

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

Attendees: Dan Eveland, Mike Davis, Larry Boe, George Endicott, Tami Wass, Randy Snyder, Annie Charnley Eveland, Shari Davis, Paul Varley, John Steele, Irving Park, Chet Hadley, Julie Rouzee and Carl Bisgard

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

1. Minutes from the November 16, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Julie Rouzee was introduced. Julie joined Pheasants Forever a few months back. She lives in Vancouver and has rented a home in Walla Walla to finish out the bird season. She would like to volunteer and will be attending the annual banquet in February. Paul Varley was introduced. Paul contacted Tami through the website. He is a Life Member and has recently moved from New Hampshire to the west side of Washington. Paul would like to volunteer for some of the youth activities and will be attending the annual banquet also.
3. George recapped the recent Family Youth Hunt sponsored by BMPF on December 31 at the Clyde Shooting Preserve. There were 7 youth with parents and 6 volunteers. The hunt was very successful and was well received. Corrie sent an email to the officers and board about the youth hunt that was put on in Yakima. It was discussed that we need to strive to promote our youth activities and to get Aaron Garcia (WDFW) involved.
4. Old Business: Randy handed out copies of the new "Comped Meals" policy. Randy shared that Corrie had pointed out that we are losing money by comping so many meals and that we need to find sponsors to cover the cost of volunteer meals. We comp roughly 10% of our annual banquet income. Randy and Chet have both pledged to donate \$100 each to help cover the cost of volunteer meals.
5. Randy reported that the puppy that is being donated by Harry's Hunting Labs (Harry visited our booth at the 4th of July in the Park and offered to donate a puppy for our banquet) was born on December 26, 2016. There were 10 puppies born, all are black, 4 males and 6 females. It was voted and unanimously decided that we would prefer a female puppy. Randy has offered to pay for Harry's meal at the banquet.
6. Mike Davis asked if we want the Jr. ROTC to participate at the banquet this year. It was confirmed that we had discussed this at a previous meeting and it was unanimously decided that we do want them to participate at the banquet.
7. John Steele (Treasurer) reported that we have \$46,013.89 in the Wells Fargo account and \$3,936.11 in the Banner Bank account (as of December 31, 2016). We spent \$1900.00 on Habitat; \$374.93 on Youth Expenditures; \$131.38 on Public Awareness; \$2438.98 on Merchandise; \$446.81 on Misc. Fund Raising; and, \$240.00 on Memberships. The banquet package has been ordered and was over \$2400.00 this year.
8. George Endicott reported that the winners of the Golf Tournament did not claim their prize (hunt at Clyde Shooting Preserve) so, the money donated by Walla Walla Electric that was to pay for the prize will go into the Youth Activities fund. All funds designated to be used on Youth Activities need to be kept separate from other funds.
9. Mike Davis will have a booth to sell Jr. ROTC tickets at the Gun Show at the fairgrounds on January 21.
10. Dan will call Rick Vinyard at Pape to find out where the gun safe, they donated, is located and if we need to pick it up. Dan suggested he could use his van to pick it up.

11. Publicity for banquet
 - a. Giant Nickel – Tami will pursue this.
 - b. Three Sunday editions of the Union Bulletin.
 - c. Facebook will be updated regularly.
 - d. Our website is getting an update.
 - e. Radio ad – ran on 5 stations, 10 times p/day for a cost of \$325. Ads started 2 weeks prior to banquet.
 - f. We need to poll attendees at the banquet to see if our advertising is effective. It was suggested that we offer a prize for attendees filling out a poll.
 - g. TV ads – We did this 3 years ago and did not feel that it was productive.
12. Corrie has been conversing with Tygh Campbell and he has agreed to be our auctioneer. His price is \$250.
13. Mike has agreed to be the live auction coordinator again this year. Dan will contact Matt Williams to see if he can provide students to help at the banquet again this year.
14. Roller Derby girls have been agreed to help us again this year.
15. Chet Hadley will put together photos for a slide show at the banquet. Chet also has a TV monitor that we can use.
16. Tami Wass (Banquet Chair) reported that she has been in touch with Jennifer Chapman (the bartender) regarding serving the wine that Revelry Vintners (Shontina Coers) has donated and earmarked the proceeds to go toward youth activities. Jennifer has requested that she be able to charge an additional .50 over what we are going to charge to help offset her costs for rental of the glasses. It was unanimously decided that we would charge \$5 per glass and she can keep .50 for her costs.
17. John Steele reported that he was asked (last year at the banquet) by several people if they could use our card reader to withdraw funds to purchase more alcohol. It was decided that we need to have more cash on hand so that we can accommodate people's needs.
18. We need to promote all the wine donations that we get. Julie suggested that we put posters up at our donor's place of business. We also need to recognize our donors more. Anyone collecting donations need to let Corrie know what the donation is so that it can be posted on our Facebook page.
19. Tami reported that Stu Farnham has been working on updating our website. He is going to put a link on the site that we send people to our Facebook page. He can put a donation link so that visitors to the site can donate to our chapter and/or people can purchase banquet and raffle tickets from the website. In order to be able to receive funds, we would have to set up an account with PayPal. PayPal has no recurring fee. They charge 2.2% of the total sales and .30 for each transaction. It was unanimously decided that we follow through with setting the website up to accept money through PayPal. Dan will follow up with Stu.
20. Tami wants to put an article in the banquet program and our website about who, when and how the chapter started. Larry said he would follow through with this.
21. Larry Boe (Habitat Chair) reported that he has 40 Christmas trees that were donated by Home Depot to use for habitat. He will arrange to put these out around the first part of February. Chet has information on how to make shrub pots to benefit quail and other wildlife. Larry will work on fertilizing the arrowleaf balsam root seed that Dan collected earlier. John Houston and Larry have been pulling up the 300-foot tarp at the south fork of the Touchet. They have three 75-foot sections done and still have another 75-foot section to go. Larry suggested that a habitat meeting should be held within the next couple of weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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