



## **BPSA Monthly Minutes March 2018**

The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with 39 members present. The President, Jim Martell, asked if the February 2018 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions. A motion to adopt the minutes of the February meeting by Brian Allen, seconded by Al Hunter, carried.

### **Guest Introduction:**

- Jim Martell introduced guest Speaker Brandee MacDonald, BDO, who gave an overview presentation of the BPSA unaudited financial statements as of December 31, 2017.
- Jim Martell explained these new financial statements satisfy requirements for grant applications. The BPSA is required to provide a snapshot of our assets (asset balance sheet). Done in accordance with Ontario's Non-Profit Corporation guidelines enacted in 2010.
- Mel Urbshott mentioned this is the same for most places when you apply for grants.
- Ray Marklevitz asked how the restricted and unrestricted funds were delegated. Jim Martell explained Board members working on this allocated the monies.
- Mel Urbshott mentioned that internally restricted funds could be drawn from these accounts at any time if needed. Jim Martell confirmed this.
- Nathan Smith explained we didn't have a real handle on where the monies were coming from for expenses. This helps clarify where monies are and more control on how we are spending monies for the Club.

### **New Members:**

- Joanne Stevens
- Paul Ouellette

### **Membership - Jerry Beaver**

- Paid Members:
  - New - 29
  - Single - 131
  - Family - 32
  - Youth - 0
  - TOTAL - 192
  - Members not Paid - 28
  - Members mailed minutes - 10
- Paid Handgun Club members - 67
- Paid Archery members - 9

### **T-shirts – Marje Beaver**

- Lots of T-shirts are still available for sale @ \$15 each.

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

- Social Potluck/Awards – March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - About 45 people attended and Don Elliott gave out awards.
- Next event is Potluck Social/Awards on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 @ 5pm.

### **Prizes – Kevin Harders & Dianne McCartney**

- Any help or contacts appreciated.
- Miller's Home Hardware offered to give prizes for potluck events.

**Project Committee – Dennis Morton**

- Nathan Smith will make a presentation on the proposed building addition to the membership at the April meeting which will include drawings, costs, fundraising tools, etc.

**Archery - Donna & Paul Maginnis**

- Continuing to receive e-mails and phone calls with interest in Archery Club.
- Would like to change the e-mail address to contact the Archery Club to [bpsarchery@gmail.com](mailto:bpsarchery@gmail.com) in all our communications.
- They will be attending a coaching course for Beginner Instructors being held at Caledon Archery Club at the end of April. If anyone is interested in attending let them know. You must be a member of Ontario Archers Association to attend.
- Historically in the spring have a high number of people showing interest in the Archery Club and end up with far too many people to deal with at one time and makes Tuesday evenings hectic. Will be informing new people that they will be running a classroom session at the club on an evening other than Tuesday, maybe a Saturday afternoon, as interest dictates. Will go over safety rules and procedures, equipment and basics of how to shoot.
- Attending orientation course will count as one of three evenings where folks can pay \$3/person/night. Need to collect the fee as they will be handling bows and arrows and this covers insurance issues.
- Will check calendar and book dates.
- As weather improves will need to rebuild some of the target stands. Already have carpet but will need to purchase lumber. Also plan on doing some cleaning up behind the backstop.

**Ways & Means - Ian McGregor**

- Nothing to report.
- 50/50 draw at the end of the evening.

**Newsletter/Minutes – Phyllis Laughland**

- Newsletter – 6 pages (3 sheets)
- Minutes – 4 pages (2 sheets).
- 10 printed; 10 mailed
- Additional mailing cost – Nil

**Scheduling - Annette Musselman**

- Nothing to report. Still working on getting dates on website.

**Property - Wayne Musselman**

- Everything is good.

**Treasury - Mel Urbshott**

- General Account:

DEPOSITS

- March 2018 \$ 1,846.00

EXPENSES

- March 2018 \$ 1,831.00

**BALANCE: \$31,519.00**

- Ways & Means Account deposited \$84 (door prize ticket sales). Balance is \$8,578.00, which includes \$6,000.00 donation from Mar Women’s Institute.
- Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe Winter Deer Feeding Fund is \$3,577.47
- Mel Urbshott made a motion to accept Treasurer’s report, seconded by Brian Allen, carried.

## **Fish Hatchery – Nathan Smith**

- Kevin Harders, Al Sutter, Bill Nafziger, Brian Allen and Nathan Smith attended a fish disease workshop put on by the CHP in Guelph.
- Looking into insulating the Hatchery to help with the winter freezing, summer excessive heat and spring condensation and dripping issues.
- Fin clipping will take place on April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1-4pm and 7-9pm. Sign-up sheet at front.
- 35,000 Rainbow doing well.
- 28,000 Brown Trout growing well.
- A hatchery/duty roster is posted in the Clubhouse for 2018. Still need volunteers, so please sign up. Any interested in helping please contact Bruce Mallard @ 519-534-1274.

