

## Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 10/18/21

### PRESENT

#### Officers

Milt Miller, President  
Scott McClure, Vice President  
Dan Adams, Treasurer (present via phone)  
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, Jerry Nieport, Micheal Weitz (new Member)

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Meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller.

Minutes from the Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting were reviewed.

Bob Meihls made motion to accept financials  
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion  
Motion passed

### Financial Report

Treasurer Dan Adams sent financials to members via email.

September income was	\$2,326.62
September expenses were	\$6,867.77
Sept net income was	-\$4,541.15
Balance in checkbook is	\$21,001.23 as of October 15, 2021

Nathan Wenning asked if the source of the \$9,098.00 undeposited funds was CRP money. Milt responded yes it was.

Ben Brown confirmed the \$84.00 was for targets.

Ben then said he had about \$900.00 from his ABRA shoots. Dan told him to hang on to it until he gets back. Ben said he would hold onto it.

Annette McClure made motion to accept financials  
Nathan Wenning seconded the motion  
Motion passed

### Membership Report

Trustee Annette McClure reported 494 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 35 worker memberships, and 7 Honorary memberships, which totals 558 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 21 Spousal memberships.

## **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

**Kelby Allen Rosengarten ~ Ref:** Aaron Baird & Kyle Fortkamp  
**Employment:** Armcorp Construction, Inc

**Robert W. Severt ~ Ref:** Bobby Meihls & John Gabriel  
**Employment:** Retired

**Michael Allen Weitz ~ Ref:** Dave Freeman & Luke VanTilburg  
**Employment:** L&L Distribution

## **SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP**

**None**

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

## **Presidents Report**

Milt asked Jerry Nieport to report on what he noticed about the problem he spotted with the roof. He looked at the roof, said there are about 3 spots where water is getting underneath it and rotting it out. He recommended getting a membrane roofing person to look at the porch.

Milt then talked about the latest gun raffle.

Guys at gun shop strongly recommend not releasing the names of the winners from the gun raffle in any way. With today's world as it is, it's not a good idea.

Also, at this raffle we had the best success with trustees winning. Trustee winners were Ben Brown, Nathan Wenning, Bob Meihls, and Mike McKirnan. Ben mentioned that his father in law also won.

In spite of worry going in, the annual meeting was well attended. Annette said we had 45 people this year, last year we had 43. She wrote up a report on what we purchased for the meeting as a reminder for next year. If anyone wants to add to the report, - how much and what was purchased, who you talked to to get things done or ideas for next year, the information would be welcome.

Milt said everyone seemed to enjoy it. He was happy we rented the golf cart. It was very well received. Bob said he did 7 tours of the grounds with people – one every 35 minutes.

Milt said he talked to Matt VanTilburg of Pheasant's Forever, They had talked earlier. Pheasants Forever wants to hold meeting on the grounds, doing trap and skeet and using the kitchen, They are going to do chucker release with the dogs. Milt and Matt will meet Thursday to physically walk the paths and see the habitat to make sure it will work for them.

A guy from Xenia who was with ODNR was hereto check the CRP plot. What he wants to see in our CRP plot is an area mowed and disced. His perfect world is sparse grasses and dirt. Said if you can't walk through it neither can wildlife. We have always worked with FSA office uptown for CRP. Milt wants them to confirm if

we are planting for wildlife or pollinator plot, and who has jurisdiction over our plot. He will talk to FSA office and tell them what the ODNR guy said and determine who is in control. We need to make sure we don't lose our funding.

### **Bob Meihls**

Bob had several things. First was the gate operation. Jeff from Denny's Door Sales was here last Wednesday. For several hours he talked on phone with techs from the company. Bob said they blew up 2 more motherboards trying to fix the gate. It works fine until it goes into backup mode.. The gate company techs will be here next Wednesday to figure out what is happening..They are thinking maybe the new boards won't work with our gate.

Milt asked Bob to let him know when they come. as all 3 of gate guys would like to be there when the techs are here.

Bob then said aerial maps are in at map office.

Club member Ed Hettesheimer said he will help with putting legend on the maps. Ed's boss is letting him use their big plate printer to do the work. Bob will meet with Ed to decide on what we want on the map. Bob will meet with Nathan ahead of time to determine what is needed.

Bob does not know the cost of the maps. He wants to know that we will approve whatever is reasonable and required. Milt said he thought we agreed on small maps to give to new members and a large overview one to display. Ed has ability to download the maps on line. Once we determine which one we want he can get started,

### **Nathan Wenning.**

We have a lot of trails but we have no idea how long they are. Nathan would like to see this information on the maps. Bob said that was one of the things he wanted to work with Nathan on, along with identifying names of trails and things etc.

Nathan and Bob then said they were thinking about adding another path back by the point where all the trails come together. They would have the new path go north then out to the east, out through the prairie grass, come in on north side of pond. This would really help that area.Milt and Bob then said we have a lot of insects out there,

Then Nathan asked if Tom could get a new seat for riding mower and tractor. He said both seats are in bad shape and need replaced.

Dan Adams asked Nathan to present quote on proposed new the camera system at range. He would like to tie in a new camera system at the range to work with the clubhouse system. Nathan then went over Dan's quote ( attached to these minutes). Cost was \$3044.00 With Dan's donations of equipment, the cost is \$2126.00 or \$1908.00 if Dan can find a couple access points. If quote is approved Dan can get everything ready ahead of time for when the equipment shows up.

Nathan then explained the route the cabling would go and how they would install everything. Dan said this is armored cable, good idea to put in conduit. Nathan said we have plenty of conduit to use.

