

BPSA General Meeting September 26, 2019

Bruce Beacock opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
We had 1 guest attend this evening.

A **motion** to accept the June 27th meeting minutes was made by Corrie Beacock and second by Al Hunter. Carried.

Treasurer's Report (Corrie Beacock)

General account

Deposits \$ 6,514.09 **Expenses** (11,030.69) **Balance** \$33,402.67

Attached is list of expenditures and deposit.

- Ways & Means balance is **\$4,528.01**
- Deer feeding fund is **\$3,578.01.**
- RBG GIC Maturing December 1, 2022 is **\$25,000.00.**
- Total **\$66,508.69**

Expenses and Deposits

		June, July & August, 2019					
0	3	interest	0.03		0	Interest	
6	4	Hydro One		451.36		Utilities	Hatchery
6	6	fee		8.50		Pro fees	
6	14	membership	430.00			Membership	
6	14	donations	575.00			Donations	
6	28	donation to cover generator	400.00			Donations	
6	19	SGS Canada water sample		92.66	702	Hatchery	Hatchery
6	19	Sharpe Farm Supplies		72.00	703	Hatchery	Hatchery
6	25	Cindy Tavener new bow		142.38	704	Archery	Special Events
6	25	Marje Beaver ink		101.43	705	Office Supplies	Secretary
6	25	Ram trophies t-shirts		271.20	706	Projects	Membership
6	25	Johnny Tint		253.12	707	Archery	Special Events
6	25	Johnny Tint		207.92	708	Maintenance	Maintenance
6	27	Wayne Musselman		128.00	709	Maintenance	Maintenance
6	27	Jane Thibideau office supplies		16.13	710	Office Supplies	Secretary
6	27	Stu Patterson		20.00	711	OFAH	OFAH
6	27	void		0.00	712	Office	

						Supplies	
6	30	Home Hardware hatchery		19.92	713	Hatchery	Hatchery
6	30	home hardware trees		12.81	713	Events	Gifts
6	30	Home hardware maintenance		406.80	713	Maintenance	Maintenance
6	30	Ram Trophies trees plaques		474.60	714	Events	Gifts
6	30	Sharon Smith Housekeeping		117.12	715	Maintenance	Maintenance
7	2	interest	0.03			Interest	
7	5	bank fee		8.50		Pro fees	
7	8	Hydro One		383.14		Utilities	Hatchery
7	15	deposit BBQ	4,514.00			Fundraising	
7	15	Sullivan's Butcher BBQ meats		637.29	716	Projects	
7	15	Murray Garniss - Meat		1,096.64	717	Projects	
7	31	Ed Elliott boot scrubbers		1,630.25	718	Projects	Boot Scrubbers
7	31	home Hardware		13.94	719	Hatchery	Hatchery
7	31	Jim Martell		1,129.77	720	Projects	Boot Scrubbers
7	31	Locking Business Furnishings		75.71	721	Maintenance	Maintenance
7	31	Huronia		194.36	722	Hatchery	Hatchery
7	16	deposit ?	210.00			Donations	
8	1	interest	0.03			Interest	
8	14	Huronia		3.89	723	Hatchery	Hatchery
8	1	Warton and District Chamber of Commerce		101.70	724	Pro fees	Secretary
8	14	Sharon Smith Housekeeping		175.58	725	Maintenance	Maintenance
8	14	donation re Irwin Sutter	50.00			Donations	
8	14	donation re Harvey Taylor	275.00			Donations	
8	14	Ed Elliott boot scrubbers		1,732.50	726	Projects	Boot Scrubbers
8	14	MPM Ltd - stone dust		339.00	727	Projects	Boot Scrubbers
8	31	Warton Hardware - Hatchery trailer paint		82.63	728	Hatchery	Hatchery
8	30	ACS Mobile Blasting (trailer)		282.50	729	Hatchery	Hatchery
8	5	Bank Fee		8.50		Pro fees	Secretary
8	20	donation	60.00			Donations	
8	7	Hydro One		338.84		Hatchery	Hatchery
			6,514.09	11,030.69			

Budget - we are over budget of several items

Motion to increase budget for **memorial trees** to \$927.27 made by Kevin Harders; second by Lincoln Leudke; carried

Motion to increase budget for **Christmas Parade and Events** to \$2500 made by Charlie Robertson; second by Paul McGinnis; carried

Motion to increase budget for **Prizes and Awards** to \$650.00 made by Lincoln Leudke; second by Stu Paterson; carried

Motion "to accept the **Treasurer's Report** by Corrie Beacock; second by Paul McGinnis; carried.