## **Handgun Club - Al Hunter**

- Treasurer's Report for month of February 2018:
  - BPSA Handgun Club Reconciliation Summary
    - Beginning Balance \$ 31,616.30
    - Cleared Transactions:
      - Expenses (10 items) (\$ 4,088.77)
      - Deposits (3 items) \$ 962.69
      - Total Transactions (\$3,126.08)
    - Balance as of 2018-03-03 \$ 28,490.22
- 68 paid members. Three probationary shooters completed their probation during March.
- The Handgun Club fought a hard fought battle this year competing in the WOHL against clubs as far away as Kincardine and Listowel. There is one match remaining and still have a shot at High Team Score.
- On Friday, March 23, 2018, one of our new shooters, Matt Beckett, delivered a large load of ash firewood to the Club for heating the building. A crew comprised of Frank Hutter, Randy and Mary Dawson, Paul Maginnis, Joanne Stevens, Jim O'Reilly and Al Hunter made short work of splitting and storing the firewood in our woodshed. Randy Dawson brought his hydraulic wood splitter which help turn the work into a couple of hours. Many thanks to Matt Beckett for cutting and delivering the firewood and the rest of the crew for splitting and piling ready for next season.
- Al Hunter presented a letter he wrote to MP Larry Miller expressing concern regarding Bill C-71.
- Received a prompt response from Chad Richards advising Mr. Miller had reviewed the legislation and has some very serious concerns about what the Bill will mean for law-abiding firearm owners. Mr. Miller will be actively opposing the Bill at every step of the way in the legislative process.

## **Boot Scrubber Program – Kevin Harders**

- Update on grant application requests:
  - Honda has said no.
  - Grey Bruce Community Foundation – Nathan Smith is completing.
  - Royal Bank has said no.
  - Bruce Power – Jim Martell currently applying for 2019 grant monies.
  - Gosling Foundation has offered \$3,000 for 2018.
  - Peter Kendall, Schad Foundation, going to Board in July for \$18,000 for 6 year project.
  - Ontario Wildlife – Jim Martell sent in application.
  - OFAH – Stu Paterson advised Brian McCrae looking for grants. They will identify grants for us and let us know.
  - Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association - Kevin Harders received an email and will be meeting with them shortly.
  - Jim Martell has requested Annette Robson and Karmen Kreuger prepare a generic donee request to Council for April 3, 2018 Council meeting to give BPSA permission to use the

- Town's business number on grant applications and the Town advised they will be a donee.
- Either Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> or Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, will be constructing 6 boot scrubbers at Ed Elliott's shop. Please let Kevin Harders know if you can help with construction.

### **Tree Planting** – Kevin Harders & Lincoln Leudke

- Family Tree Planting event at Vanishing Creek on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> starting @ 9 am.

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

- OFAH Zone "H" report for BPSA – April 2018

### **Other Business**

- Charitable Status:
  - With the assistance of BDO, currently looking into what it would take to get charitable status and will report back to the membership. Benefit to having a charitable number is that it would allow the BPSA to give a tax receipt for donations and create our own foundation.
- Summer Information Booth:
  - Jessica Berg with the Chamber of Commerce, contacted Jim Martell advising they are planning a Warton Sunday Fun Day, which will take place every Sunday from 10am to 4pm, from May 20<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Colpoy Bay's beautiful Bluewater Park.
  - Annette Musselman has volunteered to man the booth with a student(s).
- Hepburn Land Transfer:
  - Has been approved by Council. Have to wait 20 days to see if any appeals, then to Bruce County.
  - Waiting on cost for survey, tree planting, etc.
  - Will probably be May before land transfer will be finalized.
  - Need to develop a work committee for installation of fencing, tree planting, etc.
- Hydro Audit & Efficiencies:
  - Jerry Beaver and Wayne Musselman working on getting hydro costs evaluated and will report when completed.
- Jim Martell attended Breakfast with the Mayor on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Going forward Ted Wilford Bursary recipient will be decided by the BPSA Board and eligibility will be based on continuing their environmental studies or have made a contribution to conservation. Eric Barker asked when awarded. Jim Martell advised in June at graduation. Eric Barker asked if we have met with the students to determine the criteria and also suggested looking at increasing the amount.
- Need to look into the possibility of having to have a monitored alarm system at the Clubhouse.
- Jerry Beaver to look into Club total revenue costs and if membership fees cover these costs. Al Hunter asked about any change in membership dues. Jim Martell confirmed no change in membership dues at this time.
- For continuity reasons, Jim Martell made a motion he would like to propose going forward we have a 2 year term for elected Board members instead of an annual election.
- Ray Marklevitz pointed out that under the old Constitution there was a cycling of 1, 2 or 3 year term. Jim Martell advised this changed in 1990 to 2 years and in the June 2017 new Constitution all Officers and Directors (the Executive Board) would be up for renewal and re-election at the Annual General Meeting of the BPSA. This meeting is generally held in March.
- Jerry Beaver made a motion to double up the term from 1 year to 2 years.
- Tim Lahey on behalf of Jim McKane advised Jim McKane is opposed because he has seen in other Clubs the 2 year term does not work. Sydenham it is annually, but top 6 directors will hold office for 2 years, another 6 for 1 year.
- Tim Lahey made a motion to defer Jim Martell's motion until April meeting, seconded by Eric

