



BPSA Monthly Minutes February 2017

The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, February 23rd with 33 members present. The President, Jim Martell asked if the January 2017 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions. A motion to adopt the minutes of the January meeting by Al Hunter, seconded by Marg Beaver carried.

New members

- Kevin Segal from Sauble Beach, Mark Kelp from Oliphant

Old Business

- Presentation system moving forward
 - Equipment is supposed to be delivered in early March. Some parts were on back order. Once the equipment is onsite, Wayne and Nathan will determine what help is needed
 - Projector and laptop will be ordered in the next week or so
- Website: Nathan Smith is currently working on the test site to come up with a site that is easier to work on and is more interactive
 - Still looking for volunteers, especially from the high school
 - The new logo is on website
- Kevin Harders has been sourcing best options for boot scrubbers. Looking into getting them donated by Mark's Work Warehouse. All turf sells them for about \$35 each. They can supply product to remove phragmites as well.
 - Students from MNRF may be able to help install them
 - We have permission from Bruce trail members to install them
 - As the project continues, we will try to make sure that all of Bruce Peninsula has them
 - We will work on signage, which boot cleaners work best, what are the best options
 - We need to make sure we have permission from all trail locations.
 - We will have signage that they have been donated by BPSA
 - Caframo may partner to help with this project, but it is not in their realm right now to make the boot cleaners

Elections- Tim Lahey

- Nominating Committee came up with some nominations
- All Executive positions officially vacant plus Directors, except for the Secretary position
 - Last month we elected Danielle Stabenow as the Secretary
 - Jim Martell acclaimed as President for 2017-2018
 - Kevin Harders acclaimed as Vice President for 2017-2018
 - Mel Urbshott acclaimed as the Treasurer for 2017-2018
- Directors: Annette Musselman, Dennis Morton, Nathan Smith, Jerry Beaver, Al Hunter, Lincoln Leudke, all acclaimed for 2017-2018
- Committees:
 - Property & Scheduling- Wayne & Annette Musselman
 - Ways & Means- Ian McGregor
 - Awards & Special Events- Ken Barrett
 - Fish & Hatchery- Nathan Smith
 - Wildlife & Invasive Species- Kevin Harders
 - Membership- Jerry Beaver
 - Bulletin/Newsletter & Minutes- Dave Morton, Kat McCulloch
 - Firearms- Al Hunter
 - OFAH & Chamber of Commerce- Stu Paterson
 - Archery- Donna & Paul Maginnis
 - Website- Kat McCulloch

Treasury- Mel Urbshott

DEPOSITS for January 2017 and February 2017	\$2855.15
EXPENSES for January 2017 and February 2017	\$2808.80
BALANCE	\$8406.32

- Ways & Means deposited \$95 from January door prizes. Balance is now \$10,412.63, which includes \$6000.00 donation from Mar Women's Institute.
- Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe Winter Deer Feeding Fund is \$3577.11
- November 26, 2016 one-year cashable GIC matured reinvested for one-year at 0.50% interest \$24,170.00
- July 2, 2017 three-year GIC comes due \$23,531.42.
- Total interest is \$1141.00 and has been put in the general account
- The 2016 year end audit has been completed by Forbes Symon. A summary of the expenses is available.
- Mel Urbshott motioned that we accept the report, seconded by Jerry Beaver carried

Membership- Forbes Symon

- Membership count is a total of 105 (more accurate figures will be available in March)
- This could be a total of 156 if used 2 for each family
- Name tags are ready for members who are in good standing
- Sticker decals for cars are available
- Would like to keep the printer and laminator with the Membership Committee Chair so that it does not accidentally get damaged
- Kat McCulloch was able to cut our decal costs in half, which is why we were able to purchase the laminator

Archery- Donna Maginnis

- There was a big crowd on Family Day
- Received one phone call with someone who has interest from this event
- A volunteer came to help out who used to be on the team
- A young couple from Tobermory joined
- Tuesday night 6-7 juniors, 7-9 adults
- Still practicing inside for now, until better weather arrives

Bulletin-David Morton

- About 50 sent out
- Mailed out 32, handed out 3
- Cost an additional \$6 for extra pages