Board News

Items discussed at September 3rd Board Meeting

1. Clubhouse Roof – Paul McGinnis has received one recommendation. Second one due this coming week. Will report back with findings next month.
2. Invasive Plant Awareness Platforms Project - paying Elliot's for Wood used in boot scrubbers
3. Met with BDO – They suggested we purchase Quick Books to help simplify our bookkeeping. It was suggested we purchase two new computers for the club Treasurer and Secretary
Motion to spend a maximum of \$3000.00 on the purchase of two computers with required software made by Karen Van Nest; second by Al Hunter; carried
4. Lack of attendance – one option is having reports forwarded to general membership prior to meeting. We will try this for November's meeting.
5. Memorial trees – The three maple trees are dead. We need to dig them up and returned to Westside Nurseries for warranty.
6. Walk behind mower – Looking at replacing for next season.
7. Second access at south end of property – need someone to investigate the costs involved.
8. Events listing - notify general membership of upcoming events
9. Net pens pending
10. Status on Low Water Plan - on hold
11. A Motion for B.P.S.A. Executive to support the coalition of the area conservation clubs that are actively pursuing the return of a Biologist to the Owen Sound office was made and carried.
12. Stu Paterson attending the next OFAH meeting being held in Kincardine.

Great Lakes Fishery Commission – Jim McKane

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission was formed in 1955 by the United States and Canada. It is comprised of nine Commissioners, five from the US and four from Canada. Jim McKane is one of the Canadian representatives and is currently Chair of the Commission

The Commission has three responsibilities:

1. Maintain a healthy fishery in the Great Lakes which includes water quality and Aquatic Invasive Species.
2. Control Sea Lamprey
3. Perform and publish scientific research

Funding for sea lamprey control is over 70% of the annual budget; 69% US, 31% Canadian, based on the surface area of the Great Lakes. Research and administration are split 50/50.

The commission works in cooperation with both Federal governments, the eight states bordering the great lakes, the Province of Ontario as well as many US tribes and Canadian First Nations. The GLFC has no legal authority to force actions by any of these entities. The GLFC does not create laws nor set fishing quotas. This is done by the Province and various States. They work in cooperation with over 30 agencies and groups on both sides of the border. Their reputation is world renown for their ability to gain the respect and cooperation necessary to protect the Great Lakes.

Currently the sea lamprey numbers are at a historic low with our 90% control. They are actively working to keep the Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes.

For the past six years GLFC has used volunteers from BPSA to help staff the booth at the SSA Derby talking about GLFC, explaining sea lamprey and answering questions. For every volunteer hour worked, GLFC donates \$25.00 per hour, half to BPSA and half to the volunteer. This year there were 14 four shifts manned by four volunteers. All these volunteers donated their portion back to BPSA. Hats off and special thanks to Stu Paterson, Jim Martell, Annette Musselman and Dennis Morton.

The Commission wants to thank and recognized all the volunteers over the last six years.

Due to the generosity of this year's volunteers and Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Jim McKane presented a cheque in the amount of \$1400.00 to BPSA.

Motion by Jim McKane to use this money to purchase a new stove from Laughland's, Sauble Beach at a cost of \$789.89 and the balance to used for picnic tables; second by Karen Van Nest; carried.

Don Elliott offered lumber for the picnic tables

Vacant Positions

- Awards and Special Events Coordinator
- Ways and Means Chair
- Website Assistant
- Editor

Thank you, letters, - Heidi Arnold volunteered to fill this position. Thanks Heidi.

