

Forest Lake Sportsmen's Club of Forest Lake, MN
Meeting Minutes
8-8-2017

- Call to order by Ben at 1830hrs
- In attendance: Ben Haasl, Christopher Zenk, Steven Zerwas, Art Foster, Tony Peterson, Paul Woolmuth
- Guests in attendance: Mark Stevens, Roger Fredsall, Jon Olson, Bud Pope, Doug Franke, Dave Vadnais
- Absent: Gunnar An
- **Roger Fredsall** Turkey Shoot Fundraiser:
Commander VFW- Suggesting a turkey shoot for a fundraiser after deer hunting but before Thanksgiving, looking for board approval. Ben suggested to iron out the shoot details with Ron but that FLSC would be happy to donate a range day for this event.

Secretary's report: Prepared by Art with Steven Z. absence in July 2017.

- **Motion to accept the amended minutes by Steven, 2nd by Chris. Passed 6-0 at 1843hrs**

Treasurer's report:

- **Bank balances as of July 31, 2017:**
- **US Bank General account** (Beginning)\$16,386.82 (Deposits) \$17,583.74 (Disbursements) \$-24,335.15 (Ending balance) \$9,635.41
- **US Bank Managers-Account** (Beginning balance) \$1,995.55 (Deposits) \$6,000.00 (Disbursements) \$5,041.04 (Ending balance) \$2,954.51
- **US Bank Savings account** (Beginning balance) \$12,371.91 (Deposits) \$0 (Disbursements) \$6,000.00 (Interest) \$0.07 (Ending balance) \$6,371.98
- **1st State Bank of Wyoming** (Beginning) \$7,933.98 (Deposits) \$24,338.50 (Disbursements) \$-29,720.87 (Ending balance) \$2,551.61
- **Savings in Wyoming** (Beginning balance) \$76,313.50 (Deposits) \$0 (Disbursements) \$-\$5,000.00 (Interest) \$9.41 (Ending balance) \$71,322.91
- Motion by Chris, 2nd by Ben to accept the treasurer's report. Passed 6-0 at 1847hrs.

Operations report: Ron Westberg

- July was busy month for PD training, more PD's asking for training time at FLSC
- Tiffany has youth trap league going, positive feedback

- Match Director for Jeff Kirkwold match is asking for an 8am start time for Saturday August 26th. **Motion by Steven, 2nd by Paul to allow 8am start time. Motion carried 6-0 at 1850hrs.**
- Gary Bibeau has been doing a great job keeping the grounds maintenance around the shotgun venues. Getting more work out of the kids.
- Mid month a tornado came thru blowing over trees and skeet walls and the pole barn at gate 3. Gary and Tony with help from other members stepped up and rebuilt the skeet wall. Tree clean up is still going on. The grapple attachment for the bobcat has been a great asset
- Organization of small garage and polebarn at gate 2 is ongoing
- Email chain went around to get rid of some of the old western shotgun machines to get rid of or donate them to someone looking for such items. Will possible give them up to members if they don't get rid of those items.
- New chainsaw works very well
- Extensive damage to the front end of the gator from an employee of FLSC. The insurance cut a check for it and it will be repaired. An incident report was prepared. A check was cut for \$4,076.17 from the insurance company and the total to repair the damage 954.88. That leaves a difference of \$3,121.26. Ron would like to take that money and put it toward another rig. A copy of the John Deere Gator incident report was handed out. None of the 3 employees were injured in the crash.
- Noise complaint from a woman who lives in Forest Lake. The week after the Nordic match Mineapolis PD was using the ranges at Gate 3. Nearly two weeks of constant shooting took its toll but Ron has not heard anything more from this complainant.
- New computer is needed for the clubhouse scoring and general use. The current computer was used to begin with and it was gifted by Gary Hosler
- A steel gong was hung up at the 100 yard range for members to shoot at. It was damaged by a large lag screw in the first nine days and was removed from the range pending board review (see below for further discussion)
- Sponsorship from FLSC for a team of shooters for a tournament September 29th, 2017. Members only and Ron would be overseeing this. \$85.00 per shooters. **Motion by Chris, 2nd by Tony. Motion carried 6-0 at 1910hours.**

