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FEBRUARY 2010 NEWS AND VIEWS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Meetings are the last Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton. Next meeting, February 25th 2010. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors David Leggatt (519) 534-5915 or e-mail bpsawiarion@hotmail.com or Kat at rkmcc@gbtel.ca

BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin January 2010

A minute silence recognized the passing of long time member and avid hunter Bill Hepburn.

Monthly BPSA minutes January 2010 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday January 28, 2010 with 22 members present. Club President David Leggatt asked if the November meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the November meeting, by Dennis Morrison seconded by Mike Lutman carried.

Guest Speaker - none

New Members - Bill Mcleod and Gord Bell

Treasury Mel Urbshott N/R

Membership - Larrilee Leckie

The paid membership for 2010 is currently 45. Blue membership buttons are available.

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Paul Poirier N/R

Bulletin -Gloria Berfelz

Web Site: Kat McCulloch N/R

- All members are encouraged to continue forwarding information and pictures of club activities to Kat.

Fish Committee: Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith

- Members in attendance requested Ray to apply to the MNR to take 200,000 rainbow and 30,000 brown trout eggs for 2010.
- There are now about 26,000 Rainbows left in the hatchery and these will be fin clipped Monday February 22,2010 at 7 pm.
- The Hepworth Anglers 1200 Brown Trout eggs have had only a few eggs that were not viable.
- Water flow is currently about 30 gallons per minute.
- Ray will host a meeting, for surrounding area hatchery managers, Saturday February 13,2010 at 10 am and the BPSA will supply coffee and pizza for lunch.
- Approval to post signs, at the mouths of Colpoy's and Oxenden creeks that request anglers not target and or release spawning females during March and April has been obtained from the local municipal councils. Ray was given authority to have the two signs purchased.
- The Brown Trout eggs from Normondale were small, from first time spawning females, consequently we have lost about 3000 eggs and currently have 30,000 viable eggs in the hatchery.
- We need volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery; however these volunteers must be members of the club for insurance and liability protection. Please call Bruce Mallard if you can provide some support.

Fish Management Zones-13 Lake Huron-14 Georgian Bay
Stewardship Councils: Dennis Morrison

- There were no meetings this month.

Handgun Club- Kelly Lang

- The regular handgun shoots are twice a week.
- The annual government range inspection went well. Two improvements are required, post a sign on the range door to not permit eating or drinking in the range, to avoid the potential of lead poisoning, and another sign at the entrance gate providing a contact address, PO Box 548.

Youth Programs: Rob and Krista Quesnel / Paul Poirier

- The 2010 youth programs have started. Twenty four youths were out last week. Rob and Krista are looking for volunteers to help them and any other BPSA members or their friends that could have a show and tell on their hobbies or conservation interests eg. taxidermy, trapping, antique guns, knife or sword collection, bird watching and or banding, fishing , water safety, camping, wood carving etc.
- The BPSA clubhouse and hatchery will be open for tours and youth activity demonstrations on Monday February 15, 2010, in the afternoon. This supports a town request for activities on the new Provincial Family Day Holiday.

Native Affairs: Ray Reidel

- All is quiet on the bay.

O.F.A.H.: Stu Paterson.

Stu as well as several other BPSA members attended the January 10, 2010 OFAH Zone H meeting which was held at the BPSA clubhouse. Some of the major topics reviewed were:

- Larry Miller provided an up date on the current status of the long gun registry. The current private member bill C-391 to abolish registration, of only the hunting and sporting component {non restricted}, of long guns is on hold until Parliament reconvenes. Larry suggests that everyone continue to press MP's to support this Bill. He also discussed the Asian Carp concern relative to entrance into the Great Lakes through the Chicago shipping canal.
- Jason Ritchie talked about the Grey County Stewardship Youth Expo that provides youths the opportunity to experience a day of conservation oriented outdoor activities that should make them better stewards of the land and water.
- Dennis Morrison updated the zone on his daughter Erin's conservation studies regarding the affects of logging pollution on Zooplankton, pollution effects of forest fire foam, marine protected areas in the Bay of Fundy, and Polar bear migration in Churchill Manitoba and thanked the zone for the bursary she received.
- The OFAH 82 nd Annual General Meeting March 18-20 2010 at the Delta Meadowvale Conference Center in Mississauga.

- Coyotes continue to expand into more areas of Ontario. The OFAH is encouraging hunters and land owners to hunt and reduce their numbers especially in areas where there are significant Sheep and Calf losses.
- Native Affairs- nothing new on the Commercial Fishing Agreement. There is however concern over a major Native land claim that is an 80 mile wide strip from North Bay to Belleville (three different Bands are all claiming the same land)
- Hunting is alive and growing in Ontario. We had 17 thousand new hunters last year and 176 thousand deer hunters.

Property: Carl Berfelz

- Last Tuesday when Carl came into the clubhouse the electric heating thermometer was set high and the building temperature was warm. This is a reminder that when an event in the cold weather is over the thermostat should be turned down to 0, and the bathroom doors left closed. We must conserve and minimize electrical consumption.

Rankin Resource Group: Larry Isbester-

- Meeting held January 5, 2010. The next general meeting will be March 3, 2010
The ongoing projects are currently on hold for the winter
- A memorial plaque has been commissioned and will be installed at Isaac Lake to recognize the long time projects and conservation programs that Ted Wilford spearheaded on the Rankin system.

Scheduling: Carl Berfelz

- All scheduling to date is on the board.

Special Events: A 2010 special events meeting will be held on Saturday February 20,2010 at 10 am.

