

Sportsman Trails

President's Corner



By President Bill Blackburn

It is hard to believe but Christmas is almost upon us. We continue to plan renovation of the main clubhouse and will be seeking volunteers for painting, sanding, removing floor tile and placement of new tile. Hopefully this project can be completed by our January club meeting.

We have had several successful preserve hunts and highly recommend you try it! Call operations to schedule. Spaces for hunts are filling up; call operations to schedule. Many thanks to Pointer/Setter Division for their assistance with the holding pens for pheasants, chukar, and quail.

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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BOD Minutes from Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007

Roll Call at 7:02 pm

There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as written - 1st by Steve Cox and 2nd by Ken Maness. The financial report was read by Treasurer John Ruland. Mr. Ruland commented upon the account receivables. He pointed out that Kathy O'Neill has recently left, the office is in transition, and we were behind on expected invoicing. (August had not been sent out in a timely fashion) Mr. Ruland updated the BOD on exactly where the League stood on the receivables and spoke to the specific numbers and figures at this time. As of Oct. 30, the current assets were reported as \$70,783 (which included the farm and the League) The rest is classified as divisional cash & receivables. This was listed on page 12 of the BOD Meeting packet sent out. Mr. Ruland then spoke specifically to the lead remediation and the tobacco buy-out monies. He spoke to how these funds were accounted for on the balance sheets. Mr. Greg Delabar asked where the cattle value is located (line item) and the printed P&L. Mr. Ruland answered Mr. Delabar that this value is currently lumped under the farm assets. Mr. Ruland presented a power point slide and graph charts. These charts outlined the breakdown of income and expenses and what comprises these figures. Mr. Delabar voiced a question concerning the "total other assets" line found on page 12 of the BOD packet. Mr. Ruland fielded the question and answered it to Mr. Delabar's satisfaction. Rolly Beers thanked Mr. Ruland for the amount of work that he has put into the position. He stated that he has made great efforts to present the financial information in a clear and easy-to-understand fashion. He wished to publicly thank him. The BOD clapped their approval. Walt Bowman pointed out a discrepancy in the BOD packet under Hazard Insurance. Page 6 of the BOD packet. Mr. Bowman stated that the written notes revealed a \$1-\$5 variance and should be corrected.

December Calendar

1st

New Member Orientation 9 am

2nd

USPSA/IPSC 9:30 am; Muzzleloader Silver Shoot 1:30 pm

4th

General Membership Meeting
7 pm

SANTA

CLAUSE IS COMING 6 PM

15th

New Member Orientation 9 am;
IDPA 10 am

16th

Airgun Open Shoot

22nd

Concealed Carry Class 9 am

23rd

Muzzleloaders Open Shoot 1:30 pm

25th

Board Meeting

29th

GSSF 10 am

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The issue was in the note column and not in the accounting column. Mr. Ruland stated he would look into the matter. Mike Kass asked John Ruland (page 13-14 of BOD packet) why there was a discrepancy in the figures as he read them. Mr. Ruland addressed this question and replied that the difference Mr. Kass was noticing was the divisional assets. Mr. Kass replied that he understood. Mr. Richard Gehlbach stated a concern about the league's reporting on a cash and accrual basis. He wanted to know if we should be "mixing" the 2 methods of accounting. John Ruland spoke to this and explained why the club currently reports in this fashion. He stated that the finance committee will be looking into further discussion on the matter. Ms. Luanne Johnson explained in further detail on the subject. Discussion followed. President Blackburn spoke to the format of the finances and the intent to get to the point of "easier understanding". The goal is for the entire BOD to obtain a basic understanding of the pertinent information (finances). Walt Bowman moved to accept the financial report. Dan Fister 2nd. Motion Passed Clubhouse and Lodge Committee Report Rolly Beers spoke to the needs of the main clubhouse. He specifically mentioned the crack in the floor of the main hall and the goal to re-tile the floor in Dec. He stated that he has been in contact with a couple professionals. Pres. Blackburn asked Mr. Beers to have a "game plan" in place for the next BOD meeting in Nov. Mr. Beers stated that we were "still on target for the December deadline for the floor project". Constitution and By-Laws No "official" meeting of this committee had occurred since the last BOD. Pres. Blackburn spoke to the goals. Short-term and intermediate tasks were outlined; he then spoke to the long-term goal of "re-writing and updating the constitution". President Blackburn stated that he knew Mr. Delabar had long been attempting to update the constitution. Mr. Blackburn stated that it was important that we not be in violation of our own tenants. Operations report Ben Riffell gave the operational report to the BOD. The upcoming Gun Show on Nov. 23-25 was announced. The BGSL will have a booth for information and recruitment. Mr. Riffell asked the BOD for volunteers to help staff this event. He stated that a sign-up sheet would be available after the meeting. He reported on the cattle. Feeder animals would be sold next week. The farm committee would have liked to realize a higher return on the feeders than that which the market currently promises. However, in an effort to stabilize cash flow, the feeders would be sold to coincide with the projected purchase of breed cows. The intention would be to eliminate the need to transfer any funds from Dupree to cover this purchase. Between the two, the bred cows represented the more important factor to the League's long-term goals. Mr. Riffell reported that some hay was still being cut and was visible from the roadways. Very limited quantities of hay were available for sale. Some lumber was still available for purchase. Mr. Riffell also reported that new GP Range target frames were being built to have on the range prior to the increased use (just before deer season). Mr. Riffell spoke to the status of the BGSL Preserve bird hunting to be initiated Nov. 15. He stated that various hunt packages were available – with and without a dog handler. Quail, pheasant, and chukar are available to hunt. Bird suppliers and dog handlers had been spoken to. Mr. Blackburn asked the BOD for their support and participation in this new and potentially profitable, endeavor. Ben spoke to a reported injured deer on the property. The deer was put-down. There were some questions around this incident. As a result, one operations employee is no longer employed by the League and the local conservation officer is investigating. Mr. Riffell asked the BOD if there were additional questions or concerns. No one responded. Mr. Riffell ended his report. Wildlife Comm. Mr. Craig Phinney reported that Mr. Riffell had covered most of the wildlife issues in his report. He spoke briefly to the preserve -type bird hunting. Youth Mr. Delabar spoke to the youth events. He stated that there was a youth event this coming weekend The youth event would include centerfire rifle shooting and a meal at the Delabar Lodge. He invited everyone to show up and participate. Technology Committee Mr. Richard Gehlbach gave this report. He spoke about the Internet Policy. He stated that he was both "pleased and disappointed" with what he has been seeing. He stated that after 90 days external sites should be gone. He specifically mentioned the IDPA and Cowboy sites. They had moved but the external sites were not gone. He also mentioned the Sporting Clays site. There had been no change here. Mr. Gehlbach stated that we: 1 needed all BGSL sites listed with our URL; this is not occurring with some divisional listings. 2 we need to encourage divisional participation to all the website areas "properly populated" 3 we need to show everyone visiting our website what we offer and post on the website information several years past; he stated that a member had donated old Sportsmen Trails that were in the process of being scanned and archived on-line. 4 spoke to the possibility of doing advertising on our website update on where the BOD stands on the issue of advertising. Mr. Gehlbach gave possible options to the League for advertising. Discussion followed. A few concerns were voiced concerning "pop-up" ads on our website. More discussion followed. Additional questions and answers. Mr. Gehlbach asked the BOD to be thinking about these issues. Membership Committee Rob Mulcahy reported that he had spoken to Tom Cottingim and there will be a membership committee meeting one hour prior to the next general membership meeting. This meeting will be held at the trap divisional building. He asked for new volunteers to the committee and interested persons. Mr. Gehlbach asked if the committee was still calling persons on the "droplist" and if this practice was currently continuing. Mr. Blackburn responded that it had not been done in the immediate past. PAGE #3

