

**BPSA "Special Meeting" Minutes**  
**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



Special Meeting called to order by Stu Paterson at 7:30 P.M.

47 Members present

Stu Paterson opened the meeting by announcing the Directors we have at this time.

**Jim Martell** - Past President

**Al Hunter** - President of the Handgun Club

**Stu Paterson** - Communications Director and OFAH representative.

**Lincoln Leudke** has agreed to serve as Interim Director until the March Meeting when we have our regular vote for President and Board Members. He is also leading the Building Project and Tree Planting.

The reason for this meeting is to confirm we have an adequate Executive to run things until the March elections. Al Hunter was consulted on the Constitution and he pointed out we need a quorum for the Executive which is 50% plus 1. In the case of the BPSA Executive this would mean we require 6 people in position. Our Constitution requires this meeting, as we must replace in an Acting Role the following positions.

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**3 Directors**

**We have had resignations by the following.**

**Hatchery Manager**

**Fish Committee Chair**

**Membership Chair**

**Property Chair**

**Scheduling Chair**

**Ways & Means Chair**

We know that Past President Jim Martell remains as a Director. He has been working on our Net Pen project meeting with S.O.N. along with Gerry Beaver. Jim, Gerry and Stu have just had a productive meeting with Bill Walker about several B.P.S.A. concerns.

We now call a vote to confirm that Past Presidents Mike Lutman and Frank Hutter be appointed Interim B.P.S.A. Directors until our annual meeting in March.

Stu Patterson; motion to ratify Frank Hutter as Interim Director

**All who approve of Past President Frank Hutter**

Unanimous, none against

Carried, Frank accepted the position and thanked the membership.

Motion by Stu Paterson to ratify Mike Lutman Interim Director

**All who approve of Past President Mike Lutman**

Unanimous, none against.

Carried, Mike accepted the position and thanked the membership.

The required quorum of 50% plus one has been met at this time.

Some Directors have resigned from the board but will remain in the following positions:

**Gerry and Marje Beaver - Membership**

**Wayne Mussleman- Property Manager**

**Jim Martell - MNRF relations**

**- First Nations relations**

**- Provincial and Federal Relations**

**Al Suter - Hatchery Manager**

**Mike Smith - Assistant Hatchery Manager**

Stu thanked Gerry, Marje, Wayne, Jim, Al and Mike for their work.

Tonight, we also need to appoint interim directors for Chair of the Fish Committee who also represents us at Fisheries Management Zone 14/15 council. We also need a Treasurer and Secretary. These appointments will stand until the March meeting when all positions require candidates except the Hand Gun Chair held by Al Hunter. Is someone taking over boot scrubbers and tree planting?

Temporary Fish Committee Chairperson- No volunteers.

Treasurer - No volunteers

Secretary - No volunteers

Al Hunter has been serving as Treasurer/Secretary and explained all books are in order.

As no volunteers these positions will be deferred until the next meeting.

Stu pointed out we need someone to take the helm for our Family Day activities. Al Hunter pointed out we should continue with Family Day and other important Community and youth activities where possible. Part of our service to the community is youth activities and the woman's shoot.

Annette Mussleman will help in the kitchen if she has 7 helpers.

Family Day is Monday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> this year. Time 11 A.M. until 2 P.M.

The Prize Chairman position is also open. Stu will help but not take the chair.

Stu announced we will now have people speak, they may have the floor without interruption for 3 minutes. Timekeeper Nancy Smith.

**Joe Vandesan.** *(highlights not verbatim, Joe left before I had a chance to obtain a copy from him)* Joe pointed out he has not been active in the club in the past but finds it an excellent club. Volunteers are what make the club and we should respect the people that do volunteer.

Thank you from Stu.

**Gerry Beaver** - Before Gerry began his speech, he did mention we have 175 members and a few more coming in, more came in at this meeting. He also mentioned the memberships were up, but the Hand Gun club was down a bit.

*(Gerry was kind enough to provide a copy of his speech)*

This club is made up of 3 separate groups. Hand Gun Club, Archery Club and the Hatchery. But the nucleus of this club are the people that don't necessarily belong to any of these groups. These are the people who volunteer to promote our club at the Kids Fishing Day, Community Living Day at the Pond, Social Events, Wiarton Willie Festival and conservation projects. These are the people who promote our club to the community and who want the club to grow and bring in new members and young families that want to get involved in community work and conservation projects.

Our past executive and directors did the best we could to promote our club to the community and to achieve the goals of the club as a whole, fairly and without preference. This has been the best executive I have ever had the pleasure to work with and now we have lost 8 out of the 11.

You cannot just turn the page and expect to start over without the nucleus -without the glue- that binds it all together. Conservation is our future if you want this club to grow and survive. But you also need volunteers willing to put in the hours, willing to do the outreach needed to keep this club going. And you also need to treat those volunteers with the respect they deserve. You may not agree with everyone or everything, but you should still expect to be treated with respect for volunteering to fill a position.

I wish the executive Good Luck.

Thank you from Stu.

