BPSA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2024

WITH SUPPLEMENT OF GENERAL MEETING OF SAME DATE



THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

- 1. President Carl Jones called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
- 2. Secretary Dennis Morton made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting of March 30, 2023; 2nded by Jerry Beaver; carried.
- 3. Membership chairman Jerry Beaver reported that our requisite quorum for the AGM was 21 members and we had 38 members in attendance so the meeting became official.
- 4. Treasurer Jane Thibideau advised that the BPSA financial records were in the hands of our accounting firm, BDO in Wiarton, but she had compiled income and expense figures to report for the AGM with the proviso that she would complete a full report on our financial affairs once the tax auditor had completed our return. Our 2023 income was \$34,062.61 and our expenses were \$63,347.35. The largest expense in 2023 was for the purchase and installation of a Generac generator for BPSA which cost us \$23,350.23. The Ways and Means account stood at \$\$5,951.77 and we still had Royal Bank GIC's totaling \$30,000.00. Our present General Account for BPSA had a balance of \$22,628.69 as at March 27th.
- President Carl advised the Board of Director had appointed PP Mike Lutman to serve as chair of the election of the 2024 executive and directors of the association at the Directors meeting held on March 25th. He introduced Mike.
- 6. Mike advised the members that there were rules for the election of the new executive and directors Each member over 18 yrs of age was eligible for one vote for each position and proxy votes were available to those members who wished to vote but were unable to attend. He confirmed that we had 3 proxy votes that had been filed with the BPSA Secretary. The new officers would be elected for a 2- year term. The Board of Directors had advised that they would be increasing the number of directors from 6 members to a maximum of 10 directors.
- 7. Mike asked for a motion for President; Kelly Lang nominated incumbent Carl Jones; motion 2nded by Charlie Robertson; Carl accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for President and a vote was held and Carl Jones was elected unanimously.
- 8. Mike asked for a motion for Vice President; Jerry Beaver nominated incumbent Kelly Lang; motion 2nded by Al Hunter; Kelly accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for VP and a vote was held and Kelly Lang was elected unanimously.
- Mike asked for a motion for Secretary; Jerry Beaver nominated incumbent, Dennis Morton; 2nded by Jane Thibideau; Dennis accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Secretary and a vote was held and Dennis Morton was elected unanimously.
- 10. Mike asked for a motion for Treasurer; Al Hunter nominated incumbent, Jane Thibideau; motion 2nded by Dennis Morton; Jane accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Treasurer and a vote was held and Jane Thibideau was elected unanimously.
- 11. Mike opened the floor for nominations for Directors with a 2-year term. Incumbents Jerry Beaver and Marje Beaver, Kat McCulloch, and Chris Thompson were asked if they would serve another term and they accepted, although Marje had indicated her willingness to

serve through Jerry (Marje was absent from this meeting). Further nominations were made for Director and nominees were questioned if they would accept the nominations; nominated were Eric Barker, Al Sutter, Bill Slot, Margot Doerr, and Daniel Robertson. With no further nominations, VP Kelly Lang moved that the 5 new nominees and the 4 incumbents be installed as 2024- 2025 Directors, motion 2nded by Bill Nafziger; carried unanimously. Mike mentioned that the President of the Handgun Club, Al Hunter, and the Archery Club's, Brenda McLean, were also Board members and held the same authority as the elected directors, as per our constitution and by-laws.

- 12. A motion to close the election process was made by Ray Marklevitz and 2nded by Al Hunter; motion carried.
- 13. President Carl resumed the chairmanship of the meeting at this point. We addressed the appointment of an auditor or an alternate person to conduct a review of the financial statements for the upcoming year. Mike Lutman had been suggested as a suitable candidate at the BPSA Directors meeting held on March 25th. Mike indicated that he was willing to conduct this service for 2023, retroactively, and for the upcoming year, 2024. Motion to appoint Mike as our audit review officer by Al Hunter; 2nded by Jane Thibideau; motion carried.
- 14. At this point, President Carl advised that the AGM had finished their meeting and he requested the members to continue to stay, have a coffee, a little snack, and a small break and we would reconvene for a short membership meeting to hear committee reports.

SUPPLEMENTAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 28, 2024:

- 1. A membership meeting was called to order by Pres. Carl Jones at 8:15 p.m.
- 2. Treasurer's report, March & 2024 YTD Jane Thibideau provided a report for 2024, i.e. Jan 1 to date. In March, the income was \$1,340.00 and expenses totaled \$2,279.12. She itemized expenses, to be \$822.11 for hatchery expense, additional apple trees \$445.55, office expenses of \$324.58 and clubhouse expenses of \$151,38. The 2024 income stands at \$17,110.07 and the 2024 expenses total \$13,375.24. The RBC general account balance was \$22,628,69 on March 27th, with designated funds of \$93.72 to Archery and funds to stock the fish pond of \$465.00 included. The account is owed \$2,650.23 to come back to the Club for the extra expenses for the generator installation; these funds will be earmarked when received from CHP and deposited. The Ways and Means account balance was \$5,951.77. We additionally own 2 x \$15,000 GIC's.
- 3. Due to the purchase of apple trees at Whiffletree Nursery, we had authorized the payment to that company but with a supplemental order (more trees), Jane made a motion to cover the additional tree expense plus mileage, and requested \$300.00. Motion seconded by Wayne Musselman & carried by unanimous vote.
- 4. Handgun President provided a report on the Handgun Club. The Handgun Club bank balance is \$29,957.52. The handgun club has a membership of 69 paid-up members and another 5 that have not yet paid their dues plus 2 Life Members and 13 people in their .22 Rifle Shoot Pilot Project. The HG club has completed their 2024 youth safety program and their Ladies Sunday Night program and the Club was most pleased with both programs. The HG club is in excellent shape.

- 5. A Hatchery report was given by Al Sutter, Hatchery manager. The spring brown trout that we have in the hatchery will be stocked into the water at the Wiarton Marina on Sat., March 30th; help has been already organized. The rainbow trout will be stocked later but will need to be fin-clipped around mid-April; a work party will be advised. Al & PP Kevin Harders and director Chris Thompson have signed the new hatchery license application and upon receipt of the license number, they will be applying for the CHP funding for operational expenses for 2024 in the amount of \$14,350.00. Al reported that the water temp in the hatchery was warmer than average which has had a positive effect on all of our fish.
- 6. Archery report Brenda McLean reported that the 2024 archery program will commence in May and she indicates that she is confident in a successful year. We are awaiting info from OFAH on a grant application that has been made that will provide funds to acquire a storage facility for our property that will allow for better storage of the archery equipment and targets.
- 7. Property report Ray Marklevitz confirmed that BPSA was purchasing apple trees from Whiffletree Nursery; had purchased 144 trees and had sold 140; we were keeping 4 to plant at our property. The trees will be picked up on April 12th and brought back to our hatchery. The trees will be available for picked up by their purchasers on Sat, April 13 and Sun, April 14. Price is \$20.00 per tree and the sales office will be open 9am to noon each day.
- 8. President Carl advised the members that BPSA had amended their constitution and by-laws which had not been amended since June 2017. He explained the reason to make some of the changes. We had anticipated that the members would want copies of the new constitution and by-laws and Carl had prepared 30 copies for tonight's meeting and invited members to grab a copy if they wanted one. We will also post the constitution and by-laws (March 2024 edition) on the BPSA website and a copy will be provided to all members.
- 9. Stu Paterson, our OFAH representative, was provided a little time in our program and he came with novel prizes to award members who had the correct answers to some questions that he had prepared. Stu does a lot of work with OFAH as a regional director.
- 10. We announced the next General monthly meeting would be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, with guest speaker, Bill Easton.
- 11. Chris Thompson advised that there was the tree planting with the Bruce Trail Association and the event was planned for May 28th, 2024. Chris was looking for youth or younger adults to help with the tree planting on County Rd 9 at the Vanishing Springs property; we would like 25 or 30 people to assist and we only had 13 volunteers so far. Think about helping with this project.
- 12. With no other new business, Stu Paterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; 2nded by Bill Slot; carried. The meeting ended at 8:48 p.m.