

## MEETING MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMITTEE March 5, 2016

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

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

February 14, 2016 meeting minutes were approved. Motion: Ed, 2nd: Dan F.- all approved.

Changes to Agenda: Biologists applications - advertisement  
Creation of a Blind Committee

### Old Business:

Bill Ruelle was welcomed to the CC filling the vacancy left by Matt Mead.  
Matt Mead was welcomed as the BOD liaison to the CC.

### Regular Item Reports:

**Lakes/Dams/Fish:** Nothing new to report- Ed

Sharee states that Sharbonneau Excavating will be monitoring the Pole Swamp overflow tube situation.

**Budget:** Dan F. awaits amended budget for 2016 and asked Liaison Mead for the 5 year and 20 year budget forecasts as it pertains to Conservation.

**Fields:** Big Don from maintenance attended and provided a lengthy discussion on fields @ LLWC.

Six fields- 29,3,5, 6,7,62 are ready for frost seed of red/white clover totaling 6.2 acres. Work order # 866730 has been sent.

Also, an estimate of \$1500 was given for rebuilding the sprayer and a need for new tractor tires.

**Timber:** Scott reported on status of the 2015-16 timber cut, harvesting is complete on units 1,4,5,6 but significant hauling remains to be done. Units 2 and 3 remain in progress. The temporary bridge over the flowage in Unit 3 will be removed upon completion. Terry Manty (Grossman Forestry) will be at the April CC meeting. Discussion on time/date to do a woods tour ensued.

**Turkey Feeders:** Lydia Lucas reporting for Dave L. said the feeders were filled again within the last week.

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

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

**Pheasant shoots:** Mike reports an upcoming shoot with near 20 hunters.

**Surveys:** Dan G. explained the membership survey and asked for volunteers.

**Hunters Round up:** Dan G. has the information on the lucky hunters from 2015 and will make contact.

He also contacted SCI about the raffle license.

**Articles:** Ideas for articles were discussed, Scott with a DEER grant article and Greg with a fields article were top ideas.

**Outside Resources:** Ducks Unlimited is returning to LLWC with a sportsman's banquet fundraiser in September. Scott reported that there is a RGS banquet in Alpena on April 2, 2016.

**Forest Health Issues:** The quarantine area out near the west gate is still under observation. Nothing new to report

**Blind Committee:** Dan G., Bill, and Dan F. will be point persons for this (re)newed Committee.

It was discussed that Management maintains GPS data on blind locations but the Blind Committee will settle disputes. Dan F. will review the GPS data for any improvements and/or modifications.

**Open Forum:** Matt Mead suggested a youth squirrel hunt.

Search for the wildlife biologists - Scott will email all CC members the lists of requirements document.

**Follow up on other Old Business:**

Report on actions of BOD as they apply to CC: The BAR submitted to accept the resignation of Whitetail Directives was passed. Management will contact WD.

The BAR to immediately begin the search for a replacement biologist was passed.

Rule Change Recommendations: Discussion to 1. Simplify, 2. Streamline, and 3. Bring up to date rules as they pertain to Conservation was discussed.

Budget: What will happen with the quarterly monies savings by withdrawing from the contract with WD early?

Fish house structure plunge contest: The Fish House habitat contest is up and running, get your guesses in now!

The Conservation Masterbook is still ongoing.

**New Business:**

- Future Goals of the CC: The CC was asked to send their top three priorities to Secretary Grush.  
It was stated that the goals of the CC were outlined by the club by-laws.
- Membership hunter survey: Dan F. and Greg provided an outline, the CC hammered out a working 14 question document to be revised and edited before the April meeting.
- Work bee BAR - A BAR was written to allow members the use of their personal equipment on club grounds when doing Conservation sponsored and planned work details. Motion to accept by Ed, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill. Approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn: Ed 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dan F.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:36.

Submitted by Scott Grush, Secretary