

## MEETING MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMITTEE September 3, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Dan Gauthier@ 8:01 A.M.

ATTENDEES: Scott Grush, Dan Failla, Greg Lewis,  
Dan Gauthier, Bill Ruelle, Dave Lucas, Bob Schemanske  
Mike Jolly  
Absent- excused: Ed Thomson

August, 2016 meeting minutes were accepted. Motion: Bob., 2nd: Greg.- all approved.

Changes to Agenda: None

**Old Business:** Boat launch permit: Email from the DEQ was received, changes to the permit are required, more details, on the road and parking area. More money may also be needed. Bob made a motion to pay the additional if needed Dave seconded the motion, all approved.

Biologist applicant meeting: Carolyn Coghlin visited LLWC for a meet and greet. The meeting was informal and so she could visit the grounds and talk with a few CC members about the club's program.

Update survey card: A sample card was provided, a few edits were suggested in which all approved and cards have been sent to management for printing.

Raffle update: Tickets are printed and ready for sale.

### **Regular Item Reports:**

**Lakes/Dams/Fish:** Ed needs to get the stocking plan to Management. Deer Lk. Is down considerably. John from Alcona Dredge is putting a plan together for cleaning up Deer. Deer Lake east is dry as of this meeting date. A discussion about laying stone along the newly renovated Pole Swamp dam ensued.

**Budget:** Dan Failla states the budget meeting for 2017 is Saturday @ 8:00 a.m.

**Fields:** Greg gave a report in great detail. In summary, the winter mix includes, kale, rape, and turnip with clover mixed in again for Spring nutrition. Cereal grains are in again for Spring. A lot of manure slurry has been put down from Chippewa Dairy. We are still investigating the feasibility of corn. Greg requested a white board for placement down at maintenance for farming notes, Jeff Cattin offered to deliver some.

**Timber:** Scott reported that the contracts are signed by Fairview Woodyard for the 2016-17 timber harvest. Tentatively stated November 5 for a woods tour with Grossman Forestry.

**Turkey Feeders:** Awaiting materials for repair job.

**Future Planning:** Nothing new to report says Bob S.

**To Do List:** Bob read the October to-do-list.

**Pheasant shoots:** Mike Jolly submitted a comprehensive research report on the status of club pheasant shoots.

I'm building on the work that Greg and I shared with you by including the email that we sent out on August 13 (below). Early this week, Dan Gauthier and I had a good phone conversation and today he identified who our point person for pheasant hunts will be.

Regarding the conversation, Dan and we were of absolutely like minds regarding the point person: that he or she had to be an employee of LLWC who worked in the lodge, knew the workings of meals and rooming along with the mechanics of the hunt, and who would be readily available to work with members who intended to book hunts at the club. The notion of having a CC member be that point person was never discussed other than to dismiss the idea outright. Also, we all are of the understanding that pheasant hunting at LLWC an NOT be an activity that results in a financial loss to LLWC; but rather one that that generates a modest income for the club.

Our newly assigned point person for booking pheasant hunts at LLWC is **Kyla Harmon** who works in the office at LLWC. Her email is: kharmonllwc@gmail.com. Welcome to your new responsibilities, Kyla. We look forward to working together with you to make pheasant hunting at LLWC one of our top attractions.

Now that Kyla is on board as our point person, we hope to move forward on the following - especially those prioritized as "#1":

#1a - A comprehensive **Rate Sheet for Pheasant Hunts** to include the variables of rooming for different numbers of nights, meal packages, and hunting only (for residents who don't need meals or rooms). Sharee has already created a portion of this for a 2017 Tower Shoot so the groundwork has been well done and needs only the additional info for field shoots and the variable that we've asked for. Greg and I asked to have this by August 20 and for the entire committee to have by August 27. [It would be best if our committee had this a.s.a.p. so let's shoot for early next week \(Tuesday August 30th\).](#)

#1b - A **Hunt Calendar** created showing open and closed dates for hunts along with other events going on at LLWC. [This would be good for the CC to have on or before our September 3rd meeting.](#)

#1c - The **Hunt Master Orientation/Safety Sheet** (hard copies of this already exist and there must be an electronic file somewhere handy). This should be in the hands of the CC **on or before September 3rd.**

#2 - An **"Alert"** to be put in to the September LLWC News telling our members that there will be up-to-date information available on our website and perhaps announcing Kyla as our contact person for pheasant hunts. [I will write a "Pheasant Hunting at LLWC" article shortly after our CC meeting on Sep 3.](#)

#3 - **Work Orders** requested and issued for the pheasant preserve/tower shoot area:

1 - Tower stairway step repair. Target date: No rush but it should be done before the weather turns really cold. Let's shoot it for being done by Oct. 31.

2 - Handrail installation for safety on the outboard side of stairway. Target date: ditto above - Oct. 31.

3 - Deadbolt or Hook and Eye to keep tower door closed during shooting. Target date: ditto above - Oct. 31.

4 - Mowing/Weed Whacking/Clean Up around Shelter at preserve parking site. Target date: before first pheasant hunt in the fall.

5 - Mowing of Tower Shoot Circuit. Target date: determined by Maintenance Department - before weather turns bad (Oct. 31?).

Thanks to Dan G for moving this forward. Let's do everything possible to make pheasant hunting at LLWC a great experience for the hunters and an overall benefit to the club.

Mike and Greg

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**Surveys:** Deer observation surveys are printed and volunteers begin their routes September 1 thru 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Hunters Round up:** Mark suggested to talk with Devin about the menu.

**Articles:** Scott and Dan will have a GPS blind tagging info article for the October newsletter.

**Outside Resources:** Scott reported that the RGS Terex machine was to arrive this week. Also, contact info for the USFWS in Alpena was provided to us by John Paige of the Ruffed Grouse Society, he said the USFWS is very easy to work with. Scott made a motion to contact them, Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**Forest Health Issues:** The quarantine area out near the west gate is still under observation but many have inspected it and see no further die off, this has been reported to our forester.

**Blind Committee:** Dan F. is working on the updated GPS data.

**Open Forum:** Fencing oak seedlings. Ask Terry Manty about the prospects of fencing off the stump sprout oaks.

**New Business:**

-Megan Lemarbe report: Camera survey is ongoing and she has submitted a proposal to work the woods gate for firearm deer season. Bob made a motion to accept the proposal and Dan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval. A BAR will be sent to the BOD for action.

-H trail gates: Reason, to control access and minimize trail damage at certain times of year. Dan F. made the motion to install two gates along H trail, Bob S. 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. A BAR will be sent to the BOD for action.

-ATV rules and regs: Member volunteers worked the woods gate over the Labor Day holiday verifying stickers and ownership.

- Road closures: November 10 thru 22 signs, a few are needed to help alleviate blind disputes. Some adds and deletes are needed.

- Motion to adjourn: Dave L., 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob S.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Submitted by Scott Grush, Secretary