

BPSA Monthly Minutes September 2017

The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, September 28th with 29 members present. The President, Jim Martell, asked if the June 2017 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions. A motion to adopt the minutes of the June meeting by Al Hunter, seconded by Colleen Robb, carried.

New Member & Guest Introductions

- Ken Marshall
- Otto Plein

Presentation

- Jim McKane, Commissioner, Great Lakes Fishery Commission – presented a very informative presentation on the lamprey problem in rivers and streams.

Membership - Jerry Beaver

- Paid Members:
 - New - 27
 - Single - 59
 - Family - 64
 - X 2 for Family - 64
 - Youth - 1
 - TOTAL - 215
 - Members not Paid - 34
- Paid Gun Club members - 78
- Paid Archery members - 9

Prizes & T-shirts – Marje Beaver

- Lots of T-shirts still for sale.

Special Events – Ken & Jen Barrett

- Community Living Fishing Day – Event leader Nathan Smith:
 - Held on Sunday, September 24th, 2017
 - Had a great turnout on a very hot day. Over 30 fish caught.
 - Big thank you to everyone that helped out.

Project Committee – Dennis Morton

- Update on the proposed multi-purpose building.
 - No meeting held in July, August or September.
 - Tentative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2017 @ 10 am at the Warton Curling Club in the Boardroom.

Archery - Donna & Paul Maginnis

- Had a fun and safe summer. Attendance was very low in August. Competing with soccer and baseball.
- We have 4 adult and 6 paid youth members; and we had 3 guests try out.
- Have decided shooting archery in the club room is not safe. Last year when we first had this problem, Jim Martell suggested finding a place to rent in town. At the time felt it would be better to keep the kids in their own club, however, now it is a situation of shoot somewhere else or cancel the program for the winter months. The Salvation Army Citadel basement was suggested and Jim Martell mentioned Gord Glover, Facilities Co-ordinator, offered the use of the arena. Donna will follow-up with Gord Glover.

- Working on a project for the youth program that would provide more structure to their learning and expand their base of knowledge of the club and the conservation work we do. Donna is “borrowing” a guideline from a 4H program in Saskatchewan thanks to Karen and Phil. It involves learning the basics of archery and achieving target goals. Will tailor it for our youth to increase their awareness about BPSA, the hatchery, becoming involved in club projects and hopefully develop an interest in the youth 22 rifle program. As they progress through the program and achieve set goals they will be awarded with some type of acknowledgement, i.e. a badge. This program is still in the very early stages and it will likely be January before it is finalized and presented to the membership and the youth program.
- Will continue shooting outdoors as long as the weather permits.
- Equipment is fine. Plenty of paper targets. We are working on rebuilding the large outdoor wooden frame targets. Any donations of large used carpet pieces, minimum 4' x 4' with a jute backing would be appreciated.

Ways & Means - Ian McGregor

- Fund-raising raffle draw was held - \$1,350 raised and the winners were: 1) Don Russell - Painting; 2) Ed Elliott - Fishing Kit #1; 3) Doug Elliott - Gun Course; 4) Mike Laonzo - Golf Package; 5) Art Elliott - Cabela \$100 Gift Card; 6) Bruce Mallard - Convection Oven; 7) Ed Elliott - Fishing Kit #2.
- Excellent month for donations: Caframo \$13,255; IDA Pharmacy \$115; and Union Gas (thru Matt Jackson, TSBP) \$1,000.
- 50/50 draw amount of \$215 from Jim Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament.
- Ontario Trillium Fund (OTF) processing BPSA registration paperwork.
- Application process follows acceptance of registration and eligibility is determined to allow group to apply for funding. Boot scrubber conservation project is going forward. Seeking funding sources and options to complete ultimate club goal of 100 boot scrubbers throughout the Peninsula.