Wildlife: Al Hunter

- The next Blue Water Park redevelopment review will be at the arena on Thursday February 11, 2010.
- Craig Todd of the MNR is looking to contact any landowner that have Butternut trees on their property. Across the country many Butternut trees are developing a canker but some trees appear to be immune to the canker. The MNR would like to collect nuts from canker trees in an effort to develop canker free stock.
- Manitouland Island conservationists are working with Scotty Boxes that enable clubs like ours to put up to 5,000 eyed up eggs directly into a stream. Al will follow up to get more information. Ray said that we used them 30 years ago directly in the bay, but there was a problem with wind and wave action. They might however work in a steam.

- The Sydenham club are having a swap meet Sunday February 21, 2010 (9am to 2:30pm)
- There is a bus trip March 20-21, 2010 leaving Owen Sound to Cabela's in Michigan. Price is \$140 per person and includes bus trip and accommodations. Please call Al for more information if you would like to go.

Awards: The BPSA directors will handle this function this year and identify the winners for the annual banquet.

Old Business:

- The BPSA is still looking for a member to fill the position of Vice President.
- Mike Lutman followed up on the new commercial fishing agreement. He was advised that only procedural action on the new agreement is taking place consequentially the old agreement is extended for three months into 2010. He was told however that we would not have a seat at the table for any new agreement. Mike called the Ministers office and was told that Minister Cansfield and Colin MacDonald have been replaced
- The BPSA sanctuary requests have been reviewed and forwarded to the FMZ Advisory Committee for their review and comment.
- David Leggatt will discuss with Wendy Wilford and Ted's family an appropriate club annual award to recognize his contributions in the development of this club.

New Business:

- A certificate of insurance, from BC, has been misplaced. If anyone found it please call David Leggatt. (FOUND)
- A motion by Al Hunter seconded by Stu Paterson to share 50/50 with the Handgun club the cost of purchasing a new cell phone about \$100 and a \$100 estimated annual user card carried
- A motion by Krista Quesnel seconded by David Morton to share 50/50 with the Handgun club the cost of the Youth programs ammunition, refreshments and other sundries, about \$500 annually. carried.
- A motion by Mike Lutman seconded by Al Hunter to send Stu Paterson to the OFAH annual convention in March, cost \$700, carried.
- Dennis Morrison read excerpts from the Provincial Auditor Generals report on the 2007-9 Fish and Wildlife Programs, that he received from Jerry Ouellett. The major comments are:
 - *Native commercial fishing needs better enforcement as there is significant over fishing of quotas*
 - *As enforcement goes down poaching goes up*
 - *A review is necessary to see if CO staffing is sufficient*

A letter will be written by the fish committee and sent to Mr Ouellett thanking him for the information that corroborates what the BPSA has been telling the MNR for years.

Winners of Draw Prizes

T shirts	Ed McArthur, George Gartner
Lures	Gord Bell
Knife set	Gord Bell
Coffee mug	Ray Reidel
Donuts	Ed McArthur
Hat	David Leggatt
Fish multi tool	Stan Schade

A motion by Krista Quesnel to adjourn was seconded by Al Hunter, carried, ending the January 2010 meeting at 9:35 pm.

February President's Message.

My friends, it looks like Wiarton Willie's prediction of 6 more weeks of winter is going to be right. As I write this it is around -10 with a wind-chill of around -15. For those of you who love winter enjoy it while it lasts and for those of you waiting for Spring be patient it will come soon.

As most of you know there is a new minister in charge of the MNR. We are sending her a letter to explain who we are as an association and to explain what we had done with the past minister. We hope the new minister will be receptive to what has gone on before. We have also extended an invitation to come and visit us here and tour the hatchery and talk with us.

Our youth shoots for rifle and archery are well underway and there are a lot of new and returning young people enjoying the program. Thank you to the leaders of both groups for providing these great programs.

There will be a special events meeting February 20th at 1:30. We are hoping to get the events coordinated for this coming year. If you have ideas or want to be involved please come out and join us. We are always open to new ideas.

We have been pleased to welcome some new members to both the gun club and the main club. If you know anyone who might be interested please bring them out to a meeting.

Just a reminder dues are now due so please pay up as soon as possible.

Dave Leggatt
BPSA President

OFAH office and the OFAH membership rates for 2010 are as follows.

All of the following rates for OFAH membership apply only to those who have purchased a 2010 membership for the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen Association

- Club adult membership is..... \$32.50
- Club family membership is \$43.50
- Club junior with magazine . \$29.50
- Club junior without magazine is \$ 5.00

Youth Shoot Program 2010



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B.P.S.A. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Memberships are on a yearly basis expiring December 31st.

Membership applications with payment

- are accepted at the monthly B.P.S.A. meetings.
- can be mailed to the address above. **Do not Mail Cash.**
- can be dropped off at 'Great Cuts' downtown or 'Mother's Fabrics' (north hill)

Please accept my application for (check one)

Adult-40.00 **Family-45.00** **Youth-10.00** (age 21 or younger) **Membership**

I hereby certify that as a member in the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, I will abide by the Rules and regulations as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

Signed _____ Date _____ Year _____

Please print complete mailing address (including RR# if applicable)

Name _____ Partner's Name _____

Address _____ RR# _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____ Summer or Cell # _____

***If Youth member** give age () date of birth: day/month/year _____

Please check: Best time to call: Day Evening Weekend

What are your outdoor interests? Fishing Trap Shooting Hunting
Archery Camping Target Shooting Canoeing Other _____

The current membership chair is Larrilee Leckie (lleckie@live.ca)

For Reference: Date application received _____

cash cheque money order amount rec'd \$ _____

adult family youth

new membership renewal O.F.A.H. (rec'd _____)

wallet card given mailed spreadsheet data entered on _____