

Minutes of Blue Mountain, Chapter 258, Pheasants Forever Meeting
28 September 2017
Smith's Restaurant, Walla Walla

Attendees: Dan Eveland, Makaiwi Wachter, Randy Snyder, Gene Weinmaster, Carl Bisgard, Kirk Alden, Mike Davis, George Endicott, Tami Wass, Larry Boe, John Steele, Chet Hadley, Corrie Thorne Hadley, Andrea Bigler, Shari Davis and Irving Park

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Dan Eveland.

Minutes from the August 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

1. YOUTH HUNT

- There were 14 youth participants for the Saturday hunt at Bennington Lake and 18 youth participants for the Reser Road hunt on Sunday.
- If we use Bennington Lake again next year, we need to finish the hunt earlier and we need to notify participants that it is steel shot only. We also need to put more signs out so the public knows what is going on. Possibly put an article in the paper a week prior to the hunt. We also could ask the Corps of Engineers to put it on their website.
- It was suggested that the Youth Committee put together classes and/or demonstrations on proper shotgun fit, proper equipment, how to lead a shot, pattern of different types of ammunition, and basics on dogs and how they work. Kirk Alden would be willing to lead this proposed project. It was noted that the Pheasants Forever website has all the information on how to fit a shotgun.

2. Debbie Frazier (Walla Walla Community College Ag teacher) would like to get her students involved with some of our habitat projects. She would like to be notified of upcoming events (at least a week in advance).

3. HABITAT

- Buckley site: The north 40 acres have been mowed.
 - The seed mix is available through NW Grain Growers, just needs to be ordered.
 - The south field is greening up, the north field is not.
 - Burn permit is good through the end of January.
- Sudbury site: The guzzler needs to be repaired. Larry and Chet will determine what is needed to repair it and follow through.
- The arrowroot balsam seed that was collected last year needs to be planted this fall.
- Need to put in more brush piles after the first of the year. Al Sutlick, with the local Boys Scouts, would like to have his scouts help with this project.
- Roadside Litter Patrol – We will be patrolling at Mile 328 on Hwy 12, near Frenchtown.
- Elderberry and possible oakleaf sumac will be planted at the Pataha, Stovall and Sandpit sites.

4. Makawai Wachter was unanimously approved as a new board member.

5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Review of the Chapter's committees. The consensus was that the Habitat, Youth and Banquet committees are doing a great job.
- The Board recommends to the Chapter that the Youth Committee should consider recruiting student(s) as PF Ringneck members from each school in concert with each Youth Habitat Project.
- The Board is to be composed of 9 members including the President and Treasurer. The Chapter shall elect 1 new Board member as soon as practical.
- Board recommends that the Chapter renew efforts on member recruitment by accepting a volunteer to head up this task.

- Board recommends a Website Manager be selected at the Chapter's earliest convenience.
- The Board discussed Chapter habitat project outreach and methods of improving or enhancing our efforts. The Chapter shall encourage members to be involved with Natural Resource Groups (such as The Farm Service Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service, WDFW, USFWS and County Soil and Water Conservation Service). BMPF member(s) shall provide to the chapter any "Agency" meeting or networking opportunity at our BMPF monthly meeting.
- The Board recommends that the Chapter develop separate funding accounts for the Banquet Committee, The Habitat Committee, The Youth Committee and the Chapters Office Business Supplies.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Account balance as of July 1, 2017 was \$63,835.
- Amount spent: \$7,360
- Remaining balance: \$56,478 as of September 28, 2017
- The annual golf tournament netted \$570

7. It was suggested that we promote the golf tournament more next year. One way to accomplish the promotion is to pinpoint target audiences through social media (Facebook and Twitter).

8. The subject of the chapter owned youth shotguns was brought up. One of the shotguns was loaned to Walla Walla Gun Club and the other one was loaned to the 4-H club in Dayton. Both shotguns need to be returned to the chapter.

9. Irving Park and Tami Wass attended the "Partnering for Success Workshop" in Edgefield, South Carolina, September 14 thru 17. The event was sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants/Quail Forever and Ducks Unlimited; and was held at the National Wild Turkey Federation complex in Edgefield, South Carolina. Both Irving and Tami reported that the meeting exposed them to many new ideas that will benefit our local chapter. Tami is waiting for a thumb drive from National Wild Turkey Federation that contains all information covered in the workshops.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by: Carl Bisgard, Secretary, Blue Mountain Chapter #258 of Pheasants Forever