Fish Committee- Hatchery: Ray Marklevitz/Gord Smith

- Working on the renewal for the Hatchery License- Nathan is filling out some forms
 - Permits will be identical to last years- may be a new license number
- Thank you to Committee members for help on Family Day, as Ray was at home ill- Ian, Ken for cleaning the hatchery up
- A lot approximately 300 people around on Family Day
- Fish are doing well, very few losses
- Fin clipping will be happening this Wednesday. There is a sign-up sheet. We need 35 people from 1-4 and 7-9 at night.
- Hatchery program with the Federation (OFAH). We hope to get about \$5500 next year

Hand Gun Club- Al Hunter

- Lots of activity
- We lost a few members, but up a few now. We also have some probationary members
- Some members are from Tobermory and Cape Croker
- The shooting team is doing well- hard to know where they stand as different clubs are +- for completed shoots
- Range is in good shape
- Lots of interest during Family Day- Infants to 90 years' old

E-mail from Mike Hahn from the Lake Huron Fishing Club

Saugeen River Monitoring letter, by Jody Scheifley (Biologist, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Owen Sound Field Office)

- Summary of the letter:
 - The MNRF wishes to encourage the natural migration of a selection of rainbow trout to the headwaters of the Beatty Saugeen River, without the influence of manually transferring them
- In the past, the Ontario Steelheaders have taken rainbow trout upstream to spawn in a different location
 - They have invested a lot of money in these trucks for transferring the fish
- This will not affect our supply of eggs at the BPSA
- It is good to stay close with sister clubs and support each other

Scheduling- Annette Musselman

- There are no scheduling issues
- We have an upcoming meeting with the Warton Chamber of Commerce on April 20th
 - That will be our Open House with them here at the clubhouse
 - Business members will come here to see our facilities
 - We will provide a light lunch starting at 5:00 or 5:30
 - We will need some volunteers to show them around
 - We will have it catered by Diane McCartney- fruit and veg trays, cream puffs, etc. with tea, coffee, punch
 - We will also need some door prizes
 - Would like it to be similar to the Open House that we held on Family Day
 - Schedule of events for the night:
 - 5:45- Jim to give welcome (hopefully with new presentation system)
 - Stu will give a brief history of the BPSA

Special Events- Jerry Beaver

- Warton Willie event at Bluewater Park:
 - A number of people were around from outside of Warton
 - There were no other activities going on around town
 - There was a good crowd around the fire
 - We collected about \$140
 - It cost us \$48 to set up in the park
 - Should we send a letter with suggestions for improvements for next year?
 - Spoke with Karen Neerhof- She came here on Family Day
 - A number of people have sent them letters, we may be reimbursed for the \$48
- Family Day:
 - About 300 people attended
 - All of the hot dogs got ate up. There were about 219
 - There was hot chocolate also
 - Thank you to all of the volunteers

- We raised \$108.55 for the 'feed the fish' fund
- March 18th Awards Presentation- starts at 5:30
 - Awards will be presented to:
 - Chinook Salmon: Chris Janelle (Senior category)- 17.17 lbs
 - Northern Pike: Bill Nafziger (Senior category)- 35 inches
 - Brown Trout: Bill Nafziger (Senior category)- 27 inches
 - White Tail Deer: Hunter Maisonneuve (Junior category)- 40 inches Boone & Crockett
 - Spring Wild Turkey: Marty Maisonneuve (Senior category) 23.54 lbs
 - It will be a potluck dinner
- For the upcoming Fish Derby, would like tickets for next month for the early bird draw
- Potluck November 19th
- Bayshore mentioned us several times regarding Family Day activities
- Two fishing poles given out from Family Day and were delivered last Tuesday

O.F.A.H- Stu Patterson- Please refer to the NEWS section of the BPSA website

- A couple of gentleman would like to come here to do a seminar on club-building- regarding recruitment, grant process, etc.
- Matt DeMille offered to come in the spring- Chief Biologist- he has taken our concerns to the Minister in the past
- This could be 45-60 minutes on this topic
- They will use the new presentation system (after it has been set up)
- Suggest to have a separate meeting- all in agreement- all members will be invited
- We will provide snacks
- Suggested that we invite Craig Todd as well

Ways & Means- Ian McGregor

- Caframo courtesy drivers sign up for the June 4th golf tournament. Would like to get about ten people to sign up.
- Spring raffle- George Mallard offered a used motor- however, Ian will approach the Executive to purchase a gift card for Cabela's- will ask them to donate it first, if not, he will purchase one
- We could also approach 'Sail' in Cambridge- they already support us
- Frank Hutter- Offering a \$300 Canadian Firearms Course
- It has been recommended that all members own at least one item of clothing (hat, shirt, etc.) that has our logo on it. This helps to support club activities.
- Hoping that the prize committee can purchase some items that have our logo for future prizes

