

BPSA Monthly Minutes April 2017

The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, April 27th with 32 members present. The Vice President, Kevin Harders, asked if the March 2017 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions. A motion to adopt the minutes of the March meeting by Jerry Beaver, seconded by Al Hunter, carried.

New Member & Guest Introductions

- No new members.
- Dennis Morton introduced the Club's guest speaker, Elizabeth Thorn.
 - She came to the tip of the Bruce County from the Ottawa area back in 2008.
 - Elizabeth served as a director of the Bruce Peninsular Biosphere Association and in 2011 became the Chairperson and Executive Director, where she served until 2016. Elizabeth retired as "volunteer" Executive Director when the Biosphere hired Dr. Katherine McLeod as a "salaried" Executive Director.
 - Elizabeth is now devoting her energies to launch Eco-Adventures.
 - Elizabeth presented a very informative and interesting presentation on the Bio Sphere to Club members.
- Elizabeth mentioned if we are interested in joining their environmental network group they would welcome us. They meet twice per year. June 7th is the next meeting.
- Ray Marklevitz requested info on Judges Creek results as the BPSA stock fish there. Elizabeth will share info with us.

Old Business

- Kevin Harders presented an update on the Invasive Species Boot Scrubber Program:
 - BPSA sent out a strong message in regards to the invasive species on the Bruce Peninsula and has had overwhelming response.
 - On April 18th, Jim Martell and Kevin Harders met with South Bruce Peninsula Council and received unanimous support from all council members for Boot Scrubbers to be installed.
 - Councilor Matt Jackson commented "he would like to help build scrubbers and apply for Union Gas (his employer) grant funding of \$1,000 for the BPSA".
 - Christopher Chen has offered to do purchasing to save on HST.
 - In a meeting with Tom Hall and Bob Cunningham on April 14th, 2017, four new Bruce Trail locations were approved; 1) McCurdy Trail head at Moore street; 2) Richardson side trail north of Lions Heads; 3) Lions Head Boundary on Cemetery Road south of Lions Head; and 4) John Appleton Side Trail on Bruce Rd. 9.
 - In the coming weeks BPSA will work in cooperation for more site locations, information and permission from; Craig Todd, MNRF; Troy Cameron, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula; Tyler Miller, Bruce Peninsula National Parks Fathom Five National Marine Parks; and Tony Cheghano, Native Affairs and Cape Croker locations.
 - Site signage/information identifying purpose of boot scrubber, how to use, and types of invasive species and plants to avoid will be posted at each boot scrubber location. The Bruce Trail has offered to create and cover costs of their four locations.
 - Average cost before support or donation is \$49.99 each + tax. Paul Sutter from Warton Home Hardware has offered to source out the scrubbers.
 - Support on Thursday, April 20th from Chamber of Commerce "After Hours" was excellent.
 - Special thanks to Sue Givens & McKenzie Pharmacy from Warton for donation to the boot scrubber funds.
 - John Dyer from Warton Hockey with 50/50 draw proceeds opportunity.
 - Volunteers will be needed for assembly and installation now that permission has been granted for six locations.

- The Project Committee had a meeting on April 10th, 2017. The group discussed pertinent issues with respect to the multi-purpose proposed new building, i.e. size, location, cost, etc. To date they are working on this using the needs defined from the scoping meeting last fall. Once there are feasible plans they will come back to the membership for concurrence and approval.

Treasury - Mel Urbshott

DEPOSITS for April 2017	\$7,905.36
EXPENSES from Mar 31 to April 27, 2017	\$5,956.90
BALANCE	\$8,704.90

- Ways & Means moved \$4,000 to general account to cover expenses. Balance is now \$6,523.89, which includes \$6,000.00 donation from Mar Women’s Institute.
- Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe Winter Deer Feeding Fund is \$3,577.23
- 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
- Brian Allen motioned that we accept the report, seconded by Al Hunter carried.
- A donation of \$750 was received in memory of Jon Janelle with a thank you letter from his family. A memorial service will take place in the summer with a date TBA.
- A donation of \$200 was received in memory of Forest Drake.