Barker, 19 in favour, 15 opposed, motion to defer was carried.

- Term issue deferred until April meeting and incumbents are acclaimed for 1 year for 2018.
- Members suggested Board investigate having 1, 2 or 3 year terms, for Board member position and make a recommendation to the membership.

### **Annual General Meeting**

- Jim Martell excused himself and Tim Lahey stepped in to oversee the Annual General Meeting election of Officers & Directors.
- Tim Lahey asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.
  - Jim Martell nominated President. Tim Lahey asked Jim Martell if willing to stand. Jim Martell accepted. Tim Lahey asked 3 times for any nominations from the floor. There were none. Eric Barker motioned nominations be closed. Jim Martell acclaimed President for one year.
  - Kevin Harders nominated Vice President. Tim Lahey asked Kevin Harders if willing to stand. Kevin Harders accepted. Tim Lahey asked 3 times for any nominations from the floor. There were none. Eric Barker motioned nominations be closed. Kevin Harders acclaimed Vice President for one year.
  - Phyllis Laughland nominated Secretary. Tim Lahey asked Phyllis Laughland if willing to stand. Phyllis Laughland accepted. Tim Lahey asked 3 times for any nominations from the floor. There were none. Al Hunter motioned nominations be closed. Phyllis Laughland acclaimed Secretary for one year.
  - Mel Urbshott stepped down as Treasurer for 2018. Ian Laughland nominated Treasurer. Tim Lahey asked Ian Laughland if willing to stand. Ian Laughland accepted. Tim Lahey asked 3 times for any nominations from the floor. There were none. Brian Allen motioned nominations be closed. Ian Laughland nominated Treasurer by acclamation for one year.
  - Nominations for 6 Board positions are Annette Musselman, Jerry Beaver, Lincoln Leudke, Nathan Smith, Wayne Musselman, Stu Paterson and Ray Marklevitz. Tim Lahey asked 3 times for any nominations from the floor. There were none. Al Hunter motioned nominations be closed.
  - Voting ballots for 6 Board positions were handed out to the membership and collected when completed.
  - Tim Lahey advised recipients with highest votes would be elected.
  - Tim Lahey and Phyllis Laughland counted the votes, with Ken Barrett overseeing/verifying count.
  - Following the count, Tim Lahey advised Annette Musselman, Jerry Beaver, Nathan Smith, Wayne Musselman, Stu Paterson and Ray Marklevitz were elected for one year.
  - Tim Lahey requested a motion to close the election and destroy the ballots. Al Hunter made the motion, seconded by Ken Barrett, closed.

### **New Business**

- Stu Paterson feels it is time for all stakeholders concerned with sports and commercial fishing in our region from Kincardine to Tobermory to Collingwood, come together to discuss mutual concerns.
- Stu Paterson made a motion proposing a joint meeting involving Grey Bruce First Nations Bands and fish stocking clubs such as The Ontario Steel-headers, The Lake Huron Fishing Club, Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, Sydenham Sportsmen's Association, Georgian Triangle Anglers and Barrow Bay Fish Club.
- Proposes 5 members from each organization attend and BPSA host this event at the Clubhouse and have Ken Lecroix, MNR Upper Great Lakes Manager and Dave Brown, Director, MNR Fish and Wildlife Branch, moderate this meeting.
- Jim Martell advised the reason for this meeting is to recover the information accumulated through the U of Guelph, finding out health of fish, which has not been shared with Clubs in the Bay or even with the MNR. Have asked for past 5 years for this information that has been collected to no avail.

- Jerry Beaver asked if Larry Miller and Bill Walker would be invited to attend. Stu Paterson agreed we would invite them.
- Following discussion by the membership, Martha Martell seconded the motion, majority of membership in favour, 3 opposed, carried.

**Winner of 50/50 Draw**

- Bill Blacklock - \$55

Next meeting is Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

A motion by Al Hunter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ian McGregor, carried, ending the March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting @ 10:00 pm.