



BPSA Monthly Minutes November 2017

The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, November 30th with 26 members present. The President, Jim Martell, asked if the October 2017 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions. A motion to adopt the minutes of the October meeting by Al Hunter, seconded by Ian McGregor, carried.

New Member & Guest Introductions

- None

Membership - Jerry Beaver

- Paid Members:

○ New	-	28
○ Single	-	59
○ Family	-	64
○ X 2 for Family	-	64
○ Youth	-	1
○ TOTAL	-	216
○ Members not Paid	-	34
○ Members mailed minutes	-	11
- Paid Handgun Club members - 78
- Paid Archery members - 9
- Jerry Beaver proposed as part of a membership drive to get new members, changing membership fees to \$50 for a family and no free T-shirt for new members. Don Elliot recommended keeping membership fees the same. Jim Martell proposed existing members remain at \$65 and \$50 and no free T-shirt for new members including spouse for the first year. Ray Marklevitz asked what about previous members who come back.
- Gord Smith made a motion that starting 2018 first time members will pay \$50 for family membership and no free T-shirt for year one and after that they go to regular membership fees and previous members who come back will pay \$50 for year one and regular fees thereafter, seconded by Kevin Harders, carried.
- Jerry Beaver and Nathan Smith are working on setting up Pay Pal on BPSA website. Fred Richardson asked why we would do it. Kevin Harders explained at boot scrubbers there is a bar code people can scan to pay for a membership if they are interested in joining.
- Jerry Beaver also reminded members that fish surveys need to be completed for 2017.

Prizes & T-shirts – Marje Beaver

- Lots of T-shirts still available for sale.
- Beginning January 2018 will be going to 50/50 draw instead of soliciting for prizes. Prize donations from members are still welcomed.
- The Prize Committee Chairperson position previously held by Marje Beaver is now vacant.

Special Events – Ken & Jen Barrett

- Jerry Beaver advised the Special Events Committee will be reviewing the Club special events and determine which ones will be continued going forward in 2018.

Project Committee – Dennis Morton

- Project Committee has not had another meeting with respect to addition to building. Dennis Morton spoke with Bruce Mallard and he is looking at our plan. Al Sutter will meet with Bruce Mallard and Committee to discuss addition and provide an estimated cost.

Archery - Donna & Paul Maginnis

- Nothing to report.

Ways & Means - Ian McGregor

- Nothing to report.
- Honour system for tickets for draw going forward.

Newsletter/Minutes – Phyllis Laughland

- Newsletter – 4 pages (2 sheets)
- Minutes – 4 pages (2 sheets).
- 11 printed; 11 mailed
- Additional mailing cost - \$0.00

Scheduling - Annette Musselman

- April 26th, 2018 Wilderness First Aid seminar.

Property - Wayne Musselman

- New flood lights on building.
- Cleared the rest of bush.
- Stove fixed.
- Well pipe fixed.
- Outside light is now fixed.
- Request made to reprogram thermostat in Club House to make sure building is heated for Club meetings during the winter months.
- Ray Marklevitz thanked Wayne Musselman for installation of light at hatchery.

Treasury - Mel Urbshott

• General Account:	
DEPOSITS (November 2017)	\$ 135.00
EXPENSES (Sept. 29 to Oct. 26, 2017)	(\$ 1,215.00)
BALANCE:	\$38,136.67

- Some of the expenses are: Hatchery - \$105.00; Hydro - \$275.56; Mar Women Institute Appreciation Luncheon - \$250.00; Clean Club House & Supplies - \$155.00; 6 Boot Scrubbers - \$338.93.
- Ways & Means deposited \$66.00 (October door prize tickets). Balance is now \$8,286.00, which includes \$6,000.00 donation from Mar Women's Institute.
- Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe Winter Deer Feeding Fund is \$3,577.32
- On November 26th a 1 year cashable GIC came due at 0.5000%. Invested amount was \$24,170.07 and maturity amount is \$24,290.92.
- Mel Urbshott would like to reinvest back into a GIC and advised the Royal Bank were recommending putting it into a Bank Gain Market Smart GIC. Initial investment is guaranteed and depending on how many years it is reinvested for determines what interest is earned. Mel advised if we needed the money in an emergency, we can get the money with no penalty, but forfeit the interest. After much discussion, members were in favour of reinvesting for 5 years at 2.75% guaranteed interest, and potentially a higher interest rate depending on market.
- Mel Urbshott made a motion to reinvest in Bank Gain Market Smart GIC for 5 years at 2.75% guaranteed, Marje Beaver seconded, carried.
- Jim Martell made a motion to accept treasury report as presented, Al Hunter seconded, carried.

Ontario Trillium Fund (OTF)

- Jim Martell, Mel Urbshott and Nathan Smith met with BDO with respect to Club House balance sheet preparation.
- Work in progress.

