

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

**Attendees:** Dan Eveland, Don Perrigin, Carl Bisgard, Randy Snyder, Brad Trumbo, Makaiwi Wachter, Mike Davis, Shari Davis, Andi Bigler, George Endicott, Irving Park, Larry Boe, and Tami Wass

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

Minutes from the November 2, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

1. YOUTH REPORT (by George Endicott)

- Family Hunt (November 24<sup>th</sup>) had 7 families participate with a total of 8 youth.
- It is suggested that next year's Family Hunt be on Saturday instead of Friday. Hopefully, attracting more participants.
- The Family Hunt netted one new membership and a registration for the 2018 banquet.
- Kit Lane (Clyde Hunting Preserve) has several electronic throwers. It was suggested that BMPF host a Family Challenge at the Clyde Hunting Preserve next year, using the electronic throwers in the field (perhaps as a "tune-up" event prior to the annual Youth Hunt).
- YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING (November 27, 2018)
  - It was suggested that next year's Youth Trap Shoots be held as follows:
    - June – Waitsburg Gun Club (with Dean Wass giving shotgun/range safety demonstration).
    - July – Walla Walla Gun Club (with Larry Boe giving habitat demonstration).
    - August – East End Rod and Gun Club (with Chet & Corrie Hadley giving pointing dog demonstration).
  - 2018 Golf Tournament will be held in late August.
  - 2018 Youth Hunt – If held at Bennington Lake again, we need to have better and more signage (purchase/make another sandwich board and/or banners. Banners need to be blaze orange. Motion was made and unanimously passed. Makaiwi will pursue prices for banners.

2. HABITAT REPORT (by Larry Boe)

- 2017 Habitat report for National:
  - Nesting Cover – number of projects 2, number of acres 94.
  - Woody Cover – number of trees and shrub 1045.
  - Volunteer Hours – 218 hours, 22 people.
  - Mowing/Edge Feathering – number of projects 1, number of acres 2.
- 80-acres of seed have been planted at the Buckley site (1100 pounds total).
- 1 guzzler and 2 guzzler lids were purchased from Reiff Manufacturing (for a cost of \$1451) for the Sudbury site.
- 100 rose and 50 Sumac need to be planted before the ground gets too hard (Bob Best, Chris Bowen or Russell Creek Rd sites).
- Adopt-a-Highway – area is from Frenchtown Road (off Hwy 12). Work one side of the highway for one mile, returning and working the other side of the highway back to starting point.

3. BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (by Irving Park)

- The board met on November 15, 2018.
- The board suggests that the BMPF president will announce members that will be nominated for Director Position #6 at the January 2018 general meeting and that ballots be emailed to the membership. (**NOTE:** BMPF members present at the November 29 general meeting did not agree with this suggestion. It was suggested, at this meeting, that the entire membership should be notified of positions available and when elections are to be held. The membership should be invited to attend the meeting, participate in the election process and be allowed to vote (if they are in attendance at that meeting).
- The chapter shall develop guidelines for dealing with outside groups in respect of what would be required of them, and BMPF, if they are interested in building habitat/pollinator partnership with BMPF.

- Does BMPF provide a W-2 and/or 1099 to the Banquet Coordinator and IRS? Additional compensation may be needed for the Banquet Coordinator to cover federal income, social security, and Medicare tax and meet accustomed take-home pay. (This needs to be done unless a private sponsor provides funding.)
- 2017 banquet sold only 36 PF memberships. [NOTE: This was clarified – BMPF chapter has a total of 254 paid memberships (as of this date). The 2017 banquet netted 36 new adult memberships and 21 new youth memberships.]
- Revisit establishing budgets for each committee (youth, banquet, habitat, etc.).
- Exchange Club of Walla Walla
  - BMPF needs to explore the possibilities of getting grants from the Exchange Club, as we meet their criteria.
- Brad Trumbo's work with the newsletter should be applauded.

#### 4. BANQUET COMMITTEE REPORT (by Tami Wass)

- The Banquet Committee (Brad Trumbo, Shari Davis, Makaiwi Wachter, Andi Bigler and Tami Wass) met on November 18, 2017.
- Raffle buckets this year will be more theme oriented, making them more cohesive and appealing.
- Limit number of raffle buckets to half of what we've had in the past.
- Seek "sponsors" from local businesses for raffle buckets, live and silent auction items. The Banquet Committee will come up with a sponsor's benefit (*i.e.*, banners, advertisement, etc.) guideline at the next scheduled meeting.
- Makaiwi will pursue the procedures and costs of promoting our events on Facebook and report back at the December general meeting.
- Makaiwi will pursue the costs of sponsor banners and report back at the December general meeting.
- Tami will find out the cost of renting the Pavilion at the fairgrounds, as it can hold more people than the Community Center. She will report back at the December general meeting.
- A motion was made and passed unanimously to pursue using Cash Square for payments at the door for next year's banquet.
- Tami will contact Shontina Coers about promoting our wine donations at next year's banquet.

#### 5. NOVEMBER TIMELINE

- 3-year membership list has been forwarded to Judy's Copy.
- Banquet package has been ordered and received (with the exception of the rifle).
- Prints from the banquet package were ordered pre-framed.
- Jennifer Chapman (bartender) has been confirmed for the 2018 banquet. She has her bartenders lined up and will be applying for her liquor license next month. She will need to know if we have any special needs (such as selling donated wine) before she applies for her license.
- WW Sweets Roller girls have been contacted and have agreed to help at the 2018 banquet.
- Program covers, dinner tickets and shotgun pull refill have been ordered and received.
- Registration form cannot be completed until all raffle items have been decided:
  - Early bird – 10.22 (donation)
  - ROTC raffle – Browning SKB
  - \$1.00 raffle – Trip
  - Grand Prize – Gun safe, with 2 mystery guns (tickets to be sold at the banquet)
- It was motioned and passed unanimously to raise our gun budget for the 2018 banquet to a maximum of \$10,000. At least 3 of the purchased guns shall be suitable for women.

6. The Dayton Chronicle contacted George about doing an article about the Family Hunt that was held after Thanksgiving. Brad Trumbo has a draft to present to them.

Next scheduled general meeting will be December 13, 2017 at Smith's Family Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.

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

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