



Summary of March 4, 2024 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 Freddy VanOeffelen, and Mike Lucas. As they both have applications in and waiting, they were given a minute to introduced themselves to the club.

Secretary: The minutes from the February meeting were emailed out last Saturday, as well as printed out and circulated before the meeting. Also, both the September and February Board minutes were printed and available for review. Approved.

Ill and Injured: No reports or updates on Kowboy (Kevin Heath). Ernie Vadas passed away February 16th. A Celebration of Life gathering is scheduled for April 20th, from 12:00-4:00 at the Coopersville VFW. Motion made to make a donation of \$200 to Lori's Voice in his memory. Approved.

Treasurer: Roy Kamps reported that we have money in the bank. **Reminder, membership dues are due at the next meeting (April 1).**

Building: Tim Preisner reported that they are all still standing. It was mentioned that the lighting should be updated to LED, which he will look into. Ralph spoke with Joe before the meeting about wrapping up the security wires.

Grounds: Dave Carlson had no report. President Joe sent out info on how to spray the fuzzy gypsy moths, and reminded us that now is the time to get out and treat trees. The last tree falling work day of the season will be this Saturday (3/9) at 9:00 AM. (Reminder, Oak trees have to be cut and removed from the property before April 1, or left alone until winter).

Range: Greg Place said he is going to be working on the .22 range, planning on anchoring the posts better, and lowering the boards so that the wind doesn't blow them all down again. It was also mentioned the .22 range needs signage with the shooting rules posted by it, when it is open again. Matt Clelland said that we also need to clean up the sticks and roots out around 40 yards down on the .22 range. The 50 yard rifle range berm is deteriorating, but Greg plans to address it this spring. Greg also mentioned that he is running out of plywood, and we could use old scrap boards to replace and repair target hanging boards.

Archery: Jay Zinc sent a message that the 3-D course set up date will be May 11th, and we will need volunteers to help. The archery league will begin June 11th. No dates as of yet for the two traveling league tournaments we will host (but they should be set by the next meeting).

Sporting Clays: Jerry Dibble had no report, but Arlyn thanked the club for the new transmitters and the receivers. The old transmitters and receivers are available for members to use, in the bottom of the storage cabinet in the women's bathroom (but, take note that they can be finicky).

CMP: Chris Hoisington had no report. Said that he would like to set up a shoot, and catch one of these beautiful days, but he is waiting for spring for the next shoot.

MUCC: Arlyn Doornbos reported the state budget is remaining fairly level for outdoors funding, and that they are changing the recreational passport to make people opt out if they don't want to pay for it now. The Natural Resources Commission has a meeting coming up March 14th, where they will consider closing the coyote season from mid April to mid July (MUCC is against the change, and recommends we contact our representatives).

Legislative: Larry Crandle reported that the tribal fishing agreements have been changed. The DNR has also instituted new regulations around type 3 and type 4 trout streams and legal limits of trout. Also, mid February a pile of new gun laws kicked in. However, it was reported that the County Sheriffs were tasked with this new work, but were not given a budget to complete it, so compliance and enforcement are unknown as of now. In theory, all gun exchanges (even to children) need a background check now?

Point Tracker: Serge continues to work on things, but this year we are using the paper tracker system still.

Web Report: Joe has been in touch with Jon and Dan, and the web and Facebook are in the process of being switched over. If you want anything posted online, send it to Dan Miller at dmiller150@gmail.com.

Fundraising - Raffle: Matt Clelland reported sales are going good, and the bow raffle will be in September this year, so it can be tuned in for hunting season.

- **Golf: Tom** had the entry forms for this years outing. Members will have till Wednesday to register, before they will be advertised on Facebook.

- Outing will be on June 29. Sponsors still needed.

- **Poker:** Larry needed a number of volunteers for March 18-21 dates, (and we have the third week's of April, and May as well).

Hunting: Turkey's coming soon.

Fishing: Reports of big walleye's of the piers.

Trapping Report: Season closed.

Hunter Safety: No report.

Old Business:

- Boy Scouts are coming April 20th to plant Christmas Trees (and may be staying over that Friday night/camping on the property too).
- Dues and points need to be turned in at the April meeting.

New Business:

- Board Meeting update, almost have the bylaw recommended updates done. **One item of note, an Annual and Lifetime dues INCREASE is being proposed.**
- The Board recommends a committee be formed to look into pricing and legality of running a fence all the way up our East Property line. Board member Gary Williams volunteered to lead it, and 1. Ken Gilbert, 2. Jess Gregory, 3. Ralph Christiansen joined the committee.
- Donation request from the Coopersville VFW Auxiliary, for assistance remodeling the women's bathroom. Motion made to donate \$1,500 for the project. Approved
- Donation request from the Crockery Citizens Committee's Children's Easter egg hunt (serving about 90 kids). Motion made to donate \$300. Approved.
- The range should have a stapler, there should be two spotting scopes, and led sleds here for the members to use. If members are taking anything off of the property, it needs to be signed out.
- It was mentioned that we have keys and combination locks, and we need to decide if we want to stay with the current system, or switch (to be discussed by the board, so feed your board members your ideas).
- Nominations began to be collected for Officers and Board Members. Treasurer: Roy Kamps. Secretary: Lloyd Hemstreet. Legislative: Larry Crandel, and Tim Foster. For the Board, current members Chad Piper, Garry Williams, Dave Willis, and Dave Carlson were nominated again, as well as Pat Holtz, and Dan Armock.
- Boy Scouts are planning to come and plant tress middle of April (20th at 9:00 AM).
- There was a discussion on Charter Membership, and voting new members in. Discussion of there being 34 Charter members (55 max in the by-laws). **A Charter Membership Meeting was called for Monday, May 6th, immediately following the monthly meeting** (email notice sent 3/11/24, to the 26 current Charter members).
- Reminder that the Coopersville Hardware store sells seed for deer food plots, and they were a large sponsor of our winter banquet this year, so be sure to patronize their business often!

Raffle Winners: Ticket #248 Tim Palma

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 PM

Next meeting 4/1/24 at the Sportsman's Club