

BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB
Board of Directors meeting minutes 8-12-24

Meeting start time of 6:29pm. at the clubhouse.

Present = Ron Moderow (V. Pres.) Dave Polzin (Treasurer), Jerry Reetz (Sec.), Taylor Wallace, Les Fritz, Larry Naumann, Todd Gleisner, Joe Gozinski, Gary Ross

Absent = Don Metzger, Liza Fritz, Don Konen (Pres.)

Guests = Gary Ross Jr., Gene Thom, Tyler Thoma

The meeting was run by V. Pres. Moderow.

July minutes Motion by Polzin and second by Moderow to accept/approve the minutes, carried.

Treasurer's report Motion by Wallace and second by Naumann to accept the report, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

A – Both the A and the B raffle license were received.

B – Alcohol operator licenses were received for all those returning the application to Reetz.

C – A thankyou card was received from the Friends of WI. Trapshooting Assoc. for 2 wood duck and 2 blue bird houses donated.

D – A motion from Wallace and second by Ross to donate \$50.00 to the Berlin Fire Dept. for safety material to area schools, carried.

E – A packet of newspaper articles of the club youth shooting activities and a note from State Senator Joan Ballweg recognizing the club and its work in the area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1- Pheasant Farm = Blinders were placed onto birds. A work day on Wed. will place the birds into the large pens. Pen repairs occur as needed.

2- Shell and targets = The inventory on hand is adequate at present.

3- Ranges = The target holder on the pistol range was replaced.

4- Banquet reservations = The only reservation for the future is the WI. Bear Hunters meeting in Jan. 2025.

5- Clubhouse and grounds = Most of the work was performed by Gleisner, Reetz and Naumann

- Wallace mowed the area in front of the trap houses twice.

- The pressure washer was repaired.

- The driveway brush and trees were removed.

- The clubhouse light fixture lenses were cleaned.

- The skeet house had a white area extending away from the target door painted white to meet recommendations.

- Repairs and safety additions occurred on the sporting clays wagon.

- Brush and trees on the rifle range was treated.

- Rotted steps on the archery tower were replaced.

- A broken drive belt was replaced on the riding lawn mower.

- A survey marker in the trap range was found and clearly marked.

- More door stops were installed.
 - The aluminum cans were taken to the recycle center.
 - The rifle range shelter roof received damage from a sheriff's trailer during a training session 8 weeks ago. Repairs are to take place shortly.
 - The clubhouse and hall roofs were inspected and found to be adequate. Replacement may be needed in 3-5 years.
 - A member donated a 10" table saw.
- 6- Newsletter and memberships = There are 1103 members at present. Newsletter articles are due to Donna Polzin by Aug. 20.
- 7- Media/website/Facebook = Reports were given by member Gary Ross Jr. on all media areas. Detailed information was presented on the advantages of changing the internet service. A motion by Polzin and second by Naumann to change the service to the new system with Ross handling the change, carried.
- 8- Thursday summer trap league = Plans are set to finish the league, shoot offs, Annie Oakley's and upcoming shoots.
- 9- Sporting clays = 118 shooters shot the 100-bird event and everything ran smoothly. New this year will be a fifth event on 9-1-24.
- 10- 3-D archery = 20 shooters competed at the last shoot. Plans are taking place to install a new path to divert the old one off the city property area. Bartender licenses are needed by some of the persons working the events.
- 11- Tuesday night shooting = 5-stand shooting is averaging 30-35 rounds each night. The trap shooting is running smoothly.

OLD BUSINESS

Youth activity representative - Discussion took place on having a youth activity representative on the Board. For that person to have voting rights on the Board it would have to be voted on, and passed, at two bi-annual membership meetings.

UTV update – We have a loaner one at present, waiting for ours to be ready. Discussion took place on a plow for it.

Brooks event- A fundraiser for Mr. Brooks will take place Sat. Details were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Project list = A long discussion took place on a walk-in freezer with some topics including zoning, permits, construction, specifications, design and other items.

Project list = Adding the black stone to trap walkways on trap 4,3 and 2.

Project list = Extend the culvert on the north end of the trap shooting ranges to match the existing piping and closure.

Fall 100 bird trap shoot = It will occur on 8-18-24. The club will add \$500.00 to the purse.

Sunday work volunteers

8-18 Fall 100 bird trap shoot

8-25 Fritz's

9-1 sporting clays #5

9-8 Gleisner

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Ross = What is the status of the DNR grant money? Member Jim Fleegel donated 10 calf huts for portable machine covering. He will be given some shooting cards.

Gleisner = The lock on the high skeet door is not functioning well. He will install a new lock insert.

Naumann = What is the status of the required mowing by the government of the fields north of the clubhouse. Is it too wet? Had some questions on the price of the sporting clays fees. Gozinski will have a breakdown for the next meeting.

Les Fritz = He would be will to bring his equipment and remove the dead trees from the woods east of the clubhouse.

The next meeting will be on 9-9-24 at the clubhouse.

Motion by Wallace and second by Polzin to adjourn at 8:00pm carried.