

Summary of December 5, 2022 Meeting

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Submitted by Secretary Lloyd Hemstreet

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Howes at 7:30 PM. He led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance, and welcomed guests and spouses and family.

Secretary: The minutes from the November meeting were emailed out, as well as printed out and circulated before the meeting. The list of items for inventory reduction were added to the minutes, and then they were approved as amended.

Treasurer: Roy Kamps reported that we have \$89,479.45 dollars in the general fund. Everything is paid. Approved.

Ill and Injured: Keep Big Don Veeneman in your prayers and thoughts.

Building: no report.

Grounds: Jerry Toogood reported that the Bunton mower should be kept until we have a new zero-turn mower to replace it with (a garden tractor with attachments isn't going to do what we need done). Motioned made, seconded, and approved to remove the Bunton mower from the list of things to be auctioned off. Jerry also announced his retirement from the grounds committee.

Range: Greg Place reported that all is good on the range.

Archery: Jay Zink was absent, but noted that sign-ups have begun for the winter archery league, and spots are filling up fast. Thanks to Matt Clelland for getting the targets in for the winter.

Sporting Clays: Gerry Dibble said the next clay shoot is scheduled for December 18, at 1 PM, with a \$5 fee, weather permitting. Should have a rabbit thrower going.

CMP: Chris Hosington said the last shoot was canceled due to it being cold and windy. Will try to have a full gear winter shoot.

MUCC: Arlyn Doornbos had no new update.

Legislative: Larry Crandle said that the ballot proposals passing so easily was a dangerous precedent. An "Assault Weapons Bill" has now been filed in Michigan, and it will be interesting to see if it gains traction with the new majority. Federally, it appears that attempts to pass an "Assault Weapons Ban" there are stalled out, but we must remain ever vigilant.

Hunting: no report.

Fishing: Perch are being caught in Lake Michigan and on Muskegon Lake, as well as Walleye after dark on Muskegon Lake.

Trapping Report: No dogs in the traps yet in at least one area.

Web Report: no report.

Fundraising - Raffle: Matt Clelland tonights drawing for cash prizes, and some tickets are available. Also tickets available if people want to sign some out.

Golf: no news.

Poker: President Howes said we need a younger person to be mentored and learn how to help out.

Old Business:

- The AED battery and pads are on order, and we are just waiting for them to come in.
- Clearing the rimfire range is about 70% complete, and then will come the next steps.
- The security cameras installation is progressing.
- Work days for tree removal are scheduled for 1/14, 2/11, and 3/11, weather permitting.
- Need a new Sportsman For Youth coordinator, as we need a new person to organize the event, while we have a seasoned mentor (Pat) to train them.
- Big Buck Contest was light on entries, but won with a beautiful 10 point that President Joe Howes shot opening morning.
- Banquet will be held January 14th at the VFW, with a catered dinner. Social time begins at 5:30, and dinner is at 6:30. It is a fun party for the club, and should not be missed. Reservations and Cancellations will be taken until December 31, 2022. Call Gary Sabo at 616-862-1804, or sign up at the tonight. For the evening, if any businesses or anyone else has gifts or donations for the evening, contact Sherry Zuidema or Larry VanDussen, or drop them of at Paledium (donations can also be dropped off at the VFW after 2 PM on the day of the Banquet, as long as Sherry or Larry know it is coming). Sportsman themed.
- Nominations were taken for Sportsman of the Year: Pat Holtz, Jerry Dibble, Dan Boonstra, Matt Clelland, Danny Hart, Sherry Zuidema. Vote was taken (results will be announced at the Baquet).
- Inventory reduction, nothing new added, and the mower removed earlier in the meeting.

New Business:

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Raffle: 1st Prize, ticket #351 Jerry Toogood \$500, 2nd Prize, ticket #139 Terry Zahm \$200, 3rd Prize, ticket #72 Dave Woodward \$200.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 PM