



BPSA Monthly Minutes January 2017.

Thurs. Jan. 26/17, 7:30 PM

Don Elliott motioned to have Danielle Stabenow as the Secretary, seconded by Dennis Morton carried.

Monthly BPSA minutes November 2016- The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, January 26th with approximately 30 members present. The President, Jim Martell asked if the November 2016 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions. A motion to adopt the minutes of the November meeting by Al Hunter, seconded by Ian McGregor carried.

New logo and decals- Kat McCulloch

- The old logo has some issues, it is a circle, blurry, hard to read
- We needed a fresher look, but want to keep the original elements
- She presented the new logo, which is easy to see and read
- New membership cards will be circulated this year
- Same logo but in a diamond shape
- Presented decal design
- Presented other uses with the new logo, BPSA (lapel pins), membership cards, blue stripe for handgun club (safety trained), visitor's cards
- We could use the smaller logo on membership cards to give more room for names
- Want the big logo on name tags
- Goal is to wear name tags, so that we can learn each other's names and guests at events will recognize members
- We need to buy the lanyards
- We will laminate the membership cards- sticker on back for the year of membership
- Laminated cards will last 4-5 years
- We will try to make first names a bit bigger
- Can we get a separate colour for archery? Yellow- as long as it is visible- list of members needed
- Some members belong to both archery and gun club- could we use a sticker?
- Archery group- there is a membership fee of \$15
- Thank you to Kat for making the logo
- Ram Trophy has the new logo
- Kat's daughter, Crystal can do graphic designs- she is available to work on other projects
- We will recognize her in the newsletter- all in agreement
- A motion to approve the new logo by Kat McCulloch seconded by Colleen Rudd carried.

New members

- Danielle Stabenow

Guest speaker

- No guest speaker

Correspondence:

- There are Executive spots available- President, Vice President
- Votes will happen in the near future
- January is the month when nominations can be submitted
- Thank you to Don for being the Secretary

Treasury- Mel Urbshott

DEPOSITS for December 2016 and January 2017	\$5986.10
EXPENSES for December 2016 and January 2017	\$5897.15
BALANCE	\$8359.97

Ways & Means deposited \$100.00 from November door prizes balance \$10,317.07 which includes \$6000.00 donation from Mar Women's Institute.

Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe Winter Deer Feeding Fund \$3577.11

On November 26, 2016 one year cashable GIC matured reinvested for one year @ 0.5% interest. On July 2nd, 2017 three year GIC comes due (\$24,170). Total interest is \$1141 and has been put in the General Account. The amount of the GIC is \$23,531.42.

Mel Urbshott motioned that we accept the report, seconded by Ray Marklevitz carried

Membership- Forbes Symon

- Membership count is Adult: 53, Family: 49, for a total of 102
- This could be a total of 155 if used 2 for each family

Archery- Donna McGinnis

- Karen and Phil are out west. They do not wish to be in charge of the Archery program anymore. Al Hunter motions to have Donna and Paul run the Archery Committee, seconded by Nathan Smith carried.
- National coaching course- it was cancelled.
- On Tuesday night there were 6 regular attendees, 2 on the line- think they will join.
- Too much lead in the gun range, so the group set up in the main room. Set up a net from hooks on the ceiling. Took 30 minutes to set up. Would like to purchase a piece of plywood to cover the table. Only until summer when we can go outside again.
- Archery is growing in Ontario
- Any chance that the 3D range could be implemented- request to members to see if they are interested in helping out. People are using it. We have 3D targets. Not all are juniors. We have youth shooting from 6-7 pm, then adults from 7-9 pm. We had a lot of adult interest in the 3D range. Would like to get more people involved.
- Bush course- could get a group of people to help set it up in the spring.
- We could get some plywood too. The club will pay for the plywood.

Bulletin-David Morton

- About 35 sent out
- David is in London
- 5 taken off list in fall

Website- Kat McCulloch

- Looks nice, but hard to work with
- New logo will be put on website soon
- We want to keep the website fresh
- The only news is how many fish we have
- Would like a special events calendar where everything is listed
- Nathan is looking into something similar to the Sydenham website
- Frank Hutter's Firearms Safety Course & Hunter Safety courses could be listed too
- G-mail calendar is user friendly
- We have tried to get high school volunteer to work on this, but have not been successful. If you know of anyone, please contact Kat or Nathan to help out, especially with photos.

