

BPSA MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, September 26, 2024



We had 34 members plus one guest to start the meeting. With a quorum established at 24 members, President Carl Jones called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Pres Carl advised of the recent passing of member Stan McNeil and the spouse of Mark Young, Cathy Young; the members had a minute of silence for them.

Secretary Dennis Morton moved to accept the recorded minutes of our last membership meeting of June 27th, 2024; motion 2nded by Charles Robertson; 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 \$26,791.10. Our working capital balance is \$22,015.64, plus there are designated funds for archery of \$531.00; fish stocking funds, \$5.00; Kids' Fishing Day funds of \$679.43, and reserve hatchery capital expense funds of \$3,559.03. The Ways and Means account balance is \$6,688.32. We still own 2 x \$15,000. Guaranteed Investment Certificates. Due to our last Membership meeting being held in June, Jane provided the members with income and expense figures for July, August, and September-to-date figures. Our income for July was \$2,194.08 and our expenses were \$3,343.99. Our income for August was \$221.58 and expenses were \$915.50. The Sept income for the period of Sept 1 - 25 was \$17.65 and expenses were \$2,086.49 (made up of hatchery expenses of \$1,702.21; office expenses of \$171.18; club-house expenses of \$70.72, and expenses for Community Living day of \$142.38). Jane made a motion to accept her report; 2nded by Brenda McLean; carried.

Membership Director Jerry Beaver reported on our membership. He reported that we now have 323 members. We now have a new membership form for 2025. Club dues will qualify as of this date for early-bird registrations. 2025 dues will remain the same as last year. Jerry reported that he and Marj have been doing the job of chairing the membership committee for 10 years and he invited someone to volunteer to take over the position asap and that he and Marj would provide guidance in handling the affairs. Please advise your interest!!

Director Chris Thompson made a report on Property. Chris thanked Wayne Musselman for cutting the grass and cleaning up around the pond area for the Community Living fishing day that was held on Sept 22nd. Chris indicated that there were several projects for the property committee to plan for in the next year. He hoped to be able to get new gravel in the driveway into our clubhouse and have it leveled. He wanted to remove the old wood posts along the edge of the parking lot. We would like to install a new deck and incorporate a ramp for better accessibility into the clubhouse. Director Jerry Beaver had prepared an auto-cad design sketch for the proposed deck. After some discussion, Al Hunter made a motion to investigate the deck design and obtain some quotes to determine the cost to do the work and, further, to consider grant sources; motion 2nded by Charles Robertson; carried. President Carl volunteered to oversee the project and work with Chris & his committee on the project. Bill Nafziger and Pres Carl have already done some investigations on grant sources.

President Carl advised the members of the recent improvements at the hatchery site with a new sidewalk and a fishing deck at the pond's edge and the improvements worked up to

expectations for the Community Living fishing day just held on Sept 22nd. Carl expressed the Club's appreciation for the project and the work of the Fish Advisory Committee in overseeing the work. The project was funded from the donation of \$8,250. from PP Kevin Harders and his Lures N Lines Spring Trout Derby.

Assistant Hatchery manager, Chris Thompson, provided a hatchery report, in the absence of Hatchery Manager Al Sutter. The rainbow trout in the hatchery are doing well now. The fish in the pond are healthy too as evidenced by the good catches of the 30 anglers from Community Living who we hosted on Sept 22nd. Thanks to Pres Carl for all of his work in purchasing the hot dogs, chips, drinks, and prizes for this day and for his chef-skills. P.S. Thanks also to Carl from the Worm King & Queen for providing hot dog wieners for our substitute bait after we ran out of dew-worms.



Handgun Club president & BPSA director Al Hunter made a report for the Handgun Club. Their membership is 80 members. The handgun club has a bank balance of \$25,362.30. The handgun club had their semi-annual inspection on August 13 and the inspector was very pleased with the BPSA gun range and BPSA clubhouse. They have had a busy summer with shooting at the range on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, as well as Monday and Wednesday evenings, but he indicated that either he or Kat would like to be notified in advance for evening shoots now, to ensure that they had a range officer available. Al, Jane T, and Kat had presented a talk to the people at Gateway Haven in Warton and had a good afternoon with the residents in a question-and-answer period. Al advised that we had had no water recently in the clubhouse and had to call a plumber. There was water leakage in both toilets and one pump had run dry. The plumber completed a temporary fix but the toilets need to be monitored for leakage now and are being treated with chlorine. He cautioned that the toilets may need to be replaced but the matter will be referred to the Board for approval of the costs, if/when needed. A PAL course will be offered in the spring and if you're interested in the course, notify either Al or Kat, to be informed.

Archery Director, Brenda McLean, has planned an archery "end-of-season" windup party with awards for the archers for Sunday, Sept 29th, from 1-3pm. Snacks will be served. Brenda thanked Princess Auto and some local sponsors for gifts for the kids. Brenda will spend time in the off-season looking at replacement items for the next session.

Director Eric Barker indicated that about a dozen BPSA volunteers had showed up to plant trees with the Bruce Trail Club on the Vanishing Stream property along County Rd 9 on Sat, Sept 14th. We were made aware that there shall be another major tree planting event on May 24, 2025 & the Bruce Trail Club may approach us again for some help. He advised that our work with the boot-scrubber program was almost complete although some maintenance may be required.

OFAH rep Stu Paterson gave a report of his **work with OFAH** this summer. The OFAH has gone on record that many of their member clubs are interested in having a net pen approval for raising their hatchery fish. The MNR advise that the first step on having such a program will be the development of a non-native salmonid stocking plan but this step will take years to develop but the OFAH will continue to advocate for exploring the possibilities. October 3rd is the date when OFAH members can go online and vote on the future of OFAH, which is undertaking a

change in their constitution. Stu suggested that members watch for an online showing of a new documentary entitled "The Fish Thief", produced by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission; it shows the importance of their work with lamprey eradication.

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

- We discussed the safety issues with the tent set-up and takedown when we work with the SSA at the Salmon Spectacular. Jerry Beaver has talked to Tim Parker who owns the tent about some issues and Tim will review our submission. Both BPSA and SSA will review existing protocol and try to have one person in charge for all of the aspects of the set-up and take-down, watching over the work being done
- We scheduled our next membership meeting for October 24th, rather than Oct.31, which is Hallowe'en night.
- Pres. Carl indicated that BPSA was still looking for a member to chair our Ways & Means Committee.
- Director Brenda McLean wishes to investigate the planting of nut trees by BPSA and she will investigate the sourcing and pricing and advise us of her findings
- We concluded our meeting with the 50/50 Draw and draws for 7 prizes. Ian Laughland won the 50/50 draw. Congrats.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom McKee; 2nded by Al Hunter; carried. The meeting ended at 8:38 pm.