

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

Attendees: Dan Eveland, George Endicott, Tami Wass, Randy Snyder, John Houston, John Steele, Irving Park, Chet Hadley, Corrie Thorne Hadley, Jim Sonne, Brad Trumbo, and Carl Bisgard

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

1. The minutes from Mar 1, 2017 were unanimously approved.
2. Banquet Chair, Tami Wass, reported:
 - 375 adults and 36 youth served at this year's banquet.
 - 30 new adult and 21 new youth members from the banquet.
 - Chet, Corrie and Tami met with the caterers at the Marcus Whitman the week after the banquet.
 - The Marc does want to cater for us again next year.
 - If prime rib & salmon are served, they would have to charge us \$40 per plate.
 - It was decided that salmon would not be served, due to cost.
 - A pasta dish will be served instead of the salmon, keeping our cost at \$30 per plate.
 - The Marc will put a banner on the 2nd Street side of their building in January, prior to the banquet. The chapter would have to supply the banner.
 - The Marc suggested that some of our volunteers could help bussing tables next year.
 - The Marc will donate a gift certificate, for a one-night stay, for next year's banquet and will give a discounted (\$99) rate to banquet attendees.
 - They also suggested, in order to cut the cost of comped meals, that we serve pizza and soda to volunteers instead of the catered meal. The volunteers would then have the option of paying for the catered meal if they chose to.
 - Tami reported that the fairgrounds have been reserved for February 24, 2018 and the \$100 deposit was made by John Steele.
 - All of the Hawaii trips were sold at the banquet. The company is now offering several other vacation destinations. A vote was unanimously passed to allow Tami to purchase 12 (plus 4 free) more vouchers.
 - Perhaps we could offer one of the trip vouchers as next year's "Early Bird Special."
3. Treasurer, John Steele, reported that we had a net profit of \$31,777 from this year's banquet. He also reported that we received a check in the amount of \$3285 from the Hoppner chapter that is to be used for habitat projects.
4. Corrie Thorne Hadley has been in touch with Tygh Campbell (auctioneer) about next year's banquet. Tygh asked that we contact him in the fall when he would have a better idea of his schedule. It was suggested that we allow Tygh to be the MC and auctioneer, at a cost of \$500.
5. Habitat Chair, Larry Boe, reported:
 - 300 replacement plants (200 Wood's rose and 100 elderberry) are in the ground at the Sudbury site. Some plants have been individually tarped.
 - The Buckley site development continues with more spraying and tilling. Larry will contact Ted Reed regarding spraying. Chet and Corrie talked to the Buckley's and they will not be putting any more acres into habitat.
 - We have fulfilled our financial obligation at three sites, Larry will continue to monitor these sites and spray Round Up for weeds.
 - Larry suggested that we donate to the Audubon Society to help fund a vent cover for outhouses. The vent covers prevent raptors from going down the vents. The Forest Service would install the vent covers. A vote was passed to donate \$250 for purchase of these vent covers.

- Theodore Orr, Umatilla County Weed Department, sent an email to Dan and Larry asking for habitat help. He is wanting to remove Russian olive and replace it with native willow, cottonwood, and bunch grasses. He reports that the area is currently home to numerous upland game & water fowl. He is asking for partners and funds for the project and wants to know if that is something PF does. President, Dan Eveland, called and talked to Mr. Orr. No action will be taken at this time. We will wait to hear back from Mr. Orr.
6. A vote was unanimously approved to set aside \$500 for purchase of shotgun shells for local youth shooting teams.
 7. Budgets need to be set for Habitat, Banquet, Youth, etc.
 8. President, Dan Eveland, asked that job descriptions be put together and emailed to him (i.e., banquet chair, habitat chair, treasurer, youth chair).
 9. Support for the Roller Derby Girls, by attending their home games, is essential. Games are April 15, June 24 and August 26.
 10. Youth Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 at Gene Weinmaster's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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