

Minutes of Membership Meeting on April 28, 2022



Meeting opened by Kelly Lang, Vice President. Emphasised we are one club and willing participants are valuable people.

With common agreement, minutes of last meeting not read.

Indicated some official positions are still open and need filling, including a secretary needed for the meeting. Deb Gibson steps in as secretary for the night.

Kelly thanks the Beavers, the Thibideaus, Al Hunter, Kat McCulloch, Al Sutter and Stu Paterson for the extra work they have been doing.

Kelly fishes for a president, Deb resists getting hornswoggled.

Insurance grief: NFA coverage is good for general liability, suited to the collective interests and activities of the whole club. Recaps how insurance mess came to pass - primarily miscommunications.

Kat: Clarify to membership that some mainstay members have stepped down from various jobs due to health concerns.

Kelly: Need to return to sending personal cards and flowers and social contact maintain membership cohesion and mend fences. Also need to try to build the interest of children to keep the club viable.

Ray Marklevitz: Would like to see building and property insurance acquired through a local insurer (broker) rather than overseas. Ray found the boilerplate legal language of the existing policy boggling. Suggested possibility of a partial refund from existing insurance if the policy is cancelled. Reiterated that we are currently fully insured, possibly doubly so.

Jane Thibideau as Treasurer: Treasurer needs better paper trail for cheques written and other information tracking for financial transactions. For example, who has signing authority and what gets signed for and when. Also, a cheque to Ryke Construction over a year ago has not been cashed. Al Sutter informs her that Ryke does not intend to cash the cheque and the amount is now a donation.

Jane gives an update on the separate club funds (accounts) and balances and overall club finances. Kat moves to accept, second by Dennis Morton, carried.

General discussion of need to provide ink, paper etc to those who do a lot of printing for club business.

Kat: Getting help with technical glitches in the club website.

Al Hunter for the Handgun Club: Membership numbers 70+ with new members still in review.

Delivers financial report. Indicates a new account for doing E-transfers has been set up.

Range itself is in good order, sourcing new Coreplast backer boards.

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Lots of ammo on hand, for now. Ammo becoming more scarce. Need for better record keeping of ammo in, ammo out as preferred by range safety certifying body.

Old business: Thibideaus donate cash for new L.E.D. overhead lights in clubhouse. Kelly installed them.

New business: A financial audit is due soon.

Re: bids on getting clubhouse floors refinished. Two bids have been received for both the handgun club and parent club to jointly chose from, and jointly fund. Al Sutter thinks the oil finish offered in one of the bids would be a better, more durable finish compared to a water based finish. Al H. reports that, because the shooters use the clubhouse more than the hatchery folks, the shooters are willing to pay 3/4 of the cost of the refinishing. He quotes the club charter stating that "special interest clubs" can fund specific interests, in this case the floors.

Stu Paterson makes motion to accept the bid for floor refinishing with oil finish, second my Margie Beaver, carried.

Al Hunter also indicates that handgun club is willing to increase its annual contribution to the parent club from \$2000 to \$3000 for building maintenance and grounds upkeep. Ray Marklevitz points out that contributions are reviewed annually and that, yes, an increase now would be helpful. Motion to accept the increase by Kelly, second by Al Sutter, carried.

Jerry Beaver for Membership report: Need for new members. Need to get club members involved (re-involved) in activities in order to keep them interested. How to re-engage lapsed members? Word of mouth is important for getting and keeping members.

Kelly: Reminds everyone that grounds clean up day is April 30 and help is needed.

Ray Marklevitz: Turkey season is now open. Do we still want to offer a trophy? Do we want to maintain trophies in general? Show of hands for general support? Trophies to continue.

Some discussion about handouts set out at Colpoys Bay ramp regarding stocking program and creel surveys. Do not appear to be getting picked up, maybe put some on windshields of parked cars.

Ray becomes Property Director, needs a committee of 6 people minimum and help to cut grass etc.

General discussion of tree planting. Ray says apple trees are not available at this time. Also general discussion about cutting the back field, do we need a brush hog? A big mower? Ray M. will donate a brush hog but it will require a tractor. Ray would like to see a summary of grounds keeping responsibilities to help with planning.

Dennis is selling fishing derby tickets. Reiterates that buying a ticket, even if you don't fish, is a donation to the club.

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More discussion about cutting the grass and the considerable danger of cutting around the pond.

Al Sutter and the hatchery report: Budget for the hatchery for 2022 is \$14,900. A breakdown of the budget was read out and a printed copy will be provided. Money comes from fishing derby and other donations. Motion to accept the budget by Stu Paterson, second by Jerry Beaver, carried.

Hatchery helpers collected approx. 140,000 fish eggs in April, approx. 125,000 are viable.

Fin clipping for the year is done, a good turnout for clipping day with some new participants.

Planning to have **Kids' Fishing Day** again, planning on 50 families but will not be serving food beyond simple snacks. Clean up day is scheduled before Kids' day.

General discussion about freezers need to be cleaned out of old food left over from past events. Some of it will be several years old now.

Hatchery is building safety rails around the tanks. Rails can be removed when required for work.

Fish feeding duties are open to the general membership. Blocs are two weeks, every day, but can be flexible if someone wants to step in for a week. Volunteers will be trained.

Discussion about fencing along the boundary line of the Hepburn property. There are new owners at the Hepburn house who are not likely familiar with the arrangements from the past. Is there a need to fence it? Sign it? Use existing cedar rails?

Stu Paterson: OFAH and Canada Food Inspection Agency statements regarding recent outbreaks of bird flu and that it can affect wild turkeys. Hunters are to avoid game birds but enforcement is unclear due to jurisdictional haziness. OFAH gave the hatchery kudos for their brown trout release.

Kelly: Donation from George Mallard of \$250 from a recent golf tournament.

Kat: Glen Usher donated his handgun club early bird membership prize of \$50 to the Kids' Fishing Day.

Kat: About memorials and memorial trees. Read a list of recently deceased members, is it a complete list? We are behind in the project due to the COVID years. The cost to catch up with the trees and plaques is \$300 to \$350.

Any new business?

Kat: Could we pay someone, a student perhaps, to come in once a month to clean? Kelly suggest a family member from the club, i.e. older kids? No formal decision.

Motion to close the meeting at 9:30 pm by Al Hunter, second Jerry Beaver, carried.