

BPSA Annual General Minutes March 2019



Mike Lutman opened the Annual General meeting by welcoming everyone tonight.

A **motion to accept the February 28th meeting minutes** was made by Al Hunter; seconded by Paul Harris; carried.

Treasurer's Report: (Corrie Beacock)

Deposits for February	\$ 1445.53
Expenses for February	\$ 6211.33
Balance	\$ 31697.62
Ways and Means	\$ 2545.54
Deer Feeding fund	\$3577.92
GIC Maturing 12/1/22	\$25,000.00
Total	\$ 62821.08

Archery presented their budget for \$3000.00. Joann Stevens moved to accept Archery budget; seconded by Bruce Beacock, carried.

Ken Brown moved to accept the Treasurer's report; second by Donna Maginnis; carried.

Correspondence

The donors to the proposed building project have been contacted and monies returned to some while others wished donation to remain with the club for club projects.

An article regarding our boot scrubbers which promotes Awareness of Invasive Plants was published in The Bruce Grey Woodlands Association newsletter.

Reports:

Membership: (Jerry and Marje Beaver)

as of Feb. 27, 2019

New Members	58
Family Members	185
Youth	8
Total Paid Members	251*
Past members not paid	56

A reminder will be forwarded to these unpaid members. If no response by end of the month their names will be deleted from the roster.

*included 61 Handgun and 18 Archery Members

Marje Beaver started distributing the 'year' stickers, which are to be placed on the back side of our membership cards. Thanks to Jim McKane for arranging to have these stickers printed.

The t-shirt order has been placed. Delivery is forthcoming.

Special events report:

Awards and Pot Luck Dinner March 23rd (Don Elliott)

The Annual Awards and Pot Luck dinner was held at the BPSA club house. While the turnout was light, it did not put a damper on the festivities or feast provided by the Members present. Don Elliot organized and MC'd the event with his usual flair and presented awards as follows

Benjamin Klein (Jr)	largest Wild Turkey at 16 pounds
James Thompson (Jr)	largest Large Mouth Bass 3 lb. 9 oz
Rylee McCallum (Jr)	Rainbow Trout 1.5 lbs.
Frank Hutter	largest Northern Pike 41"
Matt Beckett	largest Wild Turkey 21 lbs.

Tree planting (Lincoln Leudke)

Mike Smith moved we spend up to \$700.00 for 3 trees and 3 plaques, one each for 2016, 2017 and 2018 for our memorial garden. It was agreed the membership be asked for assistance in remembering deceased members so that we can update the plaque in the clubhouse

We would leave it for families to plant their own memorial tree if they wish to do so, as done in the past.

We are awaiting confirmation of a tree planting project in conjunction with The Bruce Trail Conservancy set for the morning of May 11th. There will be 250 White Pine and 250 White Spruce to be planted at Vanishing Creek.

Kids Fish Day May 25th 9:00 - 11:00 Coordinator Mike Smith

We are looking for prizes and/or sponsorship donations for our annual Kids Fishing Day

Pork and Beef Dinner July 13th, 4:00 - 7:00 Coordinators Murray Garniss and Ray Marklevitz

We have started to make some purchases for this event

Community Living September (need a coordinator)

We will have a date by next meeting. We require a Coordinator to step up

Next meeting April 25th 7:30 p.m. **Chair to be determined by the Board**

Coordinators are required on each and every event to facilitate things come together and work smoothly. It is imperative that team members work with the coordinator and keep them informed.

Archery (Donna & Paul Maginnis)

Archery Club is still shooting indoors at the Home Hardware Design Centre. Depending on the weather we might be outdoors by the beginning to middle of May. Donna and Paul will be unable to attend during the month of April. Corrie and Bruce Beacock have agreed to open and close for us during this time.

The archery club has grown and we have a great group of enthusiastic young folks coming out to shoot. It is becoming very difficult to get around to each of them every night and make certain they are not developing bad habits while at the same time running the firing line. A few of our adult members have been great about helping with the firing line calls as well as helping to coach.

To build up our number of coaches or instructors, and to give parents that are interested in helping the program the self confidence and credentials to coach we will host the Instructor of Beginners (instruction in

coaching beginner archers) course at our club. It will take place on May 11th and 12th. It runs all day both days and consists of theory and some practical work. The cost per person is \$120.00
After completing the weekend course, you are encouraged to take some months to practice what you have learned before completing the workbook assignments and the on-line ethics course. When these are completed to the satisfaction of the Instructor, Bruce Savage, you will be given a certificate stating you are a Certified Instructor of Beginners.
In order to obtain your final certificate, you must also join OAA.