**Stu Patterson** *(Stu did not want to have his speech printed in the minutes, only his mention that Jim Martell does work hard for the club.)*

**Jim McKane** *(Jim did not give a copy of his speech, does not feel everything said in a meeting should be in the minutes)*

Discussion ensued as the 3-minute mark had past.

**Al Hunter** advised we have heard a lot of innuendos about the building. Al went on to say how the meeting started out friendly and how very sad it is to see friends falling out like this. We need to work together, we need healing, we are all friends here and we all have common goals.

**Eric Barker** spoke up and said I know nothing about a meeting concerning the building. I have read all the minutes available and can't see anything. No drawings are available, and I cannot make an informed vote on this without more information.

Mike Lutman said he is chairing the next meeting and will have the rough addition drawing with him. He will have the location and the costing.

Eric Barker. People need time to read the material and think about it before the vote.

Mike Lutman will send out info on the building before the meeting. Kat McCulloch said she can make up a package with the drawing and send it out before the meeting.

Mike Lutman pointed out any meeting can have proxy voting. Maximum of 3 per member in good standing and each proxy must be in good standing.

Kat felt we should decide what will the wording be on the vote before the meeting.

Eric Barker pointed out there should be a proper prospectus, drawings maybe a model. The total membership should be informed including the folks not at meetings.

Jim McKane said we sent out e-mails and that the drawing was presented at two meetings already.

Corrie Beacock said you are assuming all members are being informed by e-mail but that not all members are receiving e-mails. They were members for 3 years before getting an e-mail.

**Lincoln Leduke** said the building will be 30 feet by 28 feet and be on the east side of the building. Floor will be the same level as the present building. Handicap ramp will run under the present windows. The high side will face north. There will be a 16-foot garage door at the north side and a 10-foot garage door will be on the east side.

In- floor heating will keep the building at 55 to 58 degrees F. A propane boiler will provide the heat. Do not know what the footings will be at this time. Total cost without tax or labour \$57,600. Not including boiler for in- floor heating. Add tax and rough price for in-floor heating estimate \$75,000.

Labour and concrete not included

Propane boiler not included.

Lincoln explained we do not have to do it all at one time. A lot of money has come in from the community.

Kat asked why two doors. Also, how many man doors? (3-man doors)

Eric Barker, can it be rented out? Other uses?

Lincoln responded, Membership have previously voted on not to be rented.

Marge Beaver said it could be used for overflow at Beef Barbeque etc. and that the community is financing it with donations.

Paul Maginnis asked how much has been donated so far. Caframo donated approx. \$11,000 and the Woman's Institute \$6,000 is this part of the building fund?

Jim McKane claimed not aware of Caframo giving any money to the club.

It was clarified that there has been \$11,075 in the building fund and the \$13,000 raised by Caframo has not been designated to the building fund.

Al Hunter said he could clarify there had been donations of \$250.00, \$100.00, \$300.00. Of the \$11,000.00 an amount of \$6,000.00 is from the Mar Women's Institute.

Jim McKane said there is also a Pledge for \$500.00. We will get a discount on stone and gravel. Donations have come to a screeching halt. We missed out on a grant from the Trillium Fund, as we don't qualify.

There had been a planned phone campaign and it will not be done until this is settled.

Stu asked who will be presenting their cases at the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Mike Lutman will present the material, allow folks to say yes or no and why they want or don't the building and then hold a vote.

Dave Morton wanted to know who the contractor is and why no drawings.

Gerry Beaver suggested we use the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting to learn about what is happening and suggested we defer the vote to February.

Upon checking with Stu Paterson, Chair of the Special Meeting, he felt we will leave it as is and deal with this deferment issue at the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Mark Young wanted to know what will the building be used for. Archery no, Hand Gun Club no. Lincoln said it will be used.

Marge Beaver suggested Pot Lucks, Fundraiser and Multi Use building.

Discussion will continue at the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Eric Barker asked is there an undertaking from the board to e-mail out a package?

Mike Lutman asked Kat and she verified it will be sent out.

Stan McNeil said it is difficult to pinpoint fundraising, donations versus designated funds.

Mike Lutman announced he will be chairing the next meeting and please send any reports to Mike Lutman and Frank Hutter.

Al Sutter pointed out there is a new fish feeding calendar posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up for a fish-feeding week.

Stu thanked Frank and Mike for standing up to be voted in as directors.

**Frank Hutter** asked for the floor.

I have been a long-time member. When I started, I knew nothing, I as well sat at first during the meetings, just listening. I felt other people would help. People do have to get out and help. We need a President and Vice President as well as other jobs, get out there and do anything, do something. If the club is going to continue, people need to step forward and help. There are people that will help you out if you accept a position.

Al Hunter said all mail is coming to him and he is forwarding on or paying bills as appropriate. Fish food and Insurance bills are paid.

Stu thanked Al and Frank for catching our insurance was due.

Thanked all for their co-operation.

Stu Paterson moved meeting be adjourned at 8:40 P.M. seconded by Al Hunter.