Fish Hatchery – Nathan Smith

- Currently have 35,000 good fish.
- Finished stocking for 2017. About 89,000 rainbow fingerlings stocked.
- Hatchery water flow up to about 20 gal/min.
- FMZ16 meeting November 30th in Walkerton. Kevin Harders and Stu Paterson will be attending.
- Wayne Musselman and Stan McNeil cleaned out and fixed the cover on the fence line well.
- All actions for MOE PTTW inspection completed.
- Ray Marklevitz spoke about problem getting people organized to feed fish. Starting next year a calendar will be put up in the Club House for people to mark when they are available. Although 2 week stint has always been an issue it is preferred over 1 week.
- Not many fish in pond.

Handgun Club - Al Hunter

- Weekly shooting has resumed on Monday and Wednesday evenings @ 7 pm and centerfire shooting on Wednesday afternoon @ 1 pm. Come on out and blow some of that off season dust off your handguns or see what it's all about.
- The BPSA has fielded a 15 member competition team for the 2017-2018 season. Team won the only shoot so far this season against the Owen Sound Revolver Club. BPSA shoots against Listowel next Thursday, December 7th and Kincardine the following Thursday, December 14th.
- Kelly Lang, Range Maintenance Manager, has purchased and delivered replacement soundproofing panels to update and upgrade our range. 120' of side walls will be replaced. The panels cost \$1,000 and Handgun Club covered the cost.
- Handgun Club members are reminded to get their membership fees in to Mark Young as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 2017 as Mark is working with Bill Wattie to make a smooth transition of the Membership position. All members that pay their 2018 fees by year's end will be eligible for an Early Bird Draw for a \$75 certificate at Lake Huron Rod & Gun.
- Youth Firearms Safety and Shooting Program will start on Sunday, January 14th @ 1 pm and will run consecutive Sunday's for 2018. No experience is required and child size .22's are provided for the youngsters to use. One-on-one supervision by Handgun Club Safety Officer is provided and a more challenging course will be provided to the more experienced shooters.

Boot Scrubber Program & Tree Planting – Kevin Harders

- Bruce Trail sent the Club a Maintenance Contract in regards to the Boot Scrubbers. The contract was given to a local lawyer, David Nusko, for review. David advised some revisions specifically to remove some liability concerns and BPSA has sent the revised contract back to the Bruce Trail Conservancy for their acceptance.
- 5 scrubbers are assembled and waiting installation on the Bruce Trail.
- Santa Clause Parade:
 - Float will be assembled on Friday, December 1st @ 1:30 pm.
 - The Parade is Saturday, December 2nd @ 7 pm.

O.F.A.H - Stu Paterson - Refer to NEWS section of BPSA website for full report.

- Members are urged to complete MNRF survey on new fishing regulations.
- The Ministry says it “wants to sustainably manage inland fisheries in this zone as well as strictly enforce Ontario Fishery Regulations in this zone”.
- January 14, 2018 is next Zone meeting.

New Business

- Training course on Wilderness First Aid is scheduled for our April 26th, 2018 meeting @ 7:30 pm. Chuck Cannon is the presenter.
- November 18th potluck social was well attended and an enjoyable time where members had fun and fellowship, as well as a lovely meal.
- Membership fees for 2018 are due. Pay Pal will be available on the BPSA web site shortly for members who want to pay on-line.
- The Hepburn land transfer is progressing smoothly with no objections received from neighbours, Metis and First Nation folks or the Conservation Authority.
- Our hearing and public meeting is January 24th, 2018 at 10:00 am at S.B. Peninsula Town Hall in council chambers. Members are welcome to attend.
- Jim Martell and Stu Paterson met with Lisa Thompson, MPP, Huron Bruce – MNR critic – Tuesday, September 7th, 2017 in Kincardine – wanted an update on Fishing Agreement which is up for renewal. Gave an overview and history of our club. Lobbying on our behalf.
- Great Lakes Fisheries Commission \$75.00 U.S. renewal approved by the membership.

Prizes

- Butter tarts – Annette Musselman
- Bottle of Wine – Jerry Beaver
- 2 fishing lures – Marje Beaver, Ray Marklevitz
- 2 fish crisps – Murray Garniss, Murray Garniss
- Lighter – Al Hunter
- Suet feeder – Ian Laughland
- 2 tins of chocolate – Gord Smith, Ron Snelling
- Windshield washer fluid – Bruce Mallard
- Preserves – Kevin Harders
- Frozen Fish – Jen Barrett

Next meeting is Thursday, January 25th, 2018.

A motion by Al Hunter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Colleen Robb, carried, ending the November 2017 meeting @ 9:25 pm.

BPSA President and Directors
wish all members and their families a
Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2018!