

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

Attendees: Dan Eveland, Larry Boe, Chet Hadley, Randy Snyder, John Houston, Linda H, Corrie Thorne Hadley, Irving Park, Tami Wass, John Steele, Brad Trumbo, Vicki Fox and Carl Bisgard

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

Minutes from May 31, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

1. Treasurer's Report:

- Deposit: \$59,360
- Spent: \$47,461
- Balance (National): \$63,834.98
- Gain: \$11,839.30 (23%)

2. Habitat Report:

- Larry, Chet and Corrie met with Curtis Johnson about taking over spraying of the Buckley site. He will be spraying the site with Round-Up. They site will be drilled (seeded) with legumes in November. We do have a burn permit for the site.
- The Sudbury site is looking beautiful. Larry will be taking pictures to present. The site is in need of a guzzler. Brad Trumbo will speak with Reiff Manufacturing about acquiring one.

3. George reported that the date for the annual Golf Tournament is set for August 12. Walla Walla Electric has agreed to sponsor the tournament again this year with a \$400 donation. Proceeds from the tournament will again benefit the youth program.

4. Dixie School Habitat Project:

- George and Larry met with the Dixie School District on June 6 to discuss starting a Youth Pollinator project. The school would be responsible for doing the ground work, putting down the tarp and dig holes. The school will be seeking a "Steelhead Grant" to help pay for plants, tarps, etc.
- George is waiting to hear back from Nicole Abel (FFA director for Waitsburg High School) about partnering with them also.
- The youth committee and habitat committee will meet to develop a criteria/guideline for partnering with these schools (Educational Outreach Criteria/Guidelines).

5. Upcoming Events:

- Dayton's Wheelin' Weekend is this Saturday. Dan, John Houston, Randy and Brad will help man the booth.
- 4th of July in the Park: Dan Eveland, John Houston, George Endicott, Carl Bisgard, John Steele and Tami Wass have volunteered to man the booth.
- Youth trap shoot will be held on June 15 @ 5:00 p.m. at the Waitsburg Gun Club.
- Night at the Ball Park (Walla Walla Sweets Game) will be Wednesday, July 19th.
- 2017 Annual Youth Hunt will be September 23 and 24.
- An email will be sent to the membership about all upcoming events.
- Board meeting: July 12.

6. Banquet Feedback:

- Dan reported that membership would like to see hunting trips available at the annual banquet. Pheasants Forever National offers an Argentinian Dove Hunt for 4 people, 4 days for \$1995 or, 2 people, 4 days for \$995. The package includes guides, lodging and food. Winner would have to pay for airfare, gun rental, shells, licenses

and gratuities. It was suggested that we offer this package as a live auction item with a reserve. Per National's rules – if the package does not sell, we do not pay for it.

- Dan reported that a North Dakota pheasant hunt is also being pursued.
- George is pursuing a guided duck hunt for next year's banquet.
- Raffle tickets have been printed for one of the Jamaica trips. Only 500 tickets were printed and will sell for \$5 each or 6 for \$25. These raffle tickets will be offered at the Dayton Wheelin' Weekend and the 4th of July in the Park events.
- Motion was made and unanimously passed: For each 10 raffle tickets sold, the seller will be entered into a special raffle drawing (prize to be determined).
- A puppy is needed for the 2018 banquet.

7. Larry Boe mentioned the "Adopt-a-Highway" program again. A 1-mile section of highway is designated and cleaned 2 times per year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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