Fish Committee- Hatchery: Ray Marklevitz/Gord Smith

- 35,000 rainbow trout- fingerlings, using 2 tanks, getting too crowded in one tank, moved 1/3 of them
- Fin clipping in March sometime (Wed- afternoon and evening)
- Brown trout 29,000- we will be putting them in 2 tanks too
- Moved from incubator, very few losses
- Volunteers needed to feed fish, contact Bruce Mallard at 534-1274- students could help with this too
- OFAH report has been submitted for 2016 for a grant of \$5500 plus \$135.26 for LED lights
- \$9746.29 total expenses for 2016, which is \$79.64 lower than 2015
- Processing application for next year's grant
- Applied for a capital improvement grant for LED lights, turned down
- OFAH gave us the money, about \$130 (Zone H), Matt Demille
- Money has not been received yet
- Ray is in the process of preparing the CHP application for 2017, as well as applications for egg collection, stocking, and hatchery licenses.
- Also, water taking and hatchery report to MOE
- Nathan has applied for next session of taking water, permit ends in April- when it runs out
- Is there a charge for this? Nathan to look into it
- Will report on this next month

Rankin Resource Group- Larry Isbester

- Would like to line up John Morton- author of the report, "Rankin Wildlife Management Area: Bruce Peninsula Region, 3-Year Species-At-Risk," to talk to the club later this winter
 - Three-year species at risk, partly funded by Environment Canada Outlines birds/plants that may require attention in the future
 - Invasive species in our watershed- purple loosestrife, 8 colonies of phragmites
 - Colonies were not present 5 years ago- spreading quickly
 - BPSA asked how we could help out- suggested that we are available when the plan is put in place to halt the spread of invasive species- similar to round up specific to this plant- aquatic form, already being used in the Great Lakes, hopeful that it may be put on the emergency application system
 - Phragmites Management Committee in Lambton, ON- it is severe there. Takes over the entire watershed, eliminates the wildlife. Asked to bring this up so that everyone is aware that we may be asked to help out.
 - Other projects are on hold until this problem is rectified
 - In Windsor it is truly invasive. Spreads quickly. Uncontrolled growth in Colpoy's Bay. Spreads through roots that are hundreds of feet long. It is in Thunder Bay- hoping to stop it before it reaches Manitoba. Affects ducks, especially in the prairie wetlands. It is expensive, applied by helicopter.
 - Is there a herbicide for purple loosestrife? None that can be used in the water.
 - Kevin Harder - holds accreditation to apply the herbicide to get rid of them.
 - Report to follow- will be posted on the website
 - How can we control it?
 - It has to be knocked down first to get at the roots, then burned prior to and after application
 - How does it spread? Seed- wind, water, 12-15 feet tall (grass)
 - Asked Caframo to partner with us to make boot cleaners
 - Uline catalogue offers boot scrubbers for \$85
 - Would like to propose that we purchase 10 from U-line for now
 - A motion was proposed by Stu Patterson, whereas
 - The 300 member Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association seeks partnerships that will act as a public service and at the same time will help improve the image of our association.
- Proponents of the following project believe this project will accomplish both of these aims.

The project involves working with the world respected manufacturer Caframo of Georgian Bluffs, designing an on the ground boot/shoe scraper made from stiff brushes and metal or plastic tubes perhaps, that will help prevent the spread of invasive species. The device will be similar to devices used on golf courses to clean debris from golf shoes. These "Boot Scrapers" will use the latest technology and will be well tested to ensure maximum effectiveness.

These devices can be placed at the entrances and exits of trails, parks, fish hatcheries, swamps. Users of these boot scrapers will be helping prevent the spread of invasives. The locations will be well signed to give Caframo and BPSA credit for initiating these conservation measures.

Be it resolved

- a. That BPSA form a partnership with Caframo to design and build boot/shoe scrapers
- b. Both organizations will develop a distribution network seeking to sell these products either at cost, or for a small profit
- c. Wide distribution of these devices will enhance the images of Caframo and BPSA at a time when concern over invasive species continues to grow.

Seconded by Kevin Harder.

The product would be just a brush, not a chemical treatment. We use a chemical treatment at the hatchery. It would cost too much to use chemicals. Is it effective without the chemicals? Craig Todd has suggested it has been successful in other areas.

Carried.

Handgun Club- AI Hunter

- Busy, lots of shooters coming out
- The competitive league is about halfway through- one team
- Nov. 30th held the semi- annual meeting- held elections, AI Hunter was voted President of the club, took over from Kelly Lang
- Kat McCulloch is Vice President
- Secretary/treasurer is Bill Wattie
- Two new Executive positions were added- Frank Hutter as Chief Firearms and Safety Officer
- Kelly to stay on and help out as the Range Property Manager, 2 volunteers to help him
- Wayne will help with the wiring
- BPSA is working to update all committees, duties, responsibilities, etc.
- Purchased some new equipment- there is a concern regarding lead dust, got respirator masks, lead and asbestos specific from Princess Auto
- White mat in front of door- picks up lead dust. When it gets soiled, you can peel off a pad layer. Each mat has 60 sheets, use about 2 per week. This will help from tracking lead dust to people's homes
- Maintain outdoor range- taken out of responsibilities, but can still help out
- There will always be a trained Range Officer in the range
- Renewed outdoor card online- easy enough to do- prices for seniors, 65+, need to make sure the price was correct as previously seniors did not require a fishing lic.
- MNRF rabies in the province- racoon rabies- not reported here yet