Membership - Jerry Beaver

- Paid Members:
 - New - 13
 - Single - 62
 - Family - 62
 - X 2 for Family - 62
 - Youth - 1
 - TOTAL - 200
 - Members not Paid - 37
- Paid Gun Club members - 55
- Paid Archery members - 8
- Prizes Update
 - Prizes are coming in slow. Anyone who would like to help with prizes should contact Marje.
- T-shirt sales are great! Placed another order and now have kids sizes in M and L.

Archery - Donna & Paul Maginnis

- Moved outdoors as of April 4th, 2017.
- Sunday, April 9th, Youth Group member Lewis Crittall and his family were hosts to students from St. Paul’s Junior High School in St. John’s Newfoundland.
- Tent stakes have been put in the ground and used yellow rope to create a firing line and safety zone. Paul will take responsibility for keeping the grass in that area neat and tidy.
- Will be contacting all adult and youth members and parents of the youth to set up a work day. Will be rebuilding targets and preparing the outdoor trail for summer use.

March Bulletin/February Minutes - David Morton

- Bulletin 6 pages; Minutes 4 pages;
- 50 of each printed, mailed out 34, delivered 3
- No additional mailing cost.

Fish Hatchery - Ray Marklevitz

- Egg collection over 3 days – 6 trips. Collected 147,380 eggs.
- On April 13th, 2017 Ray Marklevitz, Stan McNeil, Murray Garniss, Kevin Harders and Al Hunter picked up 300 1 lb.+ Brown Trout at the MNRF Chatsworth Hatchery and trucked them to the BPSA Hatchery pond to supplement the Rainbow Trout and add additional excitement for Kid's Fishing Day.
- Al Hunter sent a letter to Grant McAlpine thanking the members of the Lake Huron Fishing Club for their hard work and support with respect to the Rainbow Trout egg collection for 2017.
- Nate Smith advised we need to spread the feed over the tanks more to help with ensuring all the fish are getting feed. Suggested the purchase of 3 more big feeders.
- One of the small feeders is broken and needs to be replaced.
- Also need to look at the purchase of an automatic O2 probe monitor. Our oxygen level readings are too high. Will help to save a lot of oxygen.
- Ray Marklevitz will apply to the Federation Grant Hatchery program for the monies. He will also apply for \$11,000 for cost of running Hatchery.
- Instead of waiting to see if the grant request is approved and monies received, Nate Smith made a motion to purchase 3 big feeders and 1 small feeder at a cost of \$1,200; and purchase O2 reader at a cost of \$1,600 for a total cost of \$2,800, now, Brian Allen seconded, carried.

Handgun Club - Al Hunter

- Currently have 68 members. Remains constant with last year's numbers.
- Handgun Club Competition Team finished in 1st Place in the Western Ontario Handgun League Championships.
- Handgun Club held its spring meeting on April 19th.
- Club is in good financial shape and paid the Parent Club the \$2,000 stipend.
- Audit of the Handgun Club finances was completed by Mike Lutman and Krista Quesnel and all was in order.
- Have renewed our Firearms Business Licence with the C.F.O. office at a cost of \$100. The licence is required for the sale of ammunition and to store firearms on the premises for the Youth Shooting Program.
- Youth Shooting Program finished another successful year with 19 participants and a great time was had by all.
- Rob & Krista Quesnel organize the program every year and at least 8 Handgun members come out each Sunday and provide a Range Officer and 7 Safety Officers to mentor the shooters one on one.
- Only remaining event is the Trap Shoot at North Grey Sportsman in May.
- Youth Shooting Program will run for six consecutive weeks in 2018 rather than every other Sunday.
- Kat repurposed an old trophy to recognize the first deer harvested by our junior members. Two names are already inscribed, Hunter Maisonneuve and Dakota Hutchinson.