- Prize Coordinator

Correspondence:

National Hunting Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day was September 21st.

SSA Swap meet Sunday October 6th.

Karen Van Nest asked about holding our own swap meet. To be reviewed at November meeting

Reports on Events Held This Summer

Archery Tournaments – Karen Van Nest

Thunderhead East Archers hosted three tournaments this summer netting a donation of \$259.96 to the club.

Pork and Beef BBQ - Murray Garniss

Murray thanked everyone for helping with the BBQ. He is looking for someone to fill his shoes

SSA Salmon Spectacular Tent raising – Jerry Beaver

Jerry reported 28 members helped with tent setup and 17 members helped with the tent takedown. SSA is hosting a “Thank you” fish fry on Sunday, September 30th for all the volunteers

Report on Community Living - Bruce Beacock

- 62 attendees including special needs guests, support workers and families
- Beautiful weather so low fish count but high smile count
- All the special needs guests received grab bags filled with goodies from Giant Tiger and McDonalds
- Served beef and pork on a bun along with hot dogs and French fries – Community Living supplied beverages and desserts
- Total cost of the event was \$110.32
- Fryer is done

Fryers are in poor condition. Donna McGinnis to investigate pricing for two new fryers.

Upcoming Events

Archery 3D shoot and Potluck Saturday, October 5th, 2019

Games Night- Saturday, November 16th

Santa Claus Parade – Saturday, December 7th

Christmas Party Date TBD Coordinator??

Gateway Seniors Day – Coordinator - Kevin Harders

Lures N Lines was approached by a PSW from Gateway to see if we could assist in helping a few fellow anglers from Gateway. Gateway has always taken a few of their residents out fishing the weekend of the opener, however they find it difficult to find spots that are easily accessible.

At our last FAC meeting we had discussed this to see if it was something we could accommodate. It was a unanimous vote across the board. We will accommodate this for residents that wish to fish the morning of the Sunday April 26th, 2020 at our BPSA pond.

Transportation to and from the BPSA is the responsibility of Gateway and they will provide and extra PSW's.

We will need 5-6 volunteers to assist the morning of the event. We will provide coffee and some snacks after to let them talk about their past fishing stories.

This is just another way that the BPSA is opening their doors to serve our community.

Lures and Lines/ Fins and Skins golf tournament raised \$900.00. These proceeds were split between Lake Huron and BPSA. Kevin Harders presented a cheque in the amount of \$450.00 to BPSA Hatchery.

Reports:

Scheduling

Karen Van Nest to speak to Kat

Membership as of September 21st, 2019 - Jerry and Marje Beaver

PAID NEW MEMBERS	73
PAID FAMILY MEMBERS	221
PAID YOUTH	3
TOTAL PAID MEMBERS	297
MEMBERS THAT GET MINUTES MAILED	8
PAID GUN CLUB MEMBERS	71
PAID ARCHERY MEMBERS	45
PAID ADULT MEMBERS	265
CHILDREN MEMBERS	32
ADULT QUORUM @10% IS	26.5

Handgun Club - Al Hunter

Membership: Seventy (70) paid up Members & one (1) Probationary shooter.

Treasurer's Report: \$27,921.11 (end of August) up to date figures will be just under \$ 1,000. less due to a purchase of 15,000 targets earlier this week.

Correspondence:

Letter received approx. two weeks ago from N.D. Peer, Chief Firearms Officer for the Province of Ontario advising BPSA Handgun Club would not require the normal bi-annual Compliance Range Inspection in 2019 due to the "exemplary" operation of the BPSA Handgun Club.

BPSA Handgun Club Activity:

Seasonal range activity will resume starting Oct. 1/19, with weekly shooting resuming at 7:00 PM each Monday and Wed. and Wed. afternoons at 1:00 PM. There will also be Monday and Friday shooting at 12:00 Noon most weeks but check to ensure range will be open on Monday's and Friday before coming in.

In the three months of June, July and August the range was utilized by over 300 Handgun Member visits. Generally, the summer season is slow but not this year.

