

## **BPSA General Meeting**

**Thursday, November 22, 2022**



With a quorum established and 23 members in attendance, the meeting was called to order by President Carl Jones at 7:35 pm.

The minutes of our last regular meeting of October 27th had been prepared by Jane Thibideau and circulated to all members. Motion by Secretary Dennis Morton to accept the minutes as published; 2nded by Charlie Robertson; carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Jane Thibideau presented a report of expenses since our last meeting and a recap of our current account balances (General account of \$56,468.85; Ways & Means, \$5,157.87; Feed the Deer, \$3,571.36, Boot Scrubbers, \$9,096.00; and GIC, \$25K). Motion by Jane Thibideau, 2nded by Jerry Beaver, that the Treasurer's report be accepted; carried. Jane advised that the Club had a GIC maturing on December 1st and she and Jerry Beaver will go to the Bank on November 29th to reinvest the funds for a new term.

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 "wildlife apple trees" and Director Ray Marklevitz advised that he will contact the supplier of the trees, establish a price, and order some trees for spring delivery; the cost will come from the Deer Fund. These trees will be offered to the members of BPSA for planting in suitable locations that the deer can access.

There was discussion on the boot scrubbers that have been installed and the need for maintaining them. Our Club is aware of the locations and there will be a need to confirm with the site owners about their maintenance. PP Eric Barker volunteered to work with Director Chris Thompson to examine the scrubbers.

### **Property Maintenance:**

Director Ray Marklevitz confirmed that our present insurance policy on our buildings will mature on Dec. 19th & McDougall Insurance has been advised that we will not be renewing our coverage with them. He is presently working with 3 local companies to obtain quotes & he questioned whether he would only work with 2 of them, as one was reluctant to quote. He will continue to get quotes from the 2 companies and refer the quotes and terms of coverage with the Club's Directors and make arrangements to obtain good and adequate coverage by Dec. 19th.

### **Hatchery Report:**

Hatchery manager Al Sutter had advised Director Jerry Beaver that we shall stock the larger rainbow trout in the hatchery into Colpoy's Bay, Oxenden Creek, and Barrow Bay on Saturday, November 26th. Director Jerry Beaver asked the volunteers who were helping with the stocking show up at the hatchery by 8am that morning.

**Handgun Club Report:**

Director Jerry Beaver advised that the handgun club was hosting their annual meeting within the next week and any members of BPSA were welcome to come to their meeting.

**Membership Report:**

Membership chair Jerry Beaver confirmed that BPSA would like to have the membership fees paid by Dec. 31st each year. He advised that the Club would host a Christmas social at 1pm on Dec. 18th at the Clubhouse with a gourmet hot dog meal, some salads, and desserts. Those members who had paid their 2023 fees by that date would be eligible for "early bird draw prizes" to be made that day at 2:30pm.

**OFAH Report:**

Stu Paterson gave a report on OFAH highlights from his recent meetings that he attended as our Club's representative to the OFAH Zone H. Our club is going to host an OFAH Zone H monthly meeting on Jan. 15, 2023. Stu is organizing draw prizes; Pres Carl is making arrangements for the lunch and snacks. We may have 35 to 50 OFAH representatives that day.

**New Business:**

- ❖ Member Scott Seibert advised that 2 members of BPSA had written letters to local politicians about their concerns with proposed gun ownership regulations in Bill C-21. He hopes that other members might read about the legislation by referring to the website: [www.ministerofpublicsafety.gc.ca](http://www.ministerofpublicsafety.gc.ca). Refer to Bill C-21 and register their opinions on the changes.
- ❖ Scott also reported that OPP had been called when a man living in the Gleason Brook area was shooting ducks near the homes. The local residents had considered the ducks as "pets" and would regularly feed them. Apparently, no charges were laid.
- ❖ We discussed putting a float into the Warton Santa Claus Parade on Sat, Dec. 3rd. Stu Paterson was willing to pull the fish-stocking trailer with his truck but we needed some decorating done on the trailer. No interest from any members on doing the decorating and very little time to do this, so we decided that we would not put an entry into the parade and re-consider our involvement for 2023 parade.

**Scheduling Next Meeting:**

There is the Christmas Social on Dec. 18th; 1pm. No other business will be done, except draws for "early bird members" who have paid their 2023 dues by that date.

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, 7:30pm.

Annette Musselman was the winner of \$50 for the 50/50 draw and other prizes were won by Ray Marklevitz, Jerry Beaver, Scott Seibert, and Bill Nafziger. Congratulations.

With no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Stu Paterson; 2nded by Donald Elliott; carried. Meeting ended at 8:41pm.

(Minutes recorded by Secretary Dennis Morton)