



**BPSA Monthly Minutes March 2017**

The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> with 35 members present. The President, Jim Martell asked if the February 2017 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions. Dave Morton made a correction to last month's minutes recording additional postage costs of \$12.66. A motion to adopt the minutes of the February meeting as amended by Dennis Morton, seconded by Dave Morton carried.

**New Member & Guest Introductions**

- None

**Old Business**

- Kevin Harders gave a conservation presentation on Invasive Species Boot Scrubber Program:
  - Direction and purpose of project.
  - BPSA working in cooperation for site location, info and permission with MNRF, Bruce Trail Conservancy, Municipality of North Bruce Peninsula, Bruce Peninsula National Parks & Fathom Five National Marine Park.
  - Requirements and concerns with respect to size and collection system.
  - Information and site signage identifying purpose of boot scrubber, how to use, and types of invasive species and plants to avoid.
  - Construction material will be white cedar for conservation reasons. Being donated by Don & Ed Elliott.
  - 10 boot scrubbers at an average cost of \$35.00 - \$59.99 + tax each before support or donation.
  - Cost of single boot scrubber \$67.79 tax included. By purchasing 10 boot scrubbers hope to reduce cost by 13%.
  - Save money by printing and laminating of signs by Club.
  - Volunteers will be needed for assembly and installation once location permission granted.
- Nathan Smith advised Grey Bruce Building have offered to help out with the scope of work and layout for the proposed new building. Need to take into consideration building footprint, i.e. kitchen & washrooms; large enough for archery, workshop, porch with outside cooking area, lighting, heating, septic system. Once that is completed he will come back to the club with an update and pricing.
- The tree planting proposal at Colpoy's Bay on Bruce Trail property has been withdrawn by Ray Marklevitz at this time.

**Treasury - Mel Urbshott**

DEPOSITS for March 2017	\$1,655.80
EXPENSES from Feb 24 to March 30, 2017	\$7,305.68
BALANCE	\$2,756.44

- Ways & Means deposited \$111 from February door prizes. Balance is now \$10,523.89, which includes \$6,000.00 donation from Mar Women's Institute.
- Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe Winter Deer Feeding Fund is \$3,577.11
- November 26, 2016 1 year cashable GIC matured. Reinvested for 1 year @ .50% interest \$24,170.00
- July 2, 2017 3 year GIC comes due \$23,531.42.
- Total interest is \$1,141.00 and has been put in the general account
- Mel Urbshott motioned to pay 2 bills, OFHA conference \$825.15, Hatchery Conference \$549.22 seconded by Larry Parker carried.
- Mel Urbshott motioned that we accept the report, seconded by Kevin Harders carried

**Membership - Jerry Beaver**

- Membership count is Adult: 57, Family: 54; for a total of 173 paid members; 50 ++ unpaid
- 8 New members for 2017
- Need to include youth who pay \$15 for the Youth Shooting Program in BPSA headcount.

- Jerry & Marje Beaver have taken over making up membership name cards. Contact Al Hunter for Gun Club; Donna or Paul Maginnis for Archery and Marje or Jerry for general membership. Cards will not be mailed out. Will be given to members when they come to the club.
- Prizes Update
  - Marje Beaver visited 28 businesses, 6 donated or agreed to donate a prize, emailed 12 other places with only 1 response. Anyone who would like to help with prizes should contact Marje.
  - Stu Patterson made some contacts at the Sportsmen Shop in Toronto.

### **Archery - Donna & Paul Maginnis**

- Finished indoor shooting.
- 1 Family & youth member joined.

### **March Bulletin/February Minutes - David Morton**

- Bulletin 4 pages; Minutes 6 pages;
- 50 of each printed, mailed out 32, delivered 3

### **Fish Hatchery - Ray Marklevitz**

- 35,000 yearling rainbows fin clipped on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Good turnout of BPSA members and Barrow Bay Anglers. About 30 people got the job done.
- Rainbow trout were graded on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with large fish separated to 20' raceway.
- They will be stocked on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 between Colpoy Creek and Gleason Brook. Balance will be held to get more growth.
- MOE Annual Reports has been completed and submitted. Copy available.
- Water taking permit received for next 10 years.
- Egg collection at Denny's Dam will be sometime in the next 2 weeks. Al Hunter has been touch with Grant McAlpine of LHFC who is monitoring the fish way.
- Al Hunter spoke with Phil Hahn who advised they are hosting a meeting at the Underwood Community Center on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30 pm and the Upper Great Lakes unit will be doing a presentation and answering questions. Will also speak about creel survey on the Saugeen.
- LHFC will be doing a survey on the Beatty River/Creek this season to help determine if there is evidence of returning Rainbow Trout from their project of trucking the trout by tanker farther upstream.
- Stu Paterson, Cory McNeil, Jerry Beaver, Brian Allen and Ray Marklevitz attended the Hatchery Managers meeting sponsored by OFAH in Sarnia last weekend. Very informative about Net Pen imprinting and MNRF gave an update on the condition of the Lake Huron Fishery.
- Ken LeCroix Upper Great Lakes MNRF Manager said of our community hatcheries "our role will not change for the next 20 years ... you are doing a great job ... your numbers of fish stocked are good ... (the Ministry) will continue to support the Community Hatchery program".
- Ministry is under pressure from First Nations groups that believe our rainbows and salmon are "invasive species". MNRF will find a strategy to please all.
- Ministry working on getting the results of the SON fishery studies.
- MNRF fish Biologist, Dave Gonder, gave an in-depth report on the "state of our lakes".
- Toured the large Bluewater Anglers Hatchery under the Blue Water Bridge. Club is marking 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Ray Marklevitz has signed and returned the licenses to the MNRF to operate the Hatchery, collect eggs and stock fish with no changes from last years' licenses.
- On Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Provincial & Federal Fish Sanctuary and No Trespassing signs were posted on Colpoy Creek and Gleason Brook with written approval of Ron Gatis the land owner to deter poachers.
- Thanks to Wayne Musselman, Stan McNeil, Al Hunter & Gord Smith. Kevin Harders made the back boards.

