

DRAFT MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMITTEE January 05, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Ed Thomson @ 8:00 AM (acting as meeting facilitator until the election of the new officers.)

ATTENDEES: Bob DeMeulenaere, Bruce Frappier, Dave Hohlfeldt, Dave Lucas, Jeff Major, Bob Schemanske, Ed Thomson,

ABSENT: Ron Tacia, Gary Jankens (both excused)

Returning members of the committee, Bob DeMeulenaere, Jeff Major, and Ron Tacia were welcomed back.

Minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Election of Officers was held: Elected were Ed Thomson, Chairman; Bruce Frappier, Vice- Chair; and Bob DeMeulenaere, Secretary.

Ed Thomson assumed control of the meeting as Chairman.

Calendar of meetings for the coming year was set as follows: 1-05—8:00am, 3-02—8:00am, 4-06---8:00am, 5-04—8:00am, 6-01—8:00am, 7-13—8:00am, 8-03—**1:00pm**, 9-07—8:00am, 10-05—8:00PM, 11-09—**1:00 PM**, 12-07—8:00am.

Volunteers/appointments were made as “Point Persons” as follows:

Assignment of “Point persons”:	Lakes/Dams/Fish Stocking...Bob S./ Ed T.
	Budget.....Bruce F./ Bob D.
	Fields/Openings.....Bob D./ Bruce F. /Dave L.
	Timber.....Jeff M. / Gary J.
	Turkey Feeders.....Dave L. / Bob S. / Gary J. Bruce F.
	Future Planning.....Bob S. / Ed T.
	To-Do List.....Bruce F.
	Pheasant Shoots.....Dave H. / Ron Lamrock
	Surveys.....Dave L. / Bob S.
	Hunter’s Roundup..... Ron T. / Dave H.
	Habitat Tour.....Jeff M. / Dave H.
	Articles.....Ed T. / Bob D.
	Outside Ressources.....Bruce F. / Bob D. / Ed T.

OLD BUSINESS

Ron Lamrock reported that the final tally for deer harvest (all seasons) was 87 Antlerless, 59 bucks.

Reports were heard from “point persons” areas as follows:

Fish/Lakes: Ed reported that the water control devices were flushed and clean. Boards were pulled for winter levels on appropriate water control devices and should be ready for spring runoff. There was some debris In the Iron Gate device due to beaver activity.

Budget: 2013 Conservation budget was approved by the BOD for the year.

Fields: Bob D. provided update. Detail field planning for 2013 is underway. The 2013 field plan will be presented at the March meeting.

Timber: Jeff M. reported that the timber harvest should begin in about 2 weeks.

Turkey Feeders: Dave L., Bruce, and Bob S. reported that the trail cam at the new feeder is yielding a lot of animal activity but no turkeys as of this date. It is our opinion that the winter has not been severe enough to bring them in. No deer are getting into the feeder.

Future Planning: Ed T. has started to create the documents requested by the Future Planning Committee and will have them completed in time for their meeting.

To-Do List: Bruce F. reviewed the list. Some additions will be made in July to address upcoming contracts.

Pheasant Shoots: Ron L. reported that due to low attendance, he projects that we will have about 900 birds left of the 1600 that we contracted for.

Surveys: No surveys are currently out. The new survey should be issued in March.

Hunter's Roundup: Some thoughts and opinions were shared on improvements for this year. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

Habitat tour: Dave H. reported that amendments to the self guided tour book will be complete and sent to Megan before the March meeting.

Articles: A list of articles for the year will be presented at the March meeting. Agenda item for March requested under old business.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

- Joel and Ron reported that the 2013 budget had been finalized and the BOD rejected the LeMarbe Management contract as submitted. A revision has been requested.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Quality Forest Program** Jeff M. presented to the group a government program that would relieve the club of 18 mills of taxes on approximately 700 acres or more for a 10 year period. The program will utilize the forest management plan that we currently have in place. Bob D. motioned and seconded by Dave H. for Jeff to contact t Grossman Forestry for a quote on completing the necessary documents. An update will be given in March.
- **Establishment of new Blind Committee** Bob D. supplied the group a list of ideas on how the new committee might operate based on a discussion with Ron L. on what assistance that he needed. Everyone was in agreement with all points except number 3. It was pointed out that as members it is implied that we should know the club rules. The document will be sent to the BOD as information only to aid in the establishment of the new group.

- **Conservation Info Needed on Website** As a starting point this is a list that the committee agreed as important for member access:
State of the Forest Reports
Biological data (annual reports, surveys, etc.)
List of committee members
Meeting dates
Minutes and agendas
GIS mapping tools
Biologist and Forester bios.
- **Opening up all Trails after November 22:** A small article in the newsletter and a survey question were ideas given as a starting point to seek opinions from the membership. This will be reintroduced after data is collected.
- **Revised LeMarbe Management Contract:** A revised contract was submitted to address concerns of the BOD. After review, Bob D. motioned, seconded by Dave H. to recommend approval of the contract by the BOD.

Next meeting: March 02, 2013 @ 8:00 am

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted— Bob DeMeulenaere, secretary