Caframo's Golf Tournament- Dennis Morton

- Caframo is hosting a Charity Golf tournament to help raise funds for the BPSA
- It will be held on Sunday, June 4th
- Registration begins at 1:00 pm and tee off (shotgun start) will be at 2:00 pm
- Any members/family/friends of the BPSA and employees/family/friends of Caframo may sign up for the tournament. If we do not have enough people signed up, then we will open it up to the public
- Dinner will follow after the tournament as well as prizes
- Special prizes will be given to best-dressed team, closest to the hole, etc.
- Cost is \$65 per person, which includes golf and dinner (cart, if available)
- Dinner only is \$20/person
- We are in the process of collecting prizes for the prize table
- Please contact Danielle Stabenow if you have any questions, or would like to submit a team at (519) 270-3605 or dstabenow@caframo.com
- RSVP by May 15th, 2017

New Business:

- Grey Bruce Builders Association:
 - They want to know more about the club. Discussed our community successes with them.
 - Showed them the monthly bulletin
 - They have members from all over Grey Bruce
 - Some interest in archery from a member in Port Elgin
- Digital board at the Warton town hall- we could advertise on here
 - They will let us use it for our events
- Still looking for volunteers for help with the website- especially loading pictures every month
- Kevin Harders- Anti-bullying event
 - Suggested having a Bullying Awareness Day
 - Would like to have this before school is out in late June
 - It could include fishing, archery, etc.
 - Spoke with Kate Rubenstein - OPP, who is the community contact. She is on board with this event.
 - Jeff Chisolm from Fish TV could speak or give out prizes
 - Invite school members from some local schools, maybe 10 from each
 - There are not many school programs for bullying
 - Local Warton Principal, Todd Wainwright is supportive
 - Would send kids who are bullied as well as bullies
 - We would have to figure out the bussing situation
 - We would invite students from Hepworth to Lion's Head area
 - Use our facility to host the event
 - Our club could partner with the Rotary or Optimist Club to keep with our mandate and constitution
 - It will be held during a school day, by June 17th
 - The event will be held from noon to 2 or 3 in afternoon
 - Warn that there are a number of sign-offs with Bluewater District School Board that would have to take place
 - A motion to approve this event by Kevin Harders, seconded by Stu Paterson carried.
- Jim Martell and Jerry Beaver attended a Nawash meeting, where they met with Chief Greg Nadjiwon, and councilor Barney Keeshig and we discussed the BPSA club project on boot cleaners/phragmites control.
- Stu Paterson would like to have a meeting with some people before the next OFAH meeting
 - He is hoping to meet with MNR in next 1-2 weeks
- There was a suggestion to make the BPSA parking lot bigger as there is limited space for parking
 - Ask property committee to come up with a proposal for the next meeting, or when they can
- Ray Marklevitz was speaking with the Bruce Trail Association. He contacted them about the properties that they have purchased in the Colpoy's Bay area
 - He has suggested a reforestation arrangement for some of these properties which fits into our conservation objectives
 - We could partner with the high school to plant trees for Envirothon
 - Suggested that if we can get the boot cleaners project going, then we can look into starting another project- with co-operation from high school
 - We could get access to a tree planter machine
 - We need to officially approach them regarding this proposal
 - Land owners- planting trees program
 - There is a free program. You can look at their website
 - We will look into a proposal
 - If someone wants to head this project
 - There is also the 50 million tree program

- We will try to get this in the newsletter this month
- Stu Paterson was asked about the Fisheries contract as the current agreement is ending soon. There have been no negotiations in 1.5 years.

Jerry Beaver:

- The forms are here for fishing information. Lots of people have not handed them in yet. Information includes how often you went out, how many hours, etc.
- Working on completing our Sponsor board

Winners of the Draw Prizes

Wild Bird Food- Ian MacGregor
Gulp Alive Lures- Annette Musselman
Jam- Stu Paterson
Lure- Martha Martell
Mustard pickles- Mel Urbshott
Trout Fisherman's Digest- Kevin Seagull
Stone Wave- George Mallard
Fruit & Nut bird seed- Danielle Stabenow
Hat- Diane McCartney
Gloves- Paul Harris
Rod- Don Elliott
Door knob- Jerry beaver

A motion by Al Hunter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ian MacGregor, carried, ending the February 2017 meeting at 9:40 pm.