BPSA Competition team will start competitions during Oct. and run through till spring. We placed 2nd last year, losing out to the Owen Sound Revolver Club.

Federal Election Info:

We are a non-partisan club but this time around Hunters, Firearms Collectors and Sporting Firearms users are threatened by new legislation and seizure of legally owned firearms. We urge all BPSA Members to get out and vote on Oct. 21 and encourage family and friends to do the same.

Archery Donna & Paul Maginnis

The Archery Club had a busy summer. The 3D Trail was the most popular. The Annual 3-D Tournament will be held on October 5th starting at 3:00 p.m. followed by a Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Awards will be presented to the day's winners that evening.

An invite has been extended to the General Membership to attend both the tournament and potluck. Donna McGinnis will be at the clubhouse by 1:30 p.m. to aid any new archery participants prior to the tournament.

On October 22nd the equipment will be move to the Home Hardware Design Center, thanks to Al Sutter so that the archery program can continue during the winter months. Archery will be the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of the winter months.

There are three youths considering membership, including a family membership. Lately there are more parents participating rather than watching

The Archery Club is hosting a Games night on November 16th. Please plan to attend. Please bring along a snack item.

Al Hunter gave some history on the Thunderhead East Archers Club who is a member of the Ontario Archers Association. Donna McGinnis expressed concerns and reasons why the Archery Club has decided to not belong to the O.A.A.

Motion made by Karen Van Nest to allow the Thunderhead East Archers access to the clubhouse and grounds for tournaments and practice; second by Charlie Robertson; carried

Fish Committee Mike Smith

The fish trailer has been sandblasted and painted. A **Motion** was made by Corrie Beacock to have both logos placed on the fish trailer; second by Phil Henderson; carried.

Fish Hatchery Al Sutter

We currently have 70,000 rainbow trout in the hatchery. They are now 3 months old and have an average weight of 1.6 grams.

This past month we had evidence of Cold-Water Disease in the fish. Pictures of the fish were sent to the Vet and a medication was prescribed which gets mixed with the feed. This treatment is given for ten consecutive days ending on October 4th. Live fish were taken to the lab at the University of Guelph for testing. Results will be available by second week of October.

Water flow is slowly coming back up. If we get enough water to start a second tank, we will do as soon as the treatment is finished. If we do not have enough water, then we will be stocking some fish. We need to wait 12 days after the treatment ends before we can stock.

Hatchery insulation project has been pushed back a couple of weeks due the situation with the fish. Notice will be given when the insulation project is a go.

Thanks to Kevin Harders for organizing the Fins and Skins Golf Tournament and the \$450.00 to the fish hatchery.

F.A.C. Meeting September 11th

The MNRF said they will have to wait till a Lake Huron stocking plan is developed before any decisions are made regarding net pens, the possibility of the MNRF stocking brown trout and a five-year license.

We are putting the proposed recirculation system project on hold for the present time.

Ways and Means Phil Henderson

50/50 Raffle and donated prizes will continue at our meetings

Property Wayne Musselman

Hole at the east side of the clubhouse - It was suggested we use as a parking lot after filling with gravel. No one volunteered to take on this project.

Invasive Plant Species Boot Scrubber Project Eric Barker

BPSA set a goal of building and installing 100 boot scrubbers over a period of five years. To date 74 platforms has been constructed. 54 of these platforms have been installed in North Bruce and South Bruce Peninsula. We have 20 units in inventory that require signage leaving 26 units yet to be constructed to complete the club goal.

Materials for the boot scrubbers has been sourced from Liverance Lumber, Wilson Home Hardware with the bulk coming from the Elliott Brothers, who harvest their own lumber. Construction and placement of the units has been done by club members - this year Eric Barker, Dave Baxter, Ed Elliott and Jim Martell, along with Bruce Trail Captain Tom Hall and Town of South Bruce Peninsula employees, Tyler Hewitt and Wes Good under town supervisor Gord Glover auspices.

Paulette Weber, Planning Technician Bruce Count prepared maps showing the locations of the scrubbers in North and South Bruce Peninsula and Neyaashiinigmiing. Copies of these are on file in the clubhouse.

