

# BPSA MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024



We had 29 members including 3 new members to start the meeting. With a quorum established at 24 members, President Carl Jones called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**Secretary Dennis Morton** moved to accept the recorded minutes of our last membership meeting of April 25th, 2024; motion 2nded by VP Kelly Lang; motion carried.

**Treasurer Jane Thibideau provided the Club members with a statement of our financial affairs.** We have a Royal Bank account with a balance of \$35,890.35 consisting of working capital balance, \$30,262.93, plus archery funds, \$638.77; fish stocking funds, \$5.00; and reserve hatchery capital expense funds of \$4,983.65.

The Ways and Means account balance is \$6,305.71. We still own 2 x \$15,000. Guaranteed investment certificates.

Our income in April was \$8,832.25. Thank you to the BPSA Handgun Club for increasing their stipend in 2024 to \$3,500.00 and to OFAH for a grant of \$2,000.00 for the Sea Container purchase and to Bruce County for an additional grant of \$1,000. Our expenses for May were \$2,220.49. Jane moved her report be accepted as given; 2nded by Charles Robertson; carried.

Treasurer Jane informed our members that she had the BPSA annual budget approved at our Feb. 29th meeting. Some expenses have already necessitated adjustment. Our insurance budget had been approved at \$9,000 then increased in March to \$10,000, but our actual liability insurance cost due to new member premiums necessitates an increase in this budget item, so Jane made a motion to **increase our insurance budget to \$11,000.00 for 2024**; motion 2nded by Jerry Beaver, and carried.

The total office budget for 2024 has been reviewed and must be revised as well and Jane made a **motion to increase the office budget to \$2,100.00 for 2024**; motion 2nded by Dan Robertson; carried.

**Membership Director Jerry Beaver reported on our membership.** He was pleased to report that BPSA membership is increasing and that we now had 322 members. Our membership includes 79 paid gun-club members and another 31 paid archery members.

**Hatchery manager, Al Sutter, reported on the Hatchery operations.** BPSA hosted a fin-clipping day on Wed, May 1st, at our hatchery, to fin-clip approx. 20K rainbow and most of the same rainbow trout were stocked in Colpoy's Bay and Barrow Bay on Sat., May 4th. There are a few rainbow trout left from the fin-clipping and they will be stocked in June.

The eggs from this year's rainbow egg collection are now hatching. Al expressed thanks to all of the members who assisted in our Kids' Fishing Day; it was an excellent day



and yielded 71 rainbow for the young anglers. Special thanks to Alison Gibson and Karen Thomas for the array of prizes.

Al mentioned that we were experiencing a water leak in the pipes feeding our hatchery tanks and a work party is being planned to expose the leak so that a new line can be installed.

Al mentioned that the Fish Advisory Committee had a meeting on May 16th and had appointed Director Chris Thompson to the position of Assistant Hatchery Manager. Congratulations, Chris.

**Handgun Club president & BPSA director Al Hunter made a report for the Handgun Club.** Their membership is 79 members but they have another 20 members who are completing their probationary shoots.

The handgun club has a bank balance of \$25,548.74.

In June/24, the HG club will host an evening shoot on Monday nights to allow the shooters to have an opportunity to complete their probations and the other shooters an additional chance to use the range. Al had investigated range use for the first 5 months of 2024 and determined that there had been 850 range visits by all of the shooters. Impressive number.

**Invasive Species Director Eric Barker** had worked with the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club on Monday, May 6th removing invasive English Ivy and Periwinkle.

Property Manager Chris Thompson advised that he had a BPSA group working with the same Bruce Trail Club planting about 300 trees along County Rd 9 on Sat., May 25th.

The Bruce Trail Club's director of conservation is Laura Pisko and she is doing good work and she has other opportunities to remove invasive plants. Eric thought that the BPSA could help with some of her projects or undertake some projects ourselves. If any BPSA member is interested in this kind of conservation work, please contact Eric at "windburn354@gmail.com" or text 519-373-1684. He will do the interface with Ms Pisko and our members when help is requested.

**Property Director Chris Thompson made a property report.** Chris advised that BPSA had purchased a new riding mower with 48 inch cut from Home Hardware. A motion had been approved last year for a purchase price not to exceed \$6,000.

A work-clean-up party is planned for June 8th and Chris asked that members, who can help, show up for a 9:30am start.

**OFAH rep Stu Paterson** had emailed a report of his work with OFAH for May and Pres. Carl read the report to the members. Stu is monitoring the 4 billion dollar pumped-storage project at the Meaford Military Centre.

OFAH is working with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission on lamprey populations in the Great Lakes.

He advised that there will be a major article in the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular's 2024 magazine on the economic value of fish hatcheries in Ontario.

He advised the next Zone H meeting for OFAH will be held in Duntroon, S of Collingwood, at 10am on Sunday, July 21.

Secretary Dennis Morton advised the members that BPSA had been requested to participate in a new event in Wiarton over the August civic holiday long weekend; the event is called the **Wiarion Homecoming Weekend** and it is replacing the Rotary Village Fair, that had run for over 60 years. We have been asked to place a booth in the event and the Wiarton Rotary Club has already authorized BPSA to use their "fishing booth". Rotary will assist with info on obtaining prizes and planning for our successful operation of the booth; we will need volunteers for the 2 afternoon shifts (12noon to 6pm). Dennis agreed to serve as a committee chairman but would like to have some other members join him in the planning for our involvement. Dennis made a motion that BPSA confirm our participation in the WHW event; motion 2nded by VP Kelly Lang; motion carried.

**Secretary Note:** Advise Dennis by email, "bridden47@gmail.com", if you would join the committee to discuss booth design, getting prizes (supplier has been proposed), and setting the manpower schedule. Thanks.

In "**Other Business**", the following items were discussed:

- Ray Marklevitz advised the members of the passing of long-term member, **Fred Richardson**; condolences expressed by BPSA to the family. Fred's name will be added to the members passed in 2024.
- Director Dan Robertson had reviewed the entries for our annual Awards Program and indicated that there were not enough entries to justify a meeting. There was a general discussion that the Executive Board should review the program and decide if it would remain on our calendar of events.
- Pres. Carl indicated that we would investigate the possibility of erecting some posts with a steel-roof overhead for a covered area for the archery program. More investigation will be done before the work is authorized.
- Alison Gibson contacted the County to see whether we could adopt the County Rd 13 from the Clubhouse to Jenny St., Wiarton. Permission was granted if we wish to assume this portion of road. The Members agreed and we will ask Alison to confirm the matter with Bruce County representatives. We can plan for a clean-up with the County and they will provide signing and some materials.
- Handgun Club President Al Hunter mentioned that he had been contacted by a person from Gateway Haven who had requested a person to come to Gateway as a guest speaker about BPSA and our work. Al volunteered to go to a meeting with them. Thanks.
- Director Marje Beaver mentioned that the new OFAH logo contains a UPC code imprinted on the membership card & it can be used at retailers. The Peavey discount is still not being offered.
- We concluded the meeting portion with the 50/50 draw and draws for 6 prizes. Congratulations to all winners.

A **motion** was made **to adjourn** the meeting by Al Hunter; 2nded by Marje Beaver; motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:27 p.m.