Currently there is an app for the clubhouse system to view activity. We can't do that with the range system. Scott asked if the system would also record. When Milt asked Dan, he said right now we can record around 2 weeks, but he would probably donate a larger hard drive for more storage space.

Nathan showed us how the app works. Bob said it was really nice to have. Ben asked how many can access the system at one time. Dan said the system is unlimited, but we are limited by our internet system. We have Wabash internet. He is asking Wabash about upgrading to fiber.

The new range system will also give us WiFi access at the range.

Jim Cook asked if this would help with liability Insurance. Milt will check.

Jerry Nieport asked if old equipment had any resale value, Dan said it wouldn't be enough to make a huge difference.

Milt asked if we all understood what was being proposed.

Bob Meihls said he felt we have to do it,

Milt gave a summary of proposal,

Nathan made motion to spend around \$2100.00 for camera system at range that is like clubhouse to include WiFi at range.

Jim Cook seconded the motion

Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Mike Lehman**

Mike said they have been really busy with trap and skeet. One of the traps hasn't worked for over 2 months. Last Sunday the high house didn't work. He called Jim France, who tried to repair these, but couldn't, Jim said that the traps are so old, we need new ones. Everyone is using pack traps. Mike contacted them, they have some used equipment available.

Milt asked Matt Walker if the grants available from NRA could have traps included, which Matt answered in the affirmative. Milt explained the grant information Matt sent out earlier, and said we will need to discuss what we can get from through the grant process. Mike was requested to keep his information available for future reference.

### **Annette McClure**

Annette said she has contacted Dunhams, - we will be getting the coupons again this coming year.

She is getting ready to send out dues notices Dec 1st, and asked if we want to keep the window decals and membership cards the same, just change the dates. Bob Meihls said for one more year we should keep the current style. Everyone agreed to just changing the dates.

Annette asked newsletter articles bet sent in early so Shelley isn't rushing to get the newsletter done. Newsletter will go out Dec. 1st.

She said 55 clothing items were sold. The club made \$275.00 on the apparel.

## **Ben Brown**

Ben said for rimfire shoots next year, he would like to have both the Just For Fun shoot and the ABRA shoot on the same weekend of the month, probably both on Sunday.

Milt asked him if he was concerned about church interfering with attendance, Ben didn't think so.

Jason Ruble said we need to consider how this would work with the Sunday trap and skeet shoots for people that do both. Ben said we could be done with ABRA before the trap and skeet starts.

Ben said we already do ABRA on Sundays, so it shouldn't be an issue.

Milt said since Ben is our resident expert, we can follow Ben's guidance. Bob Meihls said if Ben is willing to put in the time, we can give him leeway to do what needs to be done to make it work for him.

Milt said if it doesn't work we can always go back to the current arrangement.

Matt will try to have the scouts provide food again.

Then Ben said the Delphos guys told him this year will be Sportsmen's turn to hold the state ABRA tournament, usually held in August or September.. It is a 6 target tournament. Last year there were 30 – 32 shooters, most of whom shoot 2 guns. He is expecting this to be an 8 hr event. Guys from Delphos and volunteers from the club will be available to help make it happen.. Ben will need help getting prizes and such. He will get all the details from Delphos when it gets closer.

Discussion was held on if we could break the tournament up into 2 days, or cancel the fun shoot for that month. Its in August so we have ample time to plan.

## **Jim Cook**

Jim asked about putting a cable up or gate on path between garage and shooting range. He said he would put it up if he knew what was needed.

Nathan said this was one of the work projects he had planned. Nathan said he had everything we need to put it up. We need to have service access road cleared before we block off the existing path.

Then Jim said he would like to move the 2 tables to make mowing easier. Nathan told him to talk to Tom Cole to bring his back hoe and move the tables over around the leaky pond..

Jim said t here is a big peach tree that needs to either come down or be trimmed.

Milt said we would contact Charlie – its his grove. Maybe Charlie will want to do the trimming.

Jim said he has been digging up dirt on the side walks, and when we are done shooting he will be doing some painting on lower trap house and clean it up to prevent it from rotting.

## **Matt Walker**

Matt said he is in full grant mode, and asked about current status of existing grants. Milt said his has a grant he is finishing up with.

Matt will also need club information. He plans on doing 1 grant for all projects – trap throwers, Junior rifle club, Youthfest etc. and prioritize projects when he writes the grant. He will need cost of items desired, so we can get a cash disbursement if items aren't in NRA store.

Milt wanted to clarify Sportsmen Club is an eligible organization. We are a state recognized not for profit, except we are for profit, and we pay taxes, and always have. Matt will look into this and find out where we stand.

Everyone was asked to give their wish list for grant request

Milt – new traps, new TV for training classes.

Annette – kitchen needs upgrading. Its needs updated, sink fixed, etc

Jason – aerator for pond. (Milt said to remember we have Kramer's \$10,000 bequest)

November 1 is deadline for submitting grant request  
mgwalker79@gmail.com

### **Jason Ruble**

Jason said he had been sick, so there was no movement on waterfowl festival

He then said concerning the pooltable,- it seems to always be in the way. He asked if we could do something with it.

Milt responded that we don't really need it, as we never really used it . Suggestion was made to offer it to members.

### **Sandy Smart**

We have committees that were set up in Sept 2020 that were set up with old trustees. These need to be updated. Milt said we need to revisit the committees.

Mike NcKirnan made motion to adjourn

Nathan seconded motion.

Motion passed.

All non trustees and non - officers were asked to leave at this time.

We went to executive session to discuss special matter.

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, Nov.15, 2021.

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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