

Board of Directors meeting minutes

5-11-2020

As the coronavirus pandemic and its orders are still in effect, this meeting was held virtually.

Meeting called to order 6:28 p.m.

Roll call – all Directors present - Gary Witzke (Pres.), Don Konen (V.Pres.), Dave Polzin (Treas.), Jerry Reetz (Sec.), Liza Fritz (Thurs. trap Pres.), Joe Gozinski, Amy Thoma, Mark Schepp, Jeff Tischaefter, Mark Belau, Don Metzger, Ron Moderow.

Others present – Member Shelly Clark

Shelly announced a grant that BCC has received for \$1,000.00 from the Federal Home Loan Bank through Farmers & Merchants Bank of Berlin. Shelly briefly explained the grant. It was given by the bank in the memory of one of the founders of Berlin Conservation Club, Harry Kujawaa. Harry was also founder of Farmers & Merchants Bank.

April minutes – The following two corrections/additions to the April minutes are as follows:

1. Under the round table discussion by Polzin, Belau discussed the need for an Ironman budget. A cap of \$9,000.00 for prizes and purse was also discussed.
2. Under the introduction of new members – Amy Thoma is also a new Director (Amy is the former Thurs. Trap League Pres. and was elected as a Director).

Motion by Thoma, second by Gozinski, to approve the April minutes with the two corrections. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – The checkbook balance is \$14,221.00. Motion by Gozinski and second by Metzger to approve the report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Contact was made to Reetz from the Ducks Unlimited organization. They are negotiating to purchase a parcel of land near the clubhouse for their wetland program. They have grants that will cover most of the cost but are looking for donations to help cover the remainder. After discussion, the matter was tabled until the June meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pheasant farm: The pens are being readied for the arrival of 1,500 birds. Brian and Tammy Krueger, the new renter/caretakers are moving in. The basement of the house was cleaned and walls and floor were chlorinated. The basement joist spaces were insulated. A new stove was purchased. A lengthy discussion took place on the handling of the electricity used on the complex. The renter agreement has the renter paying 100% of the billing. A verbal agreement with BCC and the renter has BCC reimbursing the renter for electricity used while the birds are present. Moderow states the current system is not legal in WI. He suggests two meters, one for the house and one for the farm, with an estimated cost of \$500.00. The well and electrical billing was also discussed. Legal advice was suggested and the matter tabled until the June meeting.

Summer Trap League: There was nothing to report as the Club is tentatively closed. Changes/modifications/etc. will take place when the State of WI allows larger gatherings to take place.

Youth shooting: CWYTL - Fundraiser raffle was held as advertised. Due to the cancellation of the remainder of league, refunds were offered to shooters, but none were requested. Target Terminators - The 2019 target records will be used to determine 2020 shooters. The state shoot will be moved back and, at present, the National shoot will take place as scheduled.

Shells and targets: The supply of both is adequate. One pallet of targets will be sold to a member of the BCC.

Reservations and rentals: The Shoot'n for a Reason event is tentatively being cancelled for June 20th. The "soft" opening of activities and gatherings may not allow the event with 300 plus participants. One other June event is planned. The renters are willing to wait a few more weeks to see how things develop for a gathering of 100 plus persons.

Buildings and grounds: Wind damage to fascia and soffit on the hall roof has been repaired. All snow blowers, lawn mowers, and the tractor have been serviced/repared. Polzin reported the blacktop contractor plans to complete the removal of old blacktop and installation of new in May. After an explanation of the need for a replacement retaining wall south of the south bar entrance door, a motion by Schepp, and second by Tischaeyer, to complete the project for a quoted cost of \$2,325.00. Motion carried. Moderow will adjust the trap range lights next week Tues.

Newsletter and membership: Seven new members since last report, but the grounds have been closed.

Website and Facebook: Thoma will be taking over these duties.

OLD BUSINESS

A very lengthy discussion took place regarding the rifle and pistol ranges lead by Witzke. It was noted that many other clubs in the vicinity have opened. They all are using different rules, but are all following guidelines issued regarding COVID-19 pandemic. After many voices and opinions expressed, two options were presented for voting. #1 option - open the rifle and pistol ranges Thurs. and open the trap ranges May 30. This was voted down. #2 option - open the rifle and pistol ranges Thurs., open the trap ranges Tues. May 19 (5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.), and open the trap ranges Sun. May 24 (9:00 a.m. - noon). This option option carried. The clubhouse will by open for restroom use only. All business will take place using the bar area windows.

SUNDAY WORK SCHEDULE

May 24th Witzke

May 31st Metzger and Reetz

June 7th Gozinski and sporting clays group if event will be proceeding at that time

NEW BUSINESS

Project list: tabled

Committee heads: tabled

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Thoma: She will place openings and new rules as they take place on Facebook and the web site.

Schepp: Opened discussion on the opening of leagues, rules, options, etc. Those items to be determined.

Next meeting on June 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Motion by Thoma and second by Gozinski to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes by Reetz.