Bulletin/Minutes - David Morton

- Bulletin 6 pages; Minutes 5 pages;
- 50 of each printed, mailed out 33, delivered 3
- Additional mailing cost - \$13.05
- Jerry Beaver advised mail out should be reduced because more have signed up for email.

Scheduling - Annette Musselman

- Caframo Open House Appreciation BBQ on Saturday, October 14, 2017.
- Mar Women's Thank You Luncheon on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.
- Stu Paterson made a motion to launch both events, Jim McKane seconded, carried.
- WOHL Hand Gun Club Meeting - Sunday, October 15th

Property - Wayne Musselman

- Looking after cutting of lawn.
- Removal of some trees to clear sight lines and remove blind spots.
- Leftover food in freezer needs to be thrown out. Jim Martell suggested going forward, left-over food needs to be dated and if not going to be used thrown out.

Treasury - Mel Urbshott

DEPOSITS:	for July 2017	\$ 5,155.94
	July 4 th GIC matured	\$24,002.05
	August memory of Bill Busey	\$ 1,640.00
	Caframo Charity	\$13,255.00
	Great Lakes Fishery Commission	\$ 900.00
	Memberships	\$ 112.00

Sept. memberships, coffee rev. T-shifts \$ 195.75

EXPENSES: from June 30 to Sept. 28, 2017 \$ 9,848.58

BALANCE: \$38,725.86

- Some of the expenses are: Hatchery - \$2,740.00; BBQ - \$1,861.00; Newsletter & Minutes - \$386.90; Hydro - \$678.67; Colpoy's Dock Restoration - \$100.00; Chantry Derby - \$400.00; Supplies for Club - \$452.00; Land Severance - \$2,550.00.
- Ways & Means deposited \$118.00. Balance is now \$6,870.00, which includes \$6,000.00 donation from Mar Women's Institute.
- Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe Winter Deer Feeding Fund is \$3,577.32
- Mel Urbshott made a motion to accept treasury report as presented, Dennis Morton seconded, carried.

Hepburn Land Transfer – Jim Martell

- Lawyer has been secured.
- Cuesta is working towards completion of documents to enable the zoning changes.
- At this time things are progressing well.
- Hoping it will be done by January 2018.

Fish Hatchery – Nathan Smith

- Stocked about 17,440 rainbow trout to Colpoy's Creek.
- Waiting for water temperatures to lower in Oxenden and Barrow Bay before release of more rainbows.
- Brown trout were released into Colpoy's Bay in August.
- Hatchery water flow down and have been pumping to get flow to about 13 gal./min.
- FMZ13/14 meeting September 30 in Collingwood. Nathan will be attending.

Handgun Club - Al Hunter

- **Membership** - Currently standing around 70 members with some additional Probationary Shooters still to complete their mandatory 10 shoots and receive membership status.
- **Summer Range Activity:**
 - Inter-club (Western Ontario Handgun League) do not compete during the summer months but our team will resume competition in October. Our team garnered 1st. place again for the 2016-17 season.
 - During the months of June, July and August the range log indicates that members used the range 197 times and this number does not include probationary shooters.
- **Range Maintenance** - Kudos to Kelly Lang, Al Sharpe and Marshall Ewbank for keeping the range in great working order over the summer.
- **CFO Range Inspection:**
 - On June 26/17, CFO Business Inspector Tim Cooper attended our range and met with Frank Hutter (Chief Training and Safety Officer) and myself (Al Hunter, President). Inspector Cooper performed a comprehensive range inspection including examination of all Handgun Club Books, Licenses and Logs.
 - On Sept. 22/17 the club received a letter and range inspection report from the office of the CFO which included an Executive Summary of the club inspection. The Inspection Overview indicated no outstanding issues.
 - Persons in prescribed relationship/employees - There are no changes required. Our business license was updated and renewed in March 2017.
- **Additional Comments:** The relevant regulations relating to the transportation and storage of firearms were reviewed with the members present and they clearly understand their responsibilities. I would

support the continuation of the exemption of the monitored alarm policy due to the existing security features. This is a professionally operated association who take the requirements of their license seriously.