Bruce Savage will accept a minimum of 8 and maximum of 12 students. Please contact Donna Maginnis to pre-register. Pre-payment is required.
We would like to have the information posted on our web site as well as on "Facebook". We will be putting a small advertisement in the Echo Newspaper and will be contacting Sydenham Sportsmen's Club as well as posting at stores selling archery supplies.

Fish Hatchery (Ray Marklevitz & Al Sutter)

Fin Clipping – Tuesday, April 2nd - 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm. We have 42,000 rainbows to clip. We are looking for 30+ volunteers to help with fin clipping on Tuesday, April 2nd.

The 32,000 Brown Trout are doing well and have been on feed for the last month.

The hatchery operating expenses for 2018 were \$9,530.66, including snow removal and hydro. The insulation project expense was \$7,009.33.

We have received our 2018 funding cheque in the amount of \$12,500.00 from the O.F.H.A. Community Hatchery program:

\$6,000.00 for hatchery operation expenses
\$6,500.00 for our insulation project.

These monies cover about 75% of the hatchery operating expenses.

The new oxygen meter works great and it is a very important tool to keep our fish as healthy as possible

Paul and Kona Sutter have donated the 'bubbler pump', which we have been using this past year. When approached asking if they would consider selling this pump to the club, they kindly donated. This donation is greatly appreciated. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Sutters.

The Community Hatchery Program held a meeting on March 20th hosted by Sydenham Sportsmen's Association. Eight of our members attended along with club members from hatcheries in Thunder Bay, Kincardine, Port Elgin, Sarnia and Owen Sound. CHP also supply our hatchery with foot baths and Wescodyne for both entrances into our hatchery along with signage for the foot baths.

A motion to replace the light panels in the sides of the building and also complete insulation of the hatchery was made by Al Sutter; second by Carl Berfelz; carried.

Wayne Musselman has been appointed to the Fish Advisory Committee.

O.F.A.H. (Stu Paterson)

Annual OFAH Meeting: March 14-16 Stu Paterson to attend

Mr. John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry appears to understand issues surrounding fishing, hunting and conservation and how they are integrated. In conversation with Mr. Yakabuski we had a chance to discuss the how important the Ontario Community Hatchery program is to clubs such as ours.

Chronic Wasting disease: OFHA has launched a major information campaign to spread the work about Chronic Wasting Disease. It is a fatal untreatable disease of the central nervous system affecting members of the deer family (e.g. white tailed, red and mule deer, American elk, moose and woodland caribou). The disease can be transferred among animals through close contact or exposure to a contaminated environment. CWD has not yet been confirmed in Ontario though 11 cases have been confirmed on a farm in Quebec, 15 kilometers across the border.

Each year OFHA Zone H awards several grants to deserving conservation organizations like ours. Zone H Secretary/treasurer Dennis Wiseman is the one to approach if we want to apply for \$400.00 (same amount as last year) to support Kids Fishing Day.

Prizes (still require someone to act as coordinator)

Ways and Means (need a coordinator)

Scheduling (Karen Van Nest)

Have requested adding a calendar to our website which will assist in simplifying scheduling events

Property (Wayne Musselman)

Nothing to report

Handgun club (Al Hunter)

Things remain busy with the Handgun Club with lots of range activity and we have now wrapped up the season with the Ladies Sunday Night group and our regular Youth Shooting. Both were well attended and a BIG thank you for all the volunteer safety officers and mentors that came out every week to make these events a success. The Youth shooters still have a trap session scheduled at North Grey. The Ladies group had a social get-together on the last night and Patricia Krieg whipped up a delicious spread of Moose Burgers (provided by Frank) along with the fixings.

Shooting continues on Monday, Wed. and most Friday mornings.

The BPSA Competition Team is doing well and we are hoping for a high placing again this season.

One Probationary Shooter completed his Probation last week and another has three more shoots before her acceptance.

Treasurers Report: not available at this time as the treasurer is out of the country until the end of the month. All is well and our 2018 reports were turned in to BDO several weeks ago.

Cape Croker Youth Firearms Safety Program:

The last session for 2019 was held on Tues., March 26/19 and involved grade five and six students and a teacher. The program was enjoyed by the students, teachers, Safety Officers and program coordinator Frank Hutter. All students were awarded medals at the completion of shooting. We are hoping that the program will evolve into including joining BPSA Members on conservation projects such as fish stocking. The students were all given a tour of the BPSA Hatchery during the course of the program.