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Security Committee Mike Kass briefed the BOD concerning a son of a member who was trying to gain unauthorized access to the property via his father's valid membership. Mr. Kass stated the recommendation of the committee was to have a letter written to the father and what could be the consequences of such actions. There was some discussion among the BOD. Greg Delabar moved to allow the committee to move forward with their recommendation. 2nd by Claude Jacobs. Approved. 8:07 pm Old Business Pres. Blackburn introduced the tabled motion concerning the compensation policy. (From the Aug. meeting). Greg Delabar then spoke. Mr. Delabar stated that he viewed it as an essential document. He asked Mr. Ben Riffell a few questions concerning the current hiring process. Mr. Delabar felt there was benefit to this policy but felt it was impossible to discuss fully w/o a copy of said policy in the hands of each BOD member. In view of the BOD change, both President Blackburn and Greg Delabar felt that the policy must be re-presented to the BOD. Mr. Dan Fister agreed that it had to be presented again.

However, in this particular case, the policy should be given over to the new administration to form, restructure, and implement at their discretion. Mr. Delabar asked that the policy be included in the next executive committee package to be discussed and presented in November's BOD meeting. The release of the approved, budgeted capital money to purchase bred cows was discussed. The motion was to release the \$7500 of budgeted monies for the purchase of cows at the farm committee's discretion. Mr. Cox asked Mr. Riffell if the anticipated monies received from the sale of the feeders would realize (in his opinion) all or nearly all of the \$7500. Mr. Riffell responded that he felt the feeder sale monies would cover the bred cow expense. Motion by Cox 2nd by Ken Maness. Approved with no dissent. 8:15pm New Business Motions read by Rob Mulcahy. 8:47pm New Business Cont. Special Report of the Finance committee Luanne Johnson reported on the revision of the fiscal policy. Ms. Johnson illustrated the policy and any changes (recommended) via a power point slide. Some discussion followed. Ms. Johnson addressed any concerns and questions. Motion to adjourn by Greg Delabar - 2nd by Ken Maness.

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Motions:

1. BOD allow NRA First Step class on November 4.
 2. BOD amend item 11 of the practical pit shooting rules.
 3. BOD designate the 2nd Saturday of each month as an NRA training day.
 4. BOD allow the muzzle loader division to hold open shoot on 4th Sunday of each month and woods walk on 5th Sundays in months with 5 Sundays.
 5. BOD allow muzzle loader division to host Spring Rendezvous May 2-4, 2008.
 6. BOD approve open shoot dates for pistol division.
 7. BOD recommend an amendment to section 8 of the By-Laws (substance abuse).
 8. BOD approve use of Delabar Lodge by Troop 54 BSA on December 14-15, 2007.
 9. BOD approve gate policy.
 10. BOD approve adding section on preserve hunting to the hunter's handbook.
 11. BOD approve open shoot dates for trap division.
 12. BOD approve the revised fiscal policy.
- BOD approve closing walking trails during hunting season.

Adjourned at 9:15 pm

