

## **PHEASANTS FOREVER MEETING MINUTES**

**January 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

Members Present: Laurie M., Brenda L., Eric J., Lorrion M., Al K., Cliff E., Gary L., Jeff L., Dan S., Kim C., Leo C., Darrell D., Dennis W., Greg C. and Ray H. Also attending were William Clayton, Pheasants Forever Regional Representative and Tiffany Determan, Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District.

Meeting to Order: Chairman Gary L. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Sidelines.

Election of Officers and Committee Chairs: Chairman Gary L. presented the slate of officers and chairs and upon motion by Dan S., seconded by Leo C. the following were elected: President (Gary L.), Vice-President (Darrel D.), Secretary (Ray H.), Treasurer (Sandy G.), Habitat Chair (Lorrion M.), Banquet/Event Chair/Co-Chair (Laurie M. /Brenda L.), Youth Chair (Jim B.) and Recruitment/Spring Hunt Chair (Eric J.). Motion approved.

Welcome: Gary L. welcomed William Clayton and Tiffany Determan to the meeting.

Minutes: Motion made by Al K., seconded by Greg C. to approve the December 11, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda L. presented the January 15, 2018 Treasurer's Report. She read the itemized list of disbursements from both accounts for a total of \$4,480.80. The disbursements were for: youth licenses, habitat ISWCD, scholarships, business expenses and inventory. The balance in the First Bank & Trust account is \$8,933.99 and in the Pheasants Forever account it is \$41,221.41 for a total of \$50,155.40.

Following discussion and due to the absence of the Treasurer, establishing a budget for 2018 Earmarked Funds was tabled upon motion by Dan S., seconded by Lorrion M. until the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. To expedite setting a budget and better allocation of expenses to individual chapter events, Chairman Gary L. appointed a Budget Committee of Laurie M., Brenda L. and Sandy G. They are seeking input from committee chairs and will bring a recommendation to the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Monthly Attendance Drawing: Dan S. won the prize drawing.

Richardson Tract Addition to Dalbo WMA: William Clayton and Lorrion M. updated members on the Richardson Tract purchase. A handout was distributed that gave details of the 83 acre tract which is immediately adjacent to the Dalbo WMA. William Clayton explained the mechanics of the purchase and together with the land, prairie and wetland restoration, plus closing costs totaled \$182,100. The local match is set at \$19,000. He also explained how Minnesota Pheasants Forever's MN Land and Legacy Fund was used to make this purchase.

Lorron M., Greg C. and Gary L. are in the process of requesting local match funds from potential conservation partners. The purchase needs to close by March 4, 2018 in order to meet grant deadlines.

Lorron M. and William C. presented information on a potential WMA parcel purchase in Jackson County in honor of Joe Duggan, longtime Pheasants Forever leader. Dan S. moved, seconded by Al K. to approve \$500.00 for this habitat purchase. Approved.

Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District Presentation: Tiffany Determan, District Manager shared information on how funds (\$5,000 budget) were used in cost sharing to establish Tall Grass Prairie on 3 projects totaling 55.83 acres. She also presented information on potential cost sharing opportunities in 2018 for CRP plantings and County Parks Prairie Restoration. It was mentioned that pollinator planting funds are available through a grant obtained by National Pheasants Forever. Protecting surface and ground water is high on the list of the District's priorities.

Acknowledgment for Lorron M.: Chairman Gary L. presented Lorron M. with the Polaris Habitat Stewardship Award plaque. Members applauded Lorron's recognition.

CIHS Trap Team Donation: Federal's shell purchase promotion was discussed. Action on the donation was deferred until February. Ray H. will inform Community Education.

Isanti County Sportsman's Club Bouja Donation: Dan S. moved, seconded by Dennis W. to approve donating up to \$500.00 in merchandise for the Silent Auction fund raiser at the Bouja. Approved.

Storage Shed Rental: MN Deer Hunters and DU have agreed to share cost of storage shed rental which is \$85.00 per month, with one month free if paid in advance. DU will be asked if they would like to pay this year to avoid billing each organization for this. Non-participants will be asked to pay a \$200 rental fee with \$100 returned when equipment is returned undamaged. Approved upon motion by Darrel D., seconded Leo C.

Meet and Greet and Next Meeting: The Meet and Greet will be on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Spring Hunt: The Spring Hunt is set for April 14, 2018. Because of the increased cost of birds the fees have been increased by \$5.00 (\$100.00 per single and \$180.00 per 2-person team. A flyer for the event was distributed. Upon motion by Jeff L., seconded by Darrel D. the price increase was approved.

Meeting Adjourned and Minutes: Darrel D. moved, seconded by Jeff L. to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Minutes by Ray Hoheisel