

PHEASANTS FOREVER MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM

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Members Present: Laurie M., Brenda L., Eric J., Lorrion M., Randy G., Sandy G., Jim B., Mike B., Martha B., Alex G. and Ray H.

Meeting to Order: Acting Chairman Ray H. called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at Sidelines.

Minutes: Motion made by Lorrion M., seconded by Laurie M. to approve the May 15, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy G. distributed the June 19, 2017 Treasurer's Report.

Monthly Attendance Drawing: Alex G. won the prize drawing.

Habitat Report: Lorrion M. distributed copies and discussed the Contract for Professional Maintenance Services between the State of Minnesota (DNR) and Pheasants Forever, Inc. (acting through Isanti County Chapter) to perform duties and maintenance services (food plots) on WMA's. He said that planting was delayed because contract was not in place, however, since its signing soybeans were planted last Saturday and grain sorghum will be planted at Spencer Brook, Crooked Lake and Becklin Park. Lorrion M. and Jim B. told of the two new sprayers for ATV's that have been purchased and assembled.

Regarding WMA acquisitions: the Kunkel and Hoffman Lake WMA purchases have been finalized, the purchase process of an 80 acre addition to the Dalbo WMA has begun and it will require Lessard/Sams funding and a local match of 12-13 thousand. Also in the works is a potential 400 acre parcel in Crown (Bjorklund property) which may not require a local match, because of funding sources.

Event Committee: Laurie M. and Brenda L. reported on activities, although there was no meeting in June. Only 300 of the 1,000 gun raffle tickets have been sold, we need to step up or we will fail to cover costs of the raffle. The approved \$1,000 for Youth Day firearms and ammunition has been invoiced. The trap team event/meal including 12 lbs. of sloppy joes was well received by team members. Patches and cards will be sent to 2017 graduating team members. Banquet registration forms have been printed at a considerable saving because of the Thrivent discount Laurie M. has available. The form is available on-line on all our venues and a mailing will be prepared at the July 17th

meeting and will be available at the fair booth. Donation cards and receipts are available, but should not be handed out until donation has been received. Members were invited to attend the Regional PF meeting at the Masonic Lodge in Mora on August 3rd at 6:30 p.m. The banquet package will be available for perusal at the meeting. Because of conflicting events on our banquet date we will have a need for workers at the banquet, stay tuned.

Donations to Trap/Team: Ray H. said he spoke with Dr. Queener about donating for the trap team through the school district process. While the district cannot legally accept donations and guarantee they will be used as donor's request, as a practical manner this occurs. Donations to the school district are accepted by the school board and officially recorded in meeting minutes which provides for accountability of the funds.

Dollars for Scholars Thank You Notes: The thank you notes were passed around and read. Jim B. and Jeff L. were thanked for presenting at the Awards Ceremony. Jim B. told members about the evening and described student and family responses to receiving the scholarships.

Isanti County Fair Booth: Brenda L. and Laurie M. distributed a sign-up sheet to work at the booth. Lots of help is needed over the course of the 3-4 days.

Next Meetings: The Events Committee will meet on July 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Sidelines; the next regular meeting will be at Sidelines at 7:00 p.m. on July 17, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned and Minutes: Jim B. moved adjournment at 8:10 p.m.; Randy G. seconded the motion which was approved. Minutes by Ray Hoheisel