

## **PHEASANTS FOREVER MEETING MINUTES**

**February 19, 2018 at 6:25 PM**

Members Present: Laurie M., Brenda L., Eric J., Lorrion M., Al K., Cliff & Sharon E., Gary L., Dan S., Darrell D., Greg C., Alex G., Mike B., Dale & Nancy A., Dan M., John H., Josh M. and Ray H. Also attending was Todd Kulaf, Isanti County Soil & Water.

Meet and Greet: The meeting followed a meet and greet social hour at which hors d'oeuvres were available.

Meeting to Order: Chairman Gary L. called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. at Sidelines.

Welcome: Gary L. welcomed Todd Kulaf to the meeting.

Minutes: Motion made by Alex G., seconded by Darrell D. to approve the January 15, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy G. sent the February 20, 2018 Treasurer's Report electronically. Alex G. shared the report. Disbursements were for: youth licenses, state convention and event inventory. The balance in the First Bank & Trust account is \$17,932.85 and in the Pheasants Forever account it is \$39,750.40 for a total of \$57,683.25. Earmarked dollars were also included in the report. Moved by Lorrion M., seconded by Dale A. to approve the report. Motion carried.

Isanti County Soil & Water Discussion: Todd K. visited with members during the meet and greet. He also stood for questions during the meeting. One item of discussion was Minnesota tax policy involving habitat acreage. Members advised that it be made clear there may be tax implications when doing habitat work. Following discussion on possible alternatives to current policy that the chapter extend an invitation to Representatives Daudt and Johnson to a meeting that would include representatives from other conservation organizations in the county (MDHA, Ruffed Grouse, DU & Capable Partners). A motion to extend the invitation was made by Lorrion M. and seconded by Cliff E. Motion passed

Monthly Attendance Drawing: John H. won the prize drawing.

Richardson Tract Addition to Dalbo WMA: Lorrion M. gave an update on fund raising efforts to meet the local match of \$19,000 for the Legacy Grant. The Sportsmen's Club, Ruffed Grouse Society, Kandiyohi PF and Isanti County MDHA have responded to the request. It appears that the purchase will be finalized shortly.

Spring Hunt: The Spring Hunt is set for April 14, 2018. Eric J. encouraged members register. The charitable gaming permit is at the State, Kanabec County has signed off.

PF State Convention and Pheasant Fest: Couples Moffatt, Lillion and Berry attended the state convention. They went to sessions on habitat, banquets and website development, among others and listened to a discussion on complying with charitable gaming rules. Gary & Brenda L. also attended Pheasant Fest in Sioux Falls, SD. They looked for bargain merchandise at both events, but were mostly unsuccessful.

CIHS Trap Team Donation: Chris Johnson, Trap Team Coach shared information on the upcoming spring trap league and said they will be shooting on Tuesday nights and are in need of volunteers. So far 36 students have signed up, with the maximum being 55. If the maximum numbers of students participate the team would need 121 cases of shells. Dan S. moved, seconded by Alex G. purchase shells in the amount of \$3,000, which would purchase approximately 50-60 cases of shells. Motion carried. Ray H. will e-mail Sarah Baxter at Community Education informing the school district of the donation.

Storage Shed Rental: MN Deer Hunters have decided not to use the storage shed and will not participate in the cost sharing. DU will be contacted as payment for the storage unit is due.

Pheasants Forever Scholarships: Ray H. asked if the chapter would again sponsor scholarships for 2018 CIHS graduates. Darrell D. moved, seconded by Laurie M. to sponsor two \$500 scholars as was done last year. Motion approved.

Chapter Sponsorship of Trap Team: Laurie M. requested consideration of chapter sponsorship of a member trap team. It most likely will be a couple's team. Greg C. moved, seconded by Alex G. to approved sponsorship at the \$90-\$100 level. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Sidelines.

Meeting Adjourned and Minutes: Darrel D. moved, seconded by Lorrion M. to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Minutes by Ray Hoheisel