Scheduling - Annette Musselman

- Home & Leisure show on May 13th and 14th.
- Hope to have someone from National Parks in our booth.

Property - Wayne Musselman

- Ray Marklevitz mentioned the pile of gravel at entrance needs to be moved. Also need to do something in front of Hatchery. Suggested it be dug out and then crush stone/tile put in to keep it dry.
- Wayne will let Bob know about the pile of gravel and look into area in front of Hatchery.
- Need to fix metal part at front door. Could be a slipping issue.
- Wheelchair sign at ramp has been installed.

Awards & Special Events – Ken Barrett

- The Chamber of Commerce open house was held on April 20, 2017, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
- It was well attended and a very successful event. 30 chamber members attended.
- Al Hunter, Frank Hutter, Ray Marklevitz, Gord Smith and Donna & Paul Maginnis manned Gun Club, Hatchery and Archery information tables.
- Thank you to Dianne McCartney who catered the event. The food was delicious and enjoyed by all.
- A big thank you to all members who helped to make the evening a huge success.
- BPSA Fish Fry to be held on May 14th, 2017 from 4 pm - 7 pm.
 - Jerry Beaver made a motion to increase price for Adults from \$10.00 to \$12.00, seconded by Brian Allen, carried.
 - Price is \$12.00 for Adults; \$6.00 for Children under 12
 - Awards for Fishing Derby from 4 pm - 5 pm
 - Dinner from 5 pm - 7 pm
 - Stu Paterson to MC the event.

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

- Presented April/May 2017 report for BPSA.
- The thank you letter Marje Beaver wrote to the OFAH acknowledging the \$400 they donated to BPSA to support our annual kids fishing derby was noted by Zone Secretary, Wally Motz.
- The next OFAH Zone H meeting is on Sunday, July 9th, 2017 at 10 am at the Barrie District Hunters and Anglers clubhouse.

Ways & Means - Ian McGregor

- Net proceeds of ticket sales for prizes draw at March meeting was \$150.00
- Ian went to Cabela's Outfitters in Barrie on April 25th canvassing for a gift certificate of \$100, possibly as a donation.
- Tickets will be sold to club members this year for the following:
 - 1st Prize - Red Tail Hawk print by Chris Morton and Canadian Fire Arms Course with trainer Frank Hutter;
 - 2nd Prize - Cabela's \$100 gift certificate; and
 - 3rd Prize - To be determined.
- Tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20.
- The draw will be held later in the year. 1st person gets their choice of the 3 prizes; 2nd person gets their choice of remaining prizes and 3rd person gets remaining prize.
- Ian will advise if more courtesy drivers for Caframo June 4th, golf tournament are needed. Currently have 8.

New Business:

- Bruce Trail has agreed to our suggestion and proposal to plant some trees at Vanishing Stream in Colpoys area. Kevin Harders and Lincoln Leudke are heading up this tree planting project. 600 trees suggested.
- Ray Marklevitz suggested we contact our junior members to assist with the planting. Jerry Beaver will provide a list of junior members to contact.
- Need to set a date for tree planting.
- Look at purchasing the trees through the Saugeen Conservation Tree Seedling Purchase program the spring of 2018.
- Ian Macgregor, Nathan Smith and Jim Martell attended the Ontario Invasive Plant Council Invasive Management Strategy Workshop in Tobermory a few weeks ago.

Winners of the Draw Prizes

- Cap – Stu Paterson
- Cup Holders (2) – Ray Markelwitz, Murray Garniss
- Fish Lure (2) – Lincoln Leudke, Brian Allen
- Tim Horton Gift Card – Gord Smith
- Fishing Scale – Jim McKane
- Indoor/Outdoor Thermometer – Annette Musselman
- Preserves – Al Hunter
- Fishing Knife – Jim McKane
- Water Bottle – Brian Allen

A motion by Jim McKane to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ian MacGregor, carried, ending the April 2017 meeting at 9:57 pm.