- **Regular shooting hours have resumed:**
 - Mon. & Wed. Evenings @ 7:00 PM
 - Wed. afternoons @ 1:00 PM
 - * Additional Range time* - Members may shoot at additional times but must make arrangements to ensure a range officer is in attendance. Minimum number of shooters in the range is two (2) one of which MUST be an approved Range Officer.
- **Winter Heat** - Frank Hutter has very kindly donated & delivered two truckloads of wood which have been piled in our wood storage shed and lean-to. **Thank you Frank!!**
- **WOHL:**
 - The BPSA Handgun Club will be hosting the WOHL annual meeting and awards on Sunday, October 15th at 10:30 AM. BPSA will be receiving two banners this year, League Champs and we were tied with Harriston for the top team score which I don't think has ever happened before. In addition, several of our team shooters will be getting awards.
 - Besides WOHL giving out the year awards BPSA will be handing out BPSA Team Handgun Team ball hats. If you can make it you can pick yours up then, if not, Kat will get it to you.
- General meeting November 1, 2017.

New Brochures

- Have been finalized and 1,000 printed. Circulated to members present.

Boot Scrubber Program & Tree Planting – Kevin Harders

- Since April 18th 2017 when Jim Martell and Kevin Harders met with South Bruce Peninsula Council, we have received continuing overwhelming support from council and members of the community for the Boot Scrubbers Program. Our Goal of Ten has been filled in just 5 months and requests for more are coming in.
- Gord Glover and his staff have placed scrubbers in two locations in the town of Wiarton; one at Bluewater Park launch and the other at the water. Many thanks to Mr. Gord Glover and the Parks & Recreation Staff who have installed the boot scrubbers.
- The Bruce trail scrubbers are to be installed as soon as we receive the signs. The Bruce Trail Conservancy has hopes of seeing 20-30 more scrubbers throughout different locations along the trail.
- We have another two signs at the Oliphant Marina to assist with the Oliphant Phragmites Management Plan.
- To date we have received two donations: 1) McKenzie Pharmacy - \$115; 2) Union Gas Helping Hand Grant - \$1,000 for a total of \$1,115.00 and expenses to date \$1,268.22. Cost to BPSA \$153.22.
- There are other grants available to apply for, i.e. Trillium, Bruce Power, Grey-Bruce Community Foundation.
- Jim Martell advised to apply for grants you need to have a warranty agreement for equipment or service, i.e. stand behind what we put up in order to grant money, and suggested hiring a lawyer to draft a document. We need to do our due diligence outlining what we are going to do and resolve us of any liability.
- Jim McKane not in favour of hiring a lawyer and suggested approaching another organization to get a sample of what they used when applying for a grant.
- Dennis Morton suggested approaching the Bio Sphere for an example.
- Jerry Beaver made a motion to proceed with due diligence, Annette Musselman seconded it, carried.
- Tree planting to be discussed at next meeting.

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

- Presented September-October 2017 report for BPSA.

- At summer Zone H OFAH meeting an OFAH Director advised he attended a meeting recently involving Ontario Conservative Leader Patrick Brown. When asked if he was aware of issues and concerns of OFAH members, Brown said he had no idea. Greg Ferrant, OFAH Government Affairs Director, was planning to brief Brown on concerns.
- There were concerns expressed at the summer meeting about new rules coming out soon regarding transportation of bait.
- OFAH President, Kerry Coleman, urges more government attention to Lyme disease.
- Two deer in London, Ontario area have tested positive for Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD). If you see a sick or dead deer, you should report it to MNRF or Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative.
- OFAH land use committee members are following the West Road controversy in South Bruce Peninsular. There are fears if the 29km section of road North of Oliphant is extended, the project could clear the way for major wind turbine developments.
- Former OFAH President, John Ford, discussed the increase in the number of Ontario schools adopting the NASP Archery Program organized by OFAH.
- Wally Motz, Zone H Secretary, reported he received a thank-you letter sent by the BPSA for the \$400 grant we used to support our annual kids fishing day.
- The province seeks your input on changes to rules governing goose hunting. OFAH urges you give input.

