

Minutes of Blue Mountain, Chapter 258, Pheasants Forever Meeting

13 December 2017

Smith's Restaurant, Walla Walla

Attendees: Dan Eveland, Larry Boe, Makaiwi Wachter, J.J. Menozzi, Mike Davis, Shari Davis, John Steele, Randy Snyder, Don Perregin, George Endicott, Kirk Alden, Ryan Alden, Carl Bisgard and Tami Wass

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

1. YOUTH REPORT (by George Endicott)

- The laser shot game has been reserved for the 2018 banquet.
- Randy Snyder talked to Kit Lane (Clyde Hunting Preserve) about a “clean up hunt” at the end of pheasant season. Details to follow.

2. HABITAT REPORT (by Larry Boe)

- The Buckley site has been seeded at a cost of \$25/acre (total for seed plus tax \$11,000).
- Guzzlers have been taken to the Sudbury site. Approximately 150 plants will need collars at this site.
- The Bob Best site will get 25 Sumac and 75 rose.
- The Stovall Road site looks good and only needed 9 new Sumac and 3 rose planted.
- The Russell Creek site will have 22 rose and 16 Sumac planted.
- The Adopt-a-Highway clean up project will begin in January. Randy will pursue help from Walla Walla Community College students.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT (by John Steele)

- Approximately \$7,000 has been spent on nesting cover (habitat) and approximately \$7,356 has been spent on merchandise (to date).
- October balance in the checking account was \$56,000. Of that, \$48,000 has been spent, leaving a balance of \$8,000.

4. GUN COMMITTEE (by Mike Davis)

- Two handguns have been purchased from Garner's Sporting Goods in Pendleton, and a 3rd handgun is being pursued by them.
- Mike and George will be going to Grigg's to choose guns for the 2018 banquet.

5. BANQUET COMMITTEE REPORT (by Tami Wass)

- The question was raised regarding the possibility that attendance to the banquet may exceed the capacity of the Community Center (capacity is 450 chairs). Cost of renting the Community Center is \$600 plus kitchen cost. The Pavilion is much larger in size but has a capacity of 240 chairs (per the fairgrounds website) and a cost of \$900 plus kitchen cost. It was decided that we will stay in the Community Center for now, but will contact the fairgrounds if we find that we may exceed the capacity as the banquet date gets nearer.
- We will not be offering salmon at next year's banquet. The Marc advised they would have to charge BMPF \$44 per plate if prime rib and salmon were to be served. The cost for prime rib only will cost us \$35 per plate.
- The chapter will pursue sponsors for next year's banquet packages/raffles. Sponsors, in return, will receive banners, ads in banquet program, promotion on BMPF Facebook page, listed as sponsor/donor on BMPF website.
- Tygh Campbell has been confirmed as the auctioneer/MC for the 2018 banquet.
- We will be introducing “key items” to the 2018 banquet. Several items offered in the live and silent auctions will be labeled as a “key item.” Attendees who purchase the “key item” will be entered into a separate gun drawing. More details to follow.
- Winners of the silent auction will be listed on the PowerPoint slide show and not verbally announced. This will help save time.
- Door prizes will be awarded again but, will be limited to 10-12.
- Tickets drawn from any bucket must be thoroughly “stirred” before drawing. Any ticket that is altered (folded, bended, etc.) will be discarded (per Washington State Law).

- It was approved unanimously to raise the cost of Special Chapter Sponsorships from \$380 to \$500. This sponsorship includes 2 adult meals, PF membership dues, (100) \$1-affle tickets, recognition in the banquet program and throughout the event and entry into a sponsor only gun drawing (1 gun drawn per 5 sponsorships sold).
- It was approved to buy a Facebook ad for \$100 for the 2018 banquet. This ad will start in January and run for 52 days and will cover the southeast Washington/southeast Oregon area. It is projected to receive 3000 to 7900 hits. Makaiwi will be in charge of seeing this through.
- Our big-ticket item this year will be a large gun safe, a long rifle, a pistol safe and pistol. We will draw 3 names. The first name drawn will have their choice of either the safe, the long rifle (in the safe) or the pistol safe and pistol (in the safe). The second name drawn will choose between the two remaining items. The third name drawn will get the last item remaining. Tickets for the big-ticket item will be sold at the banquet.

Next scheduled general meeting will be January 31, 2018 at Smith's Family Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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