

Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 09/19/21

This was the annual meeting

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 McKirman~~ ~~Tod McKirman~~ Bob Meihls ~~Matt Walker~~ Nathan Wenning

Members Present – Approximately 45 for Annual Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Milt Miller.

No Minutes were read

Financial Report

Treasurer Dan Adams sent financials to members via email.

August income was	\$435.12
August expenses were	\$1979.08
August net income was	-\$1543.96
Balance in checkbook is	\$13929.01 as of Sept.18, 2021

Financials were accepted by acclimation

Membership Report

Trustee Annette McClure reported 492 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 36 worker memberships, and 7 Honorary memberships, which totals 557 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 21 Spousal memberships.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

- None

SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP

Rebecca A. Garrison ~ Spouse: Larry Garrison
Employment: Retired

Annette McClure made motion to accept all new members
Jim Cook seconded the motion
Motion passed

Milt remarked that it is neat to see more spousal memberships. They bring in more women with new, great ideas.

Randy ?? asked “what is a worker membership?”

Milt explained that worker memberships were for people who benefit club by regularly working for it, such as mowing and helping with trap and skeet, etc.

Honorary memberships are for people the club wishes to give special recognition to

Life memberships are a special package offered by club. More information is available if requested.

Bob Meihls added that trustees are included in the worker membership count.

Presidents Report

At this time Milt gave an update on the range loan

In May 2018 the club got a \$75,000 loan to complete the range complex, which is state of the art.

Earlier this year the club received a sizable donation for the range from from Bill Montgomery, who is a life member.

With moneys earned from the gun raffles and monthly payments, our loan is down to \$19,900 in just 3 years.

He thanked members for all their help in selling/ purchasing gun raffle tickets, proceeds which go towards the loan. All 2021 raffle tickets were sold. The club will make about \$10,000 on the gun raffle this year.

Milt went on to give thanks to Scott and Annette McClure for organizing all the events and activities for the annual meeting while he was unavailable in Washington state.

Milt then started a review of the past years events and happenings.

Youthfest – One of our main events, organized by Shelly Moorman and Steve Ewry.

Shelly said there were 66 kids in attendance this year. Kids came from all over, including Indiana, Michigan, and the other side of Ohio.

Shelly thanked all of the volunteers that made it all possible. She said there were 63 volunteers for Youthfest, helping with everything from leading activities to serving food and cleaning up.

Milt remarked that our club is heavily invested in Youth. The cub scouts and boy scouts camp here, and 4H has a sportsmen group learning shooting and archery.

Junior Rifle – Has been around since the 1950’S. Paul Renfro has been involved with the group for over 30 years.

Paul stated that even after the Covid shutdown of last year, everybody returned for this year, and a few more. There are 32 kids started on Thursday.

He said he could not be a success without the help of Debbie Morena, who went through the program, graduated as distinguished expert and Andrea Cahill, his right hand help. She writes grants, does the legwork when he needs something.

Milt then recognized Steve Ewry for his donation of \$1,000 to pour cement floor at shelterhouse #3.

Milt offered thanks to Nathan Wenning and Bob Meihls for the new fire rings, and the cowboy coffee gatherings. He said that those guys are always at the club. When something needs done, they get it done.

The **22 rifle shooting events** were next recognized. Ben Brown and Doug Depweg, both of whom were not present, organized the ABRA (Auto Bench Rest Association) and the family friendly 22LR competitions.

The ABRA competition shoots at targets that are the size of a dime ,placed 50 yds away. Doug saw a need to replace the wobbly wooden shooting benches for more stable benches. Towards that end, he donated 11 new concrete shooting benches to replace the wooden ones.

AIM, a womens only group for Applied Instructions Marksmanship was then recognized. Andrea Cahill, who was not present, leads this women only group. It is for women who want to learn about guns without the pressure of men being around.

Shelly Moorman was then ask to talk about the **Passport to Fishing** program.

She said she became a certified instructor for Passport to fishing program, which made the club eligible for grants and money from ODNR for fishing programs.