New Business & Donations:

- **Proposed BPSA Travel Expense Guidelines**
 - Board met in March, June and July.
 - Board submitted for member approval proposed BPSA Travel Expense Guidelines for 2017 and 2018. Will be reviewed again in 2019 by new Executive.
 - All Committee Chairs will submit an annual budget/forecast of expenses by November 2017 meeting. Directors can authorize travel.
 - Stu Paterson made a motion to accept the travel expense guidelines as presented, seconded by Dennis Morton, carried.
- **Printing of Minutes & Newsletters**
 - In an effort to reduce printing costs, a motion was made by Jim Martell to discontinue use of Karen's Creations for printing and using a volunteer from club instead, seconded by Jim McKane, carried.
 - Phyllis Laughland and Jerry Beaver both volunteered to take on printing of newsletter and bulletin. Subsequent to meeting Phyllis and Jerry discussed and Phyllis will do the printing going forward.
 - Jim McKane made a request for Dave Morton to provide cost of mailing newsletter and bulletin to some members at next meeting. Cost to be taken into consideration when establishing member dues rate for next year.
- **BPSA Governance**
 - Information is available on the members' only website to assist when completing grant applications; i.e. signed copy of Constitution & By-laws which was ratified in June 2017; BPSA Business Number; Incorporation Date; and GST Tax Business Number.
- **BPSA 55th Anniversary**
 - A Director had previously suggested tie it into November pot luck night.
 - Looking for suggestions from members on how to recognize/celebrate 55th Anniversary at next meeting. Will need a volunteer to Chair this event.
- **Club Facility Use**
 - Further to discussion at the June meeting, Al Hunter had concerns that renting the Club will negatively impact the Gun Club.
 - Jim McKane asked if anybody had checked with our insurance company to see if it will cover rentals.

- Following a lengthy discussion by members regarding use of facility for non-member (rental) and member events, the Club supports continuing doing its own community based member events attended by both BPSA members and the public and the Club is not available for use by non-member groups outside of Club organized community events (Kids Fishing Day, Family Day, etc.).
- **Caframo Donation**
 - For the 2016/2017 fiscal year, Caframo employees chose to raise funds for the BPSA. Plant Manager and Chairman of the Charity Committee, Dale Schnurr, presented BPSA President, Jim Martell, with a cheque in the amount of \$13,255 on the day of Caframo's 23rd Annual Picnic for employees.
 - An appreciation open-house will be held on Saturday, October 14th for Caframo from 2-4pm with bbq burgers and soft drinks provided. A certificate and plaque will be presented to Caframo.
- **Bluewater Park Donation**
 - Received \$402.50 from Bluewater Campers in Wiarton's Bluewater Park.
 - Carl Berfelz asked if BBQ could be moved to Saturday instead of Sunday because the campers leave to go home on Sunday and they are interested in attending the event. Consideration will be given to moving the event to Saturday next year.
- **BPSA Donation**
 - Received a donation request from Karin van der Heyden, President, Colpoy's Bay Women's Institute.
 - Donation of \$100.00 was made in support of Pier Restoration Project.
- **Conservation Club Honoured**
 - Presentation made at BPSA Pork and Beef Barbeque. M.P. Larry Miller presented Club President, Jim Martell, with a certificate recognizing Club's 55 years supporting fish and wildlife.
- Prize Co-ordinator position open. Looking for chairperson.

Next meeting is Thursday, October 26th, 2017.

A motion by Al Hunter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ian McGregor, carried, ending the September 2017 meeting at 10:30 pm.