

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

Attendees: Dan Eveland, George Endicott, Tami Wass, Randy Snyder, Larry Boe, Mike Davis, Shari Davis, Chet Hadley, Corrie Thorne Hadley, Annie Eveland, Brad Trumbo, Mark Chaffee and Carl Bisgard

Guests: Nicole Abel (Waitsburg High School FFA Advisor) and 4 students (Sydney Fowble, Jade Allman and Laramie Matthews)

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

1. President, Dan Eveland, reminded members that they needed to submit job descriptions by next month's meeting.
2. George Endicott, presented highlights from the Youth Committee meeting.
 - Youth "Tune-Up Trap Shoots" will be held on June 18, July 16 and August 13 at Waitsburg Gun Club. The Chapter will continue to pay for shells & clays for the first 2 rounds for each youth in attendance.
 - New this year: A running score will be kept for all three shoots. The youth with the most points will receive a \$25 gift certificate.
 - The Chapter will put on a "Family Challenge Trap Shoot" on September 10. The team with the most points will receive (2) \$25 gift certificates.
 - A complete list of all youth members will be completed, including any youth from Oregon.
 - It was suggested that we ask some of our youth members.
 - George has shotgun shells and will distribute them among the various youth teams that the Chapter sponsors. Randy Snyder also has 3 cases of shells that will be used at upcoming youth events. Randy will also donate a case of steel shot shells for the Saturday Youth Hunt on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property.
3. George also reported that a tentative date for the annual Golf Tournament is set for August 12.
4. A presentation was made by the Waitsburg FFA Wildlife Management class. Eleven students have been doing research. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is donating 100 pheasant hatchlings to rear and release. Dayton Veterinary Clinic will provide health checks before release. Cages have been donated and the group has worked on repairing and preparing said cages. They will need to purchase feed and shavings at a cost of \$613.14. They are seeking donations to help cover these expenses. The Chapter voted, unanimously, to donate \$700 in support of this project.
5. Upcoming summer events:
 - Dayton All Wheels Weekend (June 16 – 18, 2017)
 - Walla Walla 4th of July in the Park
 - Walla Walla Wheelin' Weekend (September 8-9, 2017)
 - Walla Walla Sweets – Night at the Ball Park (date to be determined)

The Chapter voted, unanimously, to attend these events again this year.

6. 2018 Banquet "Big Ticket Item" was discussed. President, Dan Eveland, will talk to Pape Machinery. It was also suggested that we pursue to possibility of getting a small boat donation.
7. It was noted that a good first aid kit needs to be acquired to have on hand during any Chapter events and that we should also have members certified in first aid. President, Dan Eveland, will send an email out to members to see if there is any interest in pursuing this.
8. John Houston has resigned as Vice President. Gene Weinmaster has resigned as Youth Chairman. The Chapter nominated George Endicott as the new Youth Chairman. The motion was passed unanimously. George will remain on the

board of directors but, will resign as chairman. Chet Hadley was nominated and voted in as Chairman of the Board of Directors for a 2-year term.

9. A new position, Public Relations/Recruitment Coordinator, was discussed. The Chapter unanimously approved this position. Brad Trumbo and Larry Boe have volunteered to co-chair the position. Tami Wass will e-mail a description of the position to Brad and Larry.

10. President, Dan Eveland, will send out an email to the membership announcing the positions that need to be filled (*i.e.*, Vice President, several board positions).

11. Annie Eveland suggested that we utilize “free” advertising in the Union Bulletin.

12. Mike Davis reported that he has secured an SKB Browning shotgun for the 2018 ROTC raffle, by donation from Midway USA. He will have raffle tickets printed. Tickets will be \$5 each or 6 for \$25.

13. The need for a committee interested in pursuing grants for habitat projects was brought up. It is estimated that approximately \$10,000 will be needed for the Buckley site (*e.g.*, fertilizer, diesel fuel, seed, *etc.*) over the next 2 years. This is in addition to maintaining the Sudbury site. This subject will be discussed again at the next meeting.

14. Habitat Chair, Larry Boe, reported that collars were put around shrubs at the Sudbury site. An estimated 200-250 juniper were lost in the fire. Three Wood’s rose are doing great. Permission was given to place a “guzzler” on the site. Stoval Road, Sandpit Road and Lewis Peak sites will be monitored.

15. Larry Boe suggested that the Chapter get involved in the “Adopt-a-Highway” program. He will get the details from the state highway department and report back at next month’s meeting.

16. Corrie Thorne Hadley reported that there will be a “Free Tire Recycle” on May 13 & 14. The drop off site is at the gravel storage lot on Tausick Way, across from the sports complex. The event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Residents can dispose of up to 10 tires. Corrie will put this information on the Chapter Facebook page.

17. Member, Gene Gossett, expressed gratitude for the Chapter’s ongoing support of the Walla Walla High School Jr. ROTC program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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