Staffing Change at the Owen Sound office of the MNRF

Further to the report at the last meeting I was in touch with Ron Robb of SSA and Mike Hahn V.P. of Lake Huron Fishing Club. Other clubs involved are Georgian Triangle Fishing Club and the Lake Huron Steel Headers. Arrangements were made to meet with our MPP Bill Walker and on Sat. March 16/19, Ray Marklevitz and I met with representatives of SSA and Lake Huron Fishing Club at Bill Walkers office in Owen Sound. We had a very positive meeting with Bill and he has agreed to take our concerns directly to the Minister of the MNRF and the Minister of the Environment and to deliver letters of concern from the BPSA, SSA, LHFC and the Georgian Triangle Fishing Club directly to the Ministers involved.

Bill was not hopeful a decision would be made by month's end as neither Minister was likely aware of the specifics of the transfers. Bill also sent a letter directly to each minister involved under his signature.

**N.B. The Hepworth Anglers have since joined the protest and sent a letter of objection to Bill Walker and the Minister of the MNRF as have the Georgian Triangle fishing Club.

Boot Scrubber program (Jim Martell)

Eric Barker is working with Jim on the Boot Scrubber program.

Jim Martell attended the Grant Workshop in Owen Sound on March 7th. During this event Jim spoke about our boot scrubbers and Invasive Plant Awareness Project.

Grant applications are pending receipt of financials

Material to construct 20 boot scrubbers (10 for the Community Foundation Grey Bruce and 10 for the Bruce Trail) has been obtained from Canadian Tire, Wilsons Hardware and the Elliott brothers. Signage for ten has been ordered from Johnny Tint. The Bruce Trail Association install their own signs. We have the support of many foundations who are interested in our conservation work within the community

Other Business

Ken Brown reported back as promised regarding our food prep

Quarry Applications

There are applications from two quarries to dig below the water table. Annette Musselman has volunteer to investigate if either application, if approved would have an impact on water for the hatchery.

Home and Community Support Services

Al Hunter and Ray Marklevitz will prepare something to be presented

Website

Kat McCulloch moved to spend up to \$1000.00 to have our website update; second by Stu Paterson; carried

General

Frank Hutter proposed we continue to build on the positive interaction with the children and residents from Cape Croker.

Kat McCulloch asked permission to pick up paint and paint both washrooms. Majority in favour

Home & Leisure Show & Artisan Market May 4th and 5th. The club will be hosting a booth during this event under direction of Annette Musselman. Anyone wishing to volunteer and help, please contact Annette Musselman.

Elections

Mike Lutman thanked the current board for their time and energy. He also thanked the nominating committee – Mike Smith, Dave Baxter, Kelly Lang and Mike Lutman for their time and efforts

President

Called for volunteers and or nominees for the office of President

No one volunteered. Bruce Beacock was asked, but declined stating he would stand as a Director

Vice-President

Called for volunteers and or nominees for the office of Vice-President

No one volunteered.

Secretary

Jane Thibideau was asked if she would stand. Asked for volunteers and/or nominees for Secretary. No response.

Motion to acclaim Jane Thibideau as secretary and close nominations put forward by Al Hunter; second by Mike Smith; carried.

Treasurer

Corrie Beacock was asked if she would stand. Asked for volunteers and/or nominees for Secretary. No response.

Motion to acclaim Corrie Beacock as treasurer and close nominations put forward by Ken Brown; second by Stu Paterson; carried.

Directors

Current Directors **Jim Martel**, as Past President
 Al Hunter as Handgun President
 Lincoln Leudke
 Stu Paterson

Called for volunteers and or nominees
The following names were presented:

Phil Henderson
Bruce Beacock
Donna Maginnis as representation from Archery
Paul Maginnis

The membership was asked again for nominations for President and Vice-President. No response.

Motion to close nominations and accept Phil Henderson, Bruce Beacock, Donna Maginnis and Paul Maginnis as Directors put forward by Judie Lutman; second by Kat McCulloch; carried.

Draw Prizes

Thermos	Carl Berfelz
Fish Crisp	Beth Lamprecht
Fishing Line	Charlie Robertson
Strawberry Jam	Mark Coffey
Fishing Line	Charlie Robertson
Fish Crisp	Mark Coffey
Dog Bowl	Wayne Musselman
Can Crusher	Paul Harris
Big Fish	Al Hunter
“Urge” moose scent	Carl Berfelz

Bruce Beacock asked if we would like to have a 50/50 draw rather than prizes. Majority were in favour of 50/50.

Next meeting is Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Phil Henderson; second by Kat McCulloch; carried.