The funding of the units is through grants and member volunteers.

Recent grantors include The Gosling Foundation, Union Gas, Community Foundation of Grey and Bruce, Bruce Trail Conservancy, and the Helen McCrae Peacock Foundation. Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Foundation and County of Bruce are on board for 2020.

Plans are being made to expand into Grey County north of Owen Sound next year.

This appears to be a well thought of project in an increasing circle of supporters/funders.

The club has really got its name out there in a positive way and in large part to its promotion by Jim Martell.

The budget for 2019 asked for \$6000.00. In fact, we spent \$8073.25. Fortunately, revenue from three sources prevented a loss to the club. A motion will be brought at the end of report to approve the change to \$8073.25. The budget irregularity arises from Jim's oversight in including the Bruce Trail Conservancy Grant at the time of submission. In addition, the Helen McCrae Peacock funded platforms were destined from 2019 but completed in 2018.

The 20 platforms installed in 2019 were for Bruce Trail Conservancy and Community Foundation of Grey and Bruce.

The budget for 2020 is based on a recently received \$4000.00 from Helen McCrae Peacock Foundation, the \$3600.00 promised from the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Foundation and \$1000.00 from County of Bruce.

Any surplus in this account will be forwarded to completion of future platforms.

It is our plan to gain a foothold with Georgian Bluffs and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.

Motion made by Eric Barker to increase **2019 Boot Scrubber budget** to \$8673.25; second Karen Van Ness; carried

Motion made by Eric Barker to approve the **2020 Boot Scrubber Budget** at \$8600.00; second by Corrie Beacock; carried.

O.F.A.H. Stu Paterson

Special thanks to Jerry Beaver and Mel Urbshott for supplying and working the P.A. system during club events.

One of the big stories at the summer Zone H meeting was about the agreement to extend the Community Hatchery Program until March 31st, 2020.

Mike Hahn of the Lake Huron Fishing Club spoke emphatically about the decision by senior level of government to remove the only two biologists from the Owen Sound MNRF office. This left important decisions affecting our clubs to be made by individual with questionable skills and little understanding of the landscape of two counties involved. Hahn noted the folks in Midhurst have "no clue as to our needs". OFAH President, Rob Hare revealed there are other Ontario regions where nine biologists have been transferred or retired and were not replaced.

Premier Doug Ford made an unannounced visit to the SSA derby tent on day two of the Salmon Spectacular. MPP Lisa Thompson, Minister of Government Service along with Doug Ford experienced the suction powder of a sea lamprey at the Great Lake Fishery Commission display. They approached the OFAH Invasive Species display and congratulated the Federation on the great job that is being done. They watched as angles brought in fish to the weight station. Overall, they were impressed with all the action and excitement of the derby.

If Premier Ford was not aware of the importance of fish stocking and sports fishing to this region, he is now.

There is a new study on the impact of sports fishing, hunting and trapping in Canada. Check out this link <https://www.ofah.org/2019/09/outdoors-community-billions-canadian-econom/>

There is a new coalition of twelve Canadian fishing and hunting organizations which includes OFAH. It is called the National Fishing and Hunting Collaborative. Its aim is 'to make fishing, hunting and trapping a national priority'

Other Business:

Adopt a Highway

The current land steward will be approached and will be asked if we might take over.

New Business

The Naturalist Club has asked to help us.

50-50 Draw and Prizes

50/50 Draw this month was \$75.00

Ratchet Set

Beer Cozy

Thermometer/Clock

Hex Key Set

Hat

Strawberry Jam

Portable Pump

Tape Measure

Hex Key Set

Dial Thermometer

Socket Set

RV Holding hold deo

Tape Measure

American Bob (Sarver)

Jerry Beaver

Joanne Stevens

Don Kramer

Chris Thompson

Bruce Beacock

George Mallard

Mike Smith

Al Hunter

Al Sutter

Don Kramer

Dean Lobban

Ken Harders

Glen Usher

Next meeting Oct 31st, 2019