

BPSA General Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2022



Incoming President Carl Jones gave a short introductory address.

With a quorum established and 21 members in attendance, the meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

The minutes of our last regular meeting of Aug. 18th had been circulated to all members. Motion by Jerry Beaver, 2nded by Al Hunter, to accept the minutes as published; carried.

Dennis Morton had indicated that he was willing to serve as the Club Secretary for 2022-23 year & he confirmed his acceptance to the group; moved by Pres Carl Jones; 2nded by Stu Paterson, to fill the position of Secretary and motion was carried.

Treasurer Jane Thibideau presented a report of expenses for the period of Aug 1 to Sept 23 and a recap of our current account balances (General account of \$57,010.22; Ways & Means, \$5,751.22; Feed the Deer, \$3,571.32, and GIC, \$25K; total \$91,332.76). Motion by Marje Beaver, 2nded by Kat McCulloch, that the Treasurer's report be accepted; carried. Jane advised that BDO, Wiarton had prepared our 2020 and 2021 tax returns and had filed them on Sept. 28th. Each year's invoice was \$1,813.65 for services rendered. PP Bruce Beacock made a motion to pay the 2 invoices, 2nded by Marje Beaver; carried.

There was a discussion about the "Save the Deer Fund" and the fact that the account had been inactive for years. It was felt that these funds could be used to purchase trees as well as any deer feed. Jerry Beaver made a motion to close the account and move the funds to our General Account but maintain a separate accounting for the funds; 2nded by Don Elliott; carried.

Hatchery manager Al Sutter advised that we still had rainbow trout in our tanks but wished to stock the fish in Colpoy's Bay and Barrow Bay soon. He thought that there was still a good number of trout in the lagoon but he made a motion that we expend up to \$500, to purchase some bigger fish to restock

the lagoon this fall (We had done this before and we had good results); motion 2nded by PP Bruce Beacock; carried. Al advised the members that he would like to have a clean-up work party of the hatchery

(Thursday, Oct.13th) prior to our Club's 60th Birthday Party celebration on Oct.16th. and he would organize that job. He also advised that we are in receipt of a large promotional sign and he would make arrangements to have the sign installed on Highway 6 near the Top Notch Restaurant & Motel.

Handgun Club President Al Hunter gave a report on the Handgun Club, advising number of members, account balances, and range info. A copy of Al's full report has been placed in the Club's copy of these minutes.

Membership chair Jerry Beaver advised that there had been discussion on our 2023 membership rates at the Executive meeting of the Club on Sept 15th. He made a motion that the rates for 2023 be: individual member, \$60. and family membership, \$75. The rate increase is warranted by the costs of our new liability policy with the National Firearms Association. Motion 2nded by Al Hunter; carried. We shall advise the members that we would like to have the membership fees paid by Dec.31st each year. Jerry advised that he will have membership kits made up and available for our 60th Birthday Open House. There will be club pens, t-shirts available that day, too.

Director Kat McCulloch spoke to the Club on the 60th Birthday Open House that will be held at the Club on Sunday, Oct. 16th, 2022, There is a full slate of events that day – an open barbecue, birthday cake, display and question/answer sessions in the hatchery building hosted by Community Wildlife Management, a display by BPSA Handgun Club, hatchery tours, scavenger hunt for kids, archery display, and special guests. A clean-up of the Club's property was planned for Sat., Oct 1st, 10 a.m. The Handgun Club will set up the tent on Friday 14th at 10:00 am. Marje Beaver offered to look into borrowing more tables. The members decided we should rent outhouses for the event. A short formal program hosted by President Carl will be held at 12:30pm that day. Pres. Carl put a motion forward to set aside \$3,500 to cover expenses related to the birthday celebration. 2nded by Al Sutter, carried.

Stu Paterson gave a report on OFAH and the highlights from his 2 recent meetings that he attended as our Club's representative to the OFAH Zone H meetings. Stu's full report to the Club's members is included in the Club's original copy of these minutes.

New Business:

- ❖ Pres. Carl advised that we had received a Thank You card from Community Living Wiarton for hosting their fishing day.
- ❖ Pres Carl had contact with our neighbour, Martha Savage, and he would be speaking to her further about adjoining fences; he has extended an invitation to her and her family to attend the Birthday Open House
- ❖ Al Hunter made a motion to hire Katie Horst to clean the Club-house. There was a discussion of terms and rates. The motion was 2nded by Al Sutter; carried.

With no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by PP Bruce Beacock; 2nded by Murray Garniss; carried. Meeting ended at 9:43pm.

Minutes recorded by Secretary Dennis Morton