

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

Attendees: Dan Eveland, George Endicott, Brad Trumbo, Chet Hadley, Randy Snyder, Larry Boe, Tami Wass, Irving Park and Carl Bisgard

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

1. Habitat Report:
 - Sudbury Site: Recovery from the fire has been remarkable. The Wood's roses and elderberry have recovered to pre-fire or better status.
 - Buckley Site: Ground prep continues to be the prime focus. Several acres were under water this spring. We will continue to work on it through the summer.
 - Stoval Road Site: Perimeter was sprayed.
 - Sandpit Road: Needs little or no more development.
2. Minutes of April 2017 were approved unanimously.
3. George reported that a tentative date for the annual Golf Tournament is set for August 12.
4. Youth Committee Report:
 - George and Larry are meeting with the Dixie School District on June 6 to discuss starting a Youth Pollinator project. It is estimated that our contribution would be to provide tarp, staples and plants. It was decided that a written agreement needs to be implemented for these projects. The Youth Committee will contact more area schools about similar projects. More information will be provided at next month's meeting.
 - Chet suggested that this is an excellent educational opportunity but, that it also needs to provide habitat benefits for the pheasant.
5. A website manager has been secured. Materials need to be submitted through Dan Eveland who will then forward them on to the website manager.
6. Upcoming Events:
 - Dayton's Wheelin' Weekend – June 16-18. BMPF will have a booth on Saturday, June 17, in front of Elk Drug. Raffle tickets for one of the vacation packages will be offered for sale. Dan, Randy, Brad and Gene will work the booth.
 - June Youth Trap Shoot – June 11 @ 5:00 p.m. at the Waitsburg Gun Club.
7. Dan Eveland spoke with Pape Machinery. They will not be able to donate our big-ticket raffle item this year. The chapter needs to solicit area businesses for sponsorships. Dan will talk to some of the area contractors.
8. The idea of offering a dove hunt in Argentina for next year's banquet was discussed. The hunt is purchased through National. The trip includes 4 days and 3 nights for 4 people for a cost of \$1995. The package includes guides, lodging and food. Winner would have to pay for airfare, gun rental, licenses and gratuities. The chapter would put a reserve bid on the package. If the trip does not sell, the chapter does not have to pay for it. This will be discussed again at next month's meeting.
9. Dan also reported that a North Dakota pheasant hunt is being pursued.
10. There will be a Walla Walla Sweets night at the ball park again this year. A date in July will be chosen and announced.

11. There are 3 board positions still open. This information needs to be sent out in an email asking our membership to consider the position. Brad Trumbo said he may be interested in one of the positions. We are also in need of a Vice President.

12. The Walla Walla Downtown Association is in need of a row of shrubs on the east side of the Frenchtown Historical Site. Larry Boe will contact them for more information and report back next month.

13. Brad Trumbo presented a very impressive newsletter sample. He will be seeking news and is planning on a July publishing date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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