Scheduling- Annette Mussleman

- We know the dates to all 2017 events
- Everything is on the calendar in the clubhouse
- Events for 2017:

- Saturday, February 4th- in the park for Groundhog Day- 10-4, had to apply for permits, insurance, through township. At the pavilion. We are in the Warton Willie booklet.
- Monday, February 20th- Open house for Family Day- need volunteers- a group from Caframo has been invited to come out- Ken & Annette, & ___Jenny? 11-2 hot chocolate- all invited- hatchery will be open. Advertised through the town, in the Echo- advertised as Open House. Could we put up a sign at town hall? Karen Neerhof is the contact- Annette will ask her to mention it
- Saturday, March 18th- Club Pot luck social starting at 5:00 pm. Supper will be at 6:00 pm. Scores need to be in next week- entry forms available in the club house. Looked into fish and it will cost \$11/pound for pickerel. We can get 25 pounds fresh and 25 pounds frozen. We could look at the cost of whitefish.- Fish required for May 14/17 and Community Living Day
- May 12-14- Fishing Derby
- May 14th- Mother's Day fish fry
- May 27th- Kids Fishing day, up to 12 years old. Craig Todd MNRF has donated 200-300 brook trout. It will be catch and release. Kevin will help to convene and Donna is available to take phone calls/inquiries.
- June 4th- Caframo Golf tournament at Warton Golf Club
- July 9th- Beef and Pork BBQ at the club grounds. Scheduled for 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00 for adults, kids 12 and under \$10.00. Looking for someone to take over this event. Everything is written down, just needs to be organized by someone.
- September 17th- Community Living Fishing at the Pond, 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Looking for someone to help with this event.
- November 18th- Potluck supper at the club. Social hour starting at 5:00 pm, supper at 6:00 pm

Old Business

- Nominations for Executive positions needed
- We have a flow chart with Executive, Committee Managers, etc.
- Dennis Morton, Ian McGregor and Jim ____ will head the Nominating Committee
- There is a Forester who lives at Mallory Beach area who would like to speak about invasive species in the Mallory Beach area (periwinkle)
- Club members have been reminded that it is not appropriate to be bad-mouthing the club or other members

Presentation System- Nathan Smith

- At the last meeting, \$6500 was approved for this system
- \$3000 has been spent, which allows for \$3500 for the projector and laptop
- Nathan will be looking for volunteers to help install it
- Hoping to have it installed before Family Day
- It is portable- will be able to take it somewhere if needed

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

Ways & Means- Ian McGregor

- Raffle Draw:
 - Last year a motor was raffled
 - It was very successful
 - Frank Hutter has donated a motor for this year
 - It needs ~\$500 work
 - He has offered to donate a Firearm Safety Course~\$300 value
 - We could also add a basket of smaller items
 - We need to keep the ticket-selling within the club or we need licensing

Caframo's Golf Tournament- Dennis Morton

- Caframo is hosting a golf tournament to raise funds for the BPSA
- It will be held on Sunday, June 4th at the Wiarton Golf Club
- BPSA has offered to supply courtesy drivers
- BPSA members can participate in the tournament- Registration forms are available

Warton Chamber of Commerce- Stu Patterson

- Stu is our representative
- They have asked us if we would like to have an evening Open House for Chamber members
- It would be held in April/May, around 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- We could offer coffee & cookies
- We could set up our new presentation system to show photos/videos
- There would be about 10-15 people
- It would be a great way for community involvement

All members are in consensus to host this event.

- The Wiarton Home & Garden show is happening in April
- It will cost us \$5 for a table, because we are a non-profit organization
- The contact is Jessica Burg at 519-534-4545

Thank you to Kevin and Dianne McCartney for putting together a Santa Claus parade float.

- It has a 16-foot tree- which we can use again
- We won the 'Best lighting' award

New Business- none**Winners of the Draw Prizes**

Frozen fish- Ken Barrow

Jam- Dennis Morton

Lure- Murray Garniss

Lure- Stu Patterson

Lure- Don Elliott

Gloves- Ray Marklevitz

Rod & reel- Jim Martell

Bag- Nathan Smith

Tim Hortons mug- Gord Smith

Can crusher- George Mallard

A motion by Al Hunter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mel Urbshott, carried, ending the January 2017 meeting at 10:30 pm.