

Meeting Minutes for the 12/4/2017 Conservation Committee Meeting

-Call to order by chairman Dan Gauthier at 8:00 AM

- Roll Call: Dan Failla, Greg Lewis, Bill Ruelle, Jim West, Brian Deutschel, Bill Zimmerman, Dan Gauthier all present.
- Excused absent: Scott Grush, Mike Jolly

-Approval of November 2017 CC Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve made by Jim West and second by Brian Deutschel. Motion approved.

-Agenda additions. None

Old Business

-Raffle - Hunters Round UP

Dan G. reported that \$3070 of Raffle tickets were sold. Up \$70 from 2016.

Expenses:

- \$1550 Guns - Lincoln Outdoors.
- \$ 250 Tickets
- \$ 400 Mount
- \$ 50 Raffle license thru Safari Club
- \$ 2250 Total Expense

Motion made by Brian D. and seconded by Dan. F to donate \$250 of proceeds back to Safari Club for their help with the license. Motion passed.

-H Trail Closure Schedule

Denny Gauthier from the Trail Sports Committee (TSC) read the TSC committee response to the November CC committee rejection of the TSC recommended closing schedule.

Dan Failla, second Bill Zimmerman, made a motion to accept the TSC H Gate closing schedule as previously proposed. Vote failed

Bill Zimmerman, second Jim West, proposed to pinch the trail width to 50 inches and adopt the TSC recommended closing schedule.

Discussion included comment that all vehicles should have access to enjoy the use of the H Trail and grade not just vehicles 50 inches or less. Vote failed 3 yes and 4 no.

Brian D., second by Bill Z, motioned to add a second gate just south of the H trail and corduroy grade intersection. This plan would allow all vehicles to use the trail south from the contractor road down thru the pines and across the culvert. All vehicles would then be forced to turn east up the corduroy grade and back up to the H trail. No access to or from the subdivision. This gate and the Hazel road gate would only be opened when the manager determined snow conditions would support snowmobiles thus providing the desired woods access for snowmobiles. Motion passed. BAR to be written.

Old Business continued

2018/19 Proposed Wood Cuts.

Unit 5 Proposed cut North of Hole 5 on the Golf Course.

Discussion with Jim Mead from the golf committee who was in attendance.

Unit 5 recommendations include saving 16 maples and 4-5 large pines in area north of hole #5. No logging equipment on golf course. Tops to be dragged back 50 yards away from hole #5. Create a maintenance access trail on inside of fence line along F41 for future fence maintenance. Removal of large aspens in triangle between hole #5 green and #6 Tee box using cart path for access.

All suggestions to be reviewed with forester and trees to be saved need to be clearly marked by the conservation/ golf committees before start of 2019 wood cut.

Unit 4 Proposed cut on north east side of Iron Gate pond

Significant committee concern for the damage that will be incurred on the conifers in this area. This area is naturally converting from aspens to conifers. This progression is desirable and should be allowed to continue to improve winter cover.

Brian D. motioned, second by Dan F., to eliminate the Unit 4 cut from the 2018/2019 contract. Forester Terry Manty to be asked to recommend an alternate aspen cutting for 2018/2019 contract. Motion passed. BAR to be issued to board to notify.

-Biologist Summary of Deer Season Gate Check

Meagan LeMarbe from Down to Earth Environmental was unable to attend meeting so this item is delayed until January 2018 meeting.

-Logging Road closure off Main Trail near Field #42

Ian Dockril was asked again to close off the Logging road from 2016 cut near Field 42.

-Drawing of Hunter Observation Card for 2018 Button

Drawing delayed to January so December observations can be included.

Regular Items reports

Fish, Lakes, Dams - Bill Ruelle and Bill Zimmerman

All fish stocking planned for 2017 is complete. The perch were delivered the last day of November to complete our order.

All Dams were inspected on December 1st. One board has been pulled from Beaver lake to reduce high water in lake. Beaver activity at Beaver lake control structure has been reduced with the help of Bill Ruelle

Regular Items reports continued

Budget -Dan Failla and Brian Deutschel

2018 budget request is complete and waiting board approval.

Fields- Greg Lewis and Bill Ruelle

Greg Lewis presented a proposal to enlarge some smaller fields to improve efficiency and reduce costs. The plan is to expand fields 33 and 53 and to clear the aspen between fields 69 and 70 to create one combined field. It is believed that all work can be completed by the logging contractor who will be working in the area this winter. All work to be completed within the 2018 CC budget.

Greg Lewis motioned to complete expansion, Bill Z second. Motion Passed. BAR to be written.

Timber- Scott Grush, Mike Jolly and Brian Deutschel

Covered under old business

Turkey Feeders- Dan Gauthier and Jim West

Jim reported that the feeder near the gravel pit has been updated with round shield. Work order needs to be issued for back hoe work to remove the cattle grates and fill in the holes near the feeder.

A new Wild Turkey Federation feeder has been placed near the horse barn.

Cameras will be placed at both feeders.

Ian Dockril has been asked to contact the local CO Jeff Panich to review the feeders and then to fill with corn.

Future Planning - Mike Jolly and Brian Deutschel

No Activity

To Do List - Scott Grush/ Bill Zimmerman

November - Hunters Round up -Complete

Biologist to check deer - Complete

Pull board from Beaver lake water control structure. -Complete

Fill Turkey feeders with corn. -Pending CO review.

December

Start timber cuts for current contract year. -Pending freezing weather.

Pheasant Shoots- Mike Jolly and Greg Lewis

Ian D. reported that the club is struggling with meeting the minimum bird requirements from the current supplier (Rodney's). The price per bird has risen by \$3.00/ bird. The club is searching for an alternative supply option.

Regular Items reports continued

Surveys - Dan Gauthier and Jim West
Nothing to report this month.

Hunters Round Up - Dan Gauthier and Bill Ruelle
Very positive feedback on results of the Hunters Round Up. Food quality, gun selection and Brian Deutschel's presentation were all singled out.

Articles- Scott Grush, Brian Deutschel and Jim West
Brian to write an article on fish plants.
Request to Meagan to get photos loaded to conservation page of website.

Outside Resources- Scott Grush, Dan Gauthier, Mike Jolly and Bill Ruelle
No report

Forest Health- Mike Jolly, Scott Grush and Brian Deutschel
No update

Blind Committee- Dan Gauthier, Bill Zimmerman and Dan Fallia
One pop up blind that was illegally placed on November 14th was reported to the blind committee. This blind was taken down and placed on the edge of the Field with a note to the owner.

Trail Sports Committee - Dennis Gauthier and Bill Zimmerman

Dennis provided a monthly update.
Planning is complete on the cross country ski paths on the golf course to avoid wind swept areas. A work bee was completed on the archery range ski trail. The nature trail has been cleared and mowed for Cross country skiing. Maps to be posted at trail heads. All we need is snow!

Open Forum

Dan Gauthier and Scott Grush have completed their terms and will not be returning. The committee thanks both for their efforts.

The Deer Management and Timber Management Plans need to be a priority in 2018.

Future rules updates that may need consideration. Pop up blinds, timing of placement of archery tags, orange caps on pop up blinds and the use of temporary box blinds.

New Business

No New Business

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Z. and seconded by Jim West. Motion passed 10:06

