



## Summary of December 4, 2023 Meeting

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The meeting was called to order by President Joe Howes at 7:30 PM, and he led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance, and welcomed everyone. T-Shirts were present for those that had signed up for one. Items and cash were collected for Coopersville Cares. The Attendance sheet was passed around.

**Secretary:** The minutes from the November meeting were emailed out early, as well as printed out and circulated before the meeting. Approved.

**Ill and Injured:** Kowboy (Kevin Heath) is still struggling, though out of rehab and home. Pat Holtz was back with us, and doctors have reduced his 80% blockage down to 40%. Ernie Vadas is in Fountain View, Building 2 room 4 (and he enjoys company).

**Treasurer:** Roy Kamps reported that we have funds in the bank, and the bills are paid. Report approved. The Coopersville Library movie license needed renewal, and it was upped to \$600 this year. Approved.

**Building:** Tim Preisner reported everything is good. The gutters could use cleaning, and we could use a restock of toilet paper. The gutters also need the end caps on them. Security system just getting wrapped up.

**Grounds:** Dave Carlson reported everything was good. South Fence project that was authorized hasn't been started yet.

**Range:** Greg Place reported the range was in good shape. Reminder, lock the door to the clubhouse after you are done shooting.

**Archery:** Jay said that someone donated protective/outer layer bags to go over some of our range bags, and increase their life. Also, we only needed two cores for next season, and both of those have already been picked up.

**Sporting Clays:** Jerry Dibble reported that the next sporting clays shoot will be Saturday, December 16, with a start time at 11 AM. It is going to be a potluck lunch, where everyone brings a can of soup (to combine in a big pot) and sandwiches. Cost is increasing to \$10 a person (to cover the clays).

**CMP:** No report.

**MUCC:** Arlyn Doornbos said MUCC hasn't asked for money recently, so all good.

**Legislative:** Larry Crandle said that the politicians are getting bolder about doing things and pushing their agenda through, even before an election, which isn't encouraging with the current politicians.

**Point Tracker:** Roy, Joe, and Lloyd will meet to get the membership lists cleaned up, so that we can move forward.

**Web Report:** John is willing to turn over the web duties over to Dan, when they get a chance to meet up/coordinated.

**Fundraising - Raffle:** Matt Clelland had a few raffle tickets for tonight left (with its multiple cash prizes). Tickets for monthly sellers were available, and everything is moving along.

- **Golf:** 72 new carts just ordered, so that will be good to go. Just in need of sponsors and donations.

- **Poker:** Larry said we just needed to get our lists straightened out, and applications submitted. Sign up at the Winter Banquet.

**Hunting:** The big buck winner was Brian Elders, who had 3 other encounters with the winning buck, before sealing the deal the 4<sup>th</sup> time he saw it. (He won \$16)

**Fishing:** Walleye are good at night on Muskegon Lake. Not enough ice to walk on anywhere yet.

**Trapping Report:** No luck.

**Hunter Safety:** Jerry said they will schedule a date or two in the spring.

#### **Old Business:**

- Roster clean up in process.
- Banquet sign up sheet was up at the front table. Going to be on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at the VFW, with Happy Hour starting at 5:30, and dinner at 6:30. Accepting donations of new and gently used items, and looking for sponsors. Sign ups needed by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Outdoor's man theme (as last year).

#### **New Business:**

- Donation request for building an enclosure for the Merlin (passenger car in Coopersville, next to the museum). Motion to donate \$5,000 for the enclosure, revised to \$1,000. Approved.
- North East Ottawa County Firefighter Collaborative (NEOFC) requested funds for hardware to run their annual fundraiser. Motion to donate \$500. Approved.
- Donated an AED to the commander of the VFW post.
- Sportsman of the Year nominations were taken: Tom Toogood, Roy Kamps, Ralph Christiansen, John Crossett, Dave Willis, Dan Boonstra, Larry VanDussen, and Matt Clelland.

**Raffle Winners:** Ticket #438 Dwayne Sikkema (\$500). Ticket #117 Louie Langlois (\$250). Ticket #194 (\$250)

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:21 PM

Next meeting 1/20/24 Coopersville VFW (5:30 Happy Hour, 6:30 Dinner).