Marketing report: Mark Stevens

- Site in days talk. Years past, we put \$2,500.00 to marketing for site in days. Would like to divert some of the money from Outdoor news to more Facebook marketing. Last year we may have been 1/8th scale, Mark is suggesting 1/16th scale and then put the efforts into Facebook . He suggests a budget of \$2,000.00 for 2017 site in days. Ideas to incentivize people to come out sooner vs later.
- **Motion by Chris, 2nd by Steven to spend up to \$2,000.00 for marketing dollars for site in days Motion carried 6-0 at 1925**
- Rimfire shoot is still being marketed. Once this event is complete, the efforts will switch to site in days

- Idea of marketing a five stand in September/October and then summer shotgun leagues starting two to three months prior to the start of the league. The TV in the clubhouse can have the messages talking about both heated five stand and the regular summer seasons which will cost FLSC nothing to advertise. The marketing dollars for Facebook etc would be better to start to market two to three months prior to the start of the seasons

Membership: Tiffany

Total of \$10,995.83 is overdue from 51 members.

599 members

1 member share is unsold

5 new members for the last month

98 potential members on the waiting list (approx. 5 years)

Former member died August 2016 and would like to re-emburse the total value of his share of \$300.00 as he had been a long-standing member from 1980.

Gate Committee reports:

Gate 1: Chris Zenk

-Approved the automated gate on July 2017

-Ben will work with Century fence to get the automated fencing installed. Dollar amount was approved, but not necessarily the vendor. Friendly suggestion was to check out another local vendor, Ben agreed to talk with them

-Cameras conduit was mostly put in. Need to set a week in mid September to get this done.

-Benches sent via email look very good. Really good quality model, cost is \$1,500.00 each with shipping

-Motion by Chris, 2nd by Tony to purchase three prototype shooting benches for a total not to exceed \$6,000.00. Motion carried 6-0 at 2000hrs

-Steel gong damage. Group of rounds put into the lag screws. Appears to have been an intentional act to take out that lag bolt

Gate 2: Ed Dietz (absent)

-No report

Gate 3: Steven Zerwas

-No report

Building and grounds: Al Borsheim (absent)

-Thoughts from Ron—have an emergency response team for work parties in case of severe storm activities

Strategy Committee: Ben Haasl

- Looked at mission statement, which looked good as written
- Looked at club strengths and weaknesses and re-use as much as they can but change verbiage in other areas to keep the wording up to date. Looking at the strategic plan and keep in mind the ideas are brought back to the board and ultimately back to the membership at the annual meeting for additional feedback.

Open issues/Old business:

- Shareholder picnic: Need to move the date for the picnic. We need approximately three to four weeks. September 24th will be the new date
- Youth trap is over and it went well. Good feedback from parents and students. Tiffany to start making plans for next year. Sean Dunaway was only corporate sponsor. Would like to introduce skeet shooting and maybe five stand to the students for 2018. Need more volunteer help for next year as well. Talk about this at the annual meeting, maybe put it on the agenda
- NRA grants: Art created an account to be able to populate their forms and we can start to apply for some grants thru the NRA. We can apply for up to \$5,000.00 for range improvement. We can apply for multiple grants

New Business:

- Corporate sponsorship for sporting clays automation. Older estimate from 2014 (which we would still be within 10% in 2017) came in at \$71,330.00. This would be for 20 machines. Chris had said he looked at these at the annual gun show and he would not recommend this brand of automated sporting clays. Chris talked with Ron previously about this. Idea of coming up with corporate sponsorship to help with the cost of these items. Sponsorship would be a dollar amount per year. Thought is, if we had an automated system for sporting clays, we could host charity events as well as leagues. By-laws restrict the amount for a single purchase of no more than \$50,000.00 for a single year.
- Remainder of the insurance check \$3,121.26. Thought of getting some type of four seater vehicle to purchase (used) as there is a need for the club to have an additional vehicle.
- Thought is to add the money into the line item for operational equipment and maintenance.
- Recommendation to synch our accounting rules in line with our dues
- Randy (our current accountant) won't be around forever and we may need to think about what we would be doing if Randy does retire. Agenda item for September 2017
- **Adjourn:** Motion by Chris, 2nd by Ben to adjourn. Carried 5-0 at 2113hrs