- Letter of owner's permission to post signs will be given to Warton OPP Detachment and MNRF.

### **Hand Gun Club - Al Hunter**

- Some new members as a result of family day.
- WOHL - Competition 3rd or 4th place, but have two shoots to go unlike many teams that have completed all their shoots.
- Submitted Firearm License renewal for Club (ammo sales, firearm storage) expires in early May.
- Youth shooting program have completed their indoor shooting but will be returning in April for a Pot Luck & Awards day. After the festivities they will be given hands-on instruction in the cleaning and maintenance of firearms.
- Later this spring they will be treated to a session of trap & skeet at the North Grey Club off Rd. 17
- Rob and Krista Quesnel have done another great job introducing the youngsters to safe handling and the shooting sport.
- At least 10 members of our Handgun Club came out every second Sunday over the winter to mentor and act as range officers.

### **Scheduling - Annette Musselman**

- No updates.
- Al Hunter advised Mary-Lou Whitcroft of the Community Living Fishing Day has requested a date change from September 17<sup>th</sup> to September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Annette confirmed date of September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### **Property - Wayne Musselman**

- Two handicap parking signs installed.

### **Awards & Special Events – Ken Barrett**

- Following awards were presented by Don Elliott.
  - Whitetail deer rack - Hunter Maisonneuve – 40 inches
  - Spring wild turkey - Marty Maisonneuve – 23.54 lbs
- Next event is the Chamber of Commerce open house on April 20, 2017, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
  - Ken & Jen Barrett will need assistance with food, drinks, parking and tour guides for Hatchery, Gun Range and Archery Range
  - Al Hunter will set up a table for Gun Club and Ray Marklevitz will set up a table for Hatchery.

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

- Presented March/April 2017 report for BPSA
- Includes coverage of the March 2017 - 89<sup>th</sup> Annual OFAH meeting in Mississauga.
- Community hatcheries were praised.
- Minister McGarry was given a list of concerns about the fisheries sports and commercial that BPSA members have discussed at meetings over past three years.
- Zone H Chair Wayne Forgrave and OFAH fisheries biologist Matt DeMille presented an important fisheries research grant at the conference.
- Jack Osadzuk of the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association won the Jack O'Dette Conservation Leadership Award for his decades of solid conservation work on behalf of fish and wildlife.
- Wayne Forgrave and Mike Evers of the Barrie District Anglers and Hunters Conservation Club accepted the Mary Pickford Trophy for excellence in conservation.
- Next OFAH Zone H meeting is April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am at the clubhouse of the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association South of Owen Sound.
- The summer Zone H meeting in August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am at the Barrie District Hunters and Anglers clubhouse.

### **Ways & Means - Ian McGregor**

- Spring Raffle – first draw will be in May. Ian will approach Cabela's to donate a gift card, if not, he will purchase one. There will be 1 to 3 prizes, all gift cards.
- Dennis Morton donated a painting by his son Christopher Morton of a Red Tail Hawk for raffle.
- Need a couple of more courtesy drivers for Caframo June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 golf tournament.

### **Website - Kat McCulloch**

- Club members would like special events dates included in Minutes and Website.

### **New Business:**

- Name the Newsletter
  - 3 names were put forward to the members for a vote; 1) Tales from the Peninsula; 2) News from the Pond; & 3) Furs, Fins & Feathers.
  - 13 votes for #1
  - 3 votes for #2
  - 18 votes for #3
  - Newsletter to include BPSA logo and Furs, Fins & Feathers name
- A moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of BPSA Member Jon Janelle was held.
- Jim Martell advised there would be a new format for meetings when new presentation system installation is completed.
- Elizabeth Thorne will be guest speaker at April 27<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting discussing B.P. Biosphere Association.
- A graduate of Sir Sanford Fleming has offered his services as a volunteer for BPSA.
- Fishing surveys need to be handed in to Jerry Beaver.
- Jerry & Marje Beaver made a new sponsor sign.
- Tim Hortons supplies Tim Bits for every meeting. Please be sure to thank them when you go in.
- T Shirts are now available at \$15/shirt. Marje Beaver will take orders. Represent Club at Club functions. Helps to identify BPSA member.
- Going forward new members will receive a T shirt with paid membership.

### **Winners of the Draw Prizes**

- Odour Check (2) - Jennifer Barrett, Rod Taylor
- Preserves – Dianne McCartney
- Bird Feed – Donna Maginnis
- Suet Feeder – Gord Smith
- Fish Scale – Nathan Smith
- Tim Hortons Gift Card – Carl Berfelz
- Hat – Murray Garniss
- Backpack – Annette Musselman
- Fishing Knife – Jim McKane
- Lures (4) – Paul Maginnis, Mark Kielb, Al Hunter, Larry Parker

A motion by Al Hunter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ian MacGregor, carried, ending the March 2017 meeting at 9:55 pm.