

Summary of April 3, 2023 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. The Attendance sheet was passed around.

Secretary: The minutes from the March meeting were emailed out, as well as printed out and circulated before the meeting. Approved. Annual points sheets were available to be filled out. We received a communication from the Saladin Shriners, inviting us to attend (or sponsor)there annual Sportsman's Raffle. This year's raffle is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, at the Four Mile Showplace in Walker. It was noted that this is their third year hosting this event, and that they have 59 firearms scheduled to be raffled off. There are fliers at the clubhouse with more information.

Ill and Injured: No news.

Treasurer: Roy Kamps reported everything is paid, and we have money in the bank. Approved. Bids for the raffle items need to be turned in before the end of the meeting.

Building: Tim Preisner reported that there was a woodpecker doing some damage on the corners of the building. Security camera system will be running once we have a small (17") monitor installed. If we don't find a donation, we will look to make a motion to buy one next month.

Grounds: Dave Carlson looked at the fence on the South side of the property, and did what he could with it. Been pricing out tractors, but nothing yet. Gypsy moths spraying needs to begin again, because we have about until they will be hatching. Oak wilt danger means that we are done cutting anything until cold weather.

Range: Greg Place reported it is all good.

Archery: Jay Zink reported that they are planning to set up the range on Saturday, May 13, at 9 AM. (they could use a couple of quads with small trailers to help run everything around). First Tuesday shooting night will be June 13th (and flyers have been put out at other clubs/shops). Traveling league dates will be shared later, but we will need a couple of extra hands for those dates. Coopersville fun shoot will begin first Wednesday in June (7th).

Sporting Clays: Shoot is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 AM (weather permitting), \$5 to participate.

CMP: Chris Hosington said that the next CMP shoot will be Sunday, April 23 (note, not the day before our next meeting).

MUCC: Arlyn Doornbos reported that they held their annual convention end of March, and passed 16 resolutions: 1. Wolf - Dog conflict reporting system. 2. Wake boat regulations. 3. Establish a Turkey Harvest Reporting. 4. License for Special Needs Hunters To Hunt With a Mentor. 5. Easier Access To Recreational Passports. 6. Encourage Game Tracking Dog Use. 7. Amend Pontoon Registration Fee/Renewal Fee. 8. Retention of Points When Purchasing Leftover Bear Licenses. 9. State Park Endowment Fund Oversight. 10. Expansion of Michigan Pheasant Release. 11. Green Solar Energy On Private Land. 12. National Resources Commission Meeting Locations. 13. Opposition to Camp Grayling Expansion. 14. Recreational Vehicle Training. 15. Mandatory Deer Harvest Reporting Requirement adjustments. 16. Budget for and Implement Cormorant Control. (For more details see https://mucc.org/2023-mucc-passed-resolutions/).

Legislative: Larry Crandle reported on March 2nd there was a hearing on anti-gun bills, but only supporting voices were allowed to be heard. On the 23rd, several bills were passed, including safe storage act (burglar/rapist protection act), which means they will prosecute you rather than thieves that steal weapons. Expanded the permit to purchase to long guns. (Hasn't been signed by the Governor yet?) Will the Sheriffs support it? Penalties unknown? Red Flag laws are in process (guilt presumed instead of innocence).

Hunting: Turkeys open later this month.

Fishing: Catching coho's and browns off the piers.

Trapping Report: No report.

Hunter Safety: April 15th will have a class at another organizations. Our Club is aiming for June'ish.

Web Report: Need fill-able forms/slot for sponsor.

Fundraising - Raffle: Matt Clelland said Summer fest tickets being printed. Finalizing the Archery raffle (hopefully in hand by set up day). 2 tickets left for tonight.

Golf: Tom reported June 24th outing is sold out (filled up in 6 days). Beer vendors are going to sponsor it again this year. Sign up sheet for workers will be passed at the May meeting. Waiting list for teams that want to get in. Still taking sponsors and donors. Outing will start at 9, and workers need to get there at 7:45-8:00.

Poker: Larry VanDussen reported the March games were profitable. Volunteers starting at 2:00, but let Larry know if you can't make it until 3:30-5:00, as the main thing is at least having four volunteers from 5:00-8:00. April dates are the 17th - 20th, and 3rd week of May.

Old Business:

- CCW all set for volunteers, and only a couple of spots left in the class (May 6th).
- AED pads are on "long term back order." Ken found a new unit that is supposed to come in 4-6 weeks for \$1,125 (\$1,000 previously approved). Motion made to increase our budget by \$500 (to \$1,500

total), to order and ship this new unit, and cover the other pads if they ever come in. Approved.

- Clearing the rimfire range: Called off for bad weather on the 18th.
- Thanks to Don Taylor who has taken over the Poker record keeping duties.
- Need an Executive to manage the list and plan for the Sportsman for Youth meeting. (To make phone calls, and put stuff on the calendar, and keep it organized/records kept).
- Nomination of Officers and Board Members: President : Joe Howes

 Vice President: Burnell Grieve
 Secretary: Lloyd Hemstreet
 Treasurer: Roy Kamps
 Legislative: Larry Crandle
 Board Members: 1. Ken Stroven. 2. Matt Hehl 3. Dave Carlson. 4. Don Taylor. 5. Joe Frank.
 (Elections at May meeting)
- Boy Scouts are coming to plant trees April 22 from 10:00 2:00. Could use extra help, just to direct and help keep rows straight.

New Business:

- Renewal points and dues are due today. \$10 late fee after today (mail to PO Box 71).
- Winning bid for the Freezer was \$51, Lead sleds (if cleared to sell), \$25 each. No bids for the tent or TV. Matt Hehl volunteered to take the tent to Meidema auction in the next 90 days.
- Holy Cross Foster Care (Muskegon/Ottawa County) is looking for a community partner to host Eucher tournament fund raisers with? Matt Hehl will set up a trial run tournament, and was given up to a \$500 budget, in case anything needs to be purchased to put it on. Approved.
- Board Meeting was scheduled for April 25th (changed to April 20th after the meeting, 7:00 PM at the club).

Raffle: The winning ticket was #077 Wayne Cumberworth

Meeting Adjourned: 8:29 PM

Next meeting 5/1/23, 7:30 PM at the Club.