. They made it 15 ft wide, in case we need to get a truck back there.

Tom said he intends to donate his dump truck to the club at the next meeting. It is not really road worthy but would work to use on the grounds only.

Annette McClure

Annette said everything is coming together to be able to get the newsletter out by Dec. 1st. We need to set a date for stuffing envelopes. She will send out an email for help stuffing the envelopes when she gets everything back from the printers.

Jim Cook

Jim said he and Tom are ready to start working the CRP fields. Milt told him to do absolutely nothing until they read the plans about what to do with the CRP ground. Each field has a different plan. Milt said we need to be careful what we do and when we do it with the CRP ground. We need the \$9,000.00 per year CRP money. If we screw up on a CRP contract they can go back to day 1 and recoup all that money. And we've been doing this for 20 years or so.

Jim said he will go on cleaning up the back side of the lake where we put the picnic table, and finish the fence he and Tom worked on last week. They will hang a "Private, Keep Out" sign on the fence. Milt said there are signs in the barn Jim can use.

Matt Walker

Matt thanked everyone for getting him information for the grants. He submitted 2 new grants, one for throwers and one for all the miscellaneous activities such as Youthfest, Jr Rifle club, etc. He will send Milt the shopping list.

Milt asked if we own the traps. Matt said we do unless we disband. Traps do have a normal service life and can be replaced if need be.

Wilbur Welling

Wilbur said we can possibly get an NRA grant for a shooting range bathroom facility, because restrooms are required for a shooting range.

He then said he has NRA calendars for sale for \$50.00 each. Each calendar has 300 chances on a gun raffle. Calendars are available until February. \$25.00 of each calendar sold goes to the local NRA banquet. The gun raffle starts in March.

Wilbur passed out the NRA sponsorships. The NRA is requiring every club to do a sponsorship for NRA grant money. With a \$1500 sponsorship the clubs receive one firearm and the \$300.00 package NRA knife of the year. Wilbur said other clubs hold a raffle for members for the gun or knife or both to recoup the sponsorship money.

He needs to know how we want to proceed by the 2nd week in January to be included in their banquet listing.

Gun Raffle Update

We have 51 packets out of 112 packets turned in. The drawing begins Jan. 1st. Everyone is asked to reach out to their sellers to find out where they are in selling their tickets. Have sellers turn in tickets they are having a hard time selling so others can sell them.

There was no other business.

Tom Cole made motion to adjourn

Nathan Wenning seconded the motion

Motion passed

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, Dec.19, 2022.
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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