On Oct 2 from 9 – 1 she is having a program for everyone to come and get re-acquainted with fishing. Although the program is usually for kids, she invited everyone from 7 to 100+ yrs old to come and fish. She has poles available if you don't have one. You can fish the club pond if you don't have a license. For lunch, you will be eating the fish that you catch. (She will also have lunch meat available

Instructors will be on site to explain how to care for the fish after they are caught, whether you plan to release them or filet for eating.

Mowing the grounds came next. We have 90 – 100 Acres that we care for, and Tom Cole is in charge of the mowing. His team is responsible for all the walking paths and mowed grounds.

Tom Cole said he, Milt and Nathan Wenning met to determine what needs mowed and divide the area up into sections. He has 8 volunteers that come in to mow. There is no set schedule for when volunteers mow, they just put their names on the whiteboard, when they were there and for how long. These guys earn worker memberships for the following year.

Anyone wanting to mow next year should get in contact with Tom.

Tom expressed his thanks for all the volunteers who mow, especially Randy Caywood who mowed the entire grounds during Covid. Randy has since passed away.

The Clothing Campaign was addressed by Annette McClure. Members can order shirts, hats and jackets with club logo until Sept.24. There is no cost to the club to sell these items, but for each item sold we make \$5.00. Last time we made over \$300.00

Next Milt talked about **Trap and Skeet Shooting** with Mike Lehman, (although Mike is grooming Jason Ruble to take over his job). The club started Trap and Skeet because we needed a safe place to shoot if we were going to keep the sport alive.

Mike said they have Trap and Skeet on Sundays and Wednesdays. He thanked all the volunteers that help on Sundays. Then he talked about Wednesday Trap and Skeet. He said Wednesday is there biggest night, with 35 – 40 shooters coming.

He thanked his volunteers, especially Becky and Larry Garrison for all the work they do for Wednesday shooting. Becky runs the 5 stand and Larry keeps the traps filled.

Milt explained that 5 stand was the poor man's version of sporting clays. The traps throw the birds in weird configurations, the configuration is changed almost weekly.

Milt then thanks Annette and Scott McClure who took it upon themselves to replace the sign for the Trap and Skeet hours.

Jason Ruble was then asked to talk about the revival of the **Water Fowl Festival**.

He said this was the first year. There was a blind shoot, raffles and the 4H came in to provide food for the participants. Ducks Unlimited were invited, but declined due to the short notice. Various vendors were on site.

Jason is hoping to grow the festival and turn it into a good fund raiser for the club. He is looking into holding a duck calling competition among other things, to get younger guys interested in the club..

Milt then talked about the installation of the gate at the safety range.

He said it was one of the most impactful things we had done, but it has not been without issues. He said it runs, it breaks, it runs again. Right now its broke.

Nathan and Bob Meihls babysit the thing. Right now we are waiting on a 3rd replacement motherboard.

Milt explained that a lot of the club security is based on the data gathered from the keypad on the gate. The data is used to help find specific information if there is a "situation".

We WILL be getting it fixed.

Mandatory Range Safety Program was addressed by Bob Meihls.

Bob said all members who want to shoot need to take the class.

After each class Bob does a grounds orientation. He conducts a tour showing what the grounds have to offer, and how the equipment works.

He said the class is very important to the future of the club. We have not had any incidents since the classes have started, and very few complaints about the range.

Bob said anyone needing to take the class should contact him.

Milt then recognized and gave special thanks to Lou Jeffries. Lou comes in every Wednesday to clean the clubhouse up.

Milt the said that information on the club is shared via Facebook, the Sportsmen club website and via email blasts.

Nathan Wenning then thanked the guys he calls his posse for all the times they helped out at the club. He especially pointed out the new decking on the archery stand platform and steps.

Following Milt's review, the annual election of trustees and officers was held.

Trustees Tom Cole, Bob Meihls, Annette McClure, and Mike Lehman were up for reelection. All Officer positions are also up for reelection.

At this point all members up for election left the room, and the meeting was turned over to Nathan Wenning.

Nathan asked 3 times " Are there any nominations from the floor for any those positions?"
There were no nominations from the floor.

Nathan then asked if "by acclimation, do you guys want to keep the ones you got?"
Someone said " I'll agree with that"

The members who were re-elected were brought back in.

Milt thanked members for their vote of confidence.

Meeting then progressed to the meal and the raffle drawings.

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, Oct.18, 2021. 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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