

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

Attendees: Dan Eveland, Larry Boe, Chet Hadley, Randy Snyder, John Houston, Corrie Thorne Hadley, Irving Park, Tami Wass, Brad Trumbo, George Endicott, J.J. Menozzi, Makaiwi Wachter, Kirk Alden 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Habitat Report:

- Buckley site was sprayed with an herbicide that only burnt the weeds. The site will be sprayed again with RoundUp. A burn permit was acquired if needed.
- Brad Trumbo sent a letter to Reiff Manufacturing about acquiring a second guzzler for the Sudbury site. Larry has marked a spot to put this second guzzler. The original guzzler was partially burned in the fire last summer. It will be rebuilt with metal instead of wood. Brush piles will be created again this winter, using discarded Christmas trees.
- 190-200 acres of CRP at the Sudbury site will expire in 2018. An agreement needs to be made with the land owner if we are to continue to work the site. It is estimated that we have spent over \$10,000 over the years.
- Larry will purchase rose plugs (approximately \$1.50 each) to hand out to student when presenting habitat presentations.
- Larry spoke with the state highway department regarding the Adopt-a-Highway litter program. There are two available sites. Once a site is assigned to a particular group, a sign is erected with the sponsor organization's name. This was approved by a unanimous vote.

2. Minutes from the June 28, 2017 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Golf Tournament:

- The golf tournament has been set for August 26 at the Touchet Valley Golf Course in Dayton. Kit Lane will again donate a 12-bird hunt. Walla Walla Electric will again donate \$400, with all proceeds going to youth activities.

4. Youth Activities:

- Next youth trap shoot is set for August 13 at the Waitsburg Gun Club.
- Family Challenge trap shoot is set for September 17 at the Waitsburg Gun Club.
- Youth Hunt is set for September 23 (Saturday) at Bennington Lake on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) property. The USACE has asked that we enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the use of the Bennington Lake property. More information to come when it is available. The Sunday hunt (September 24) will again be held at the Kimball property. Brad Trumbo will coordinate with USACE.
- Birds may have to be purchased by BMPF this year. Corrie is checking into this and will let us know as soon as she knows something. She will also supply a list of sources to purchase birds.

5. Irving Park will generate minutes from the Board of Director's meeting held this month.

6. Chet suggested that members contact the State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to ask that they consider wildlife license plate for upland game birds. Monies generated from the sale of said license plates is put back into that specific cause for habitat, etc.

7. It was suggested that a prize be awarded to the member who sells the most raffle tickets for the banquet. This will be revisited at next month's meeting.
8. No puppy has been acquired for the 2018 banquet.
9. Kirk Alden suggested the possibility of a March 2018 released bird hunt. BMPF could invite area Pheasant Forever chapter members to participate. A \$150-\$300 entry fee could be charged (which would be for 1 dog and 2 hunters) and would include several categories (*i.e.*, point, flush, *etc.*). He participated in a similar hunt in the Central Oregon area several years ago that generated a sizable amount of money. He will write out the details and present them.
10. Tami shared that BMPF received a thank you note from Waitsburg FFA for the pheasant rearing donation. Also, a thank you note from College Place Trap Shooting Team for the donation of shells.
11. Randy reported that he has purchased a load of steel shot for the Saturday Youth Hunt at Bennington Lake.

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

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