

Meeting Minutes for the 11/2/2019 Conservation Meeting Rev. 1

-Call to order Chairman Bill Zimmerman 1:00pm

- Roll Call: Bill Zimmerman, Larry Bacci, Jeff Cattin, Frank DeBolle absent, Brian Deutschel, Mike Jolly, Greg Lewis, Adam Lucas, Jim West, Bob DeMeulenaere (BOD Liaison), Ian Dockril (General Manager)

Approval of the Oct. 2019 CC Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes by Jim W., Greg L. 2nd, motion passed 8-0.

Old Business

-Bear Lake boat launch improvement: Brian and Bill will help Ian complete the application for DEQ permit.

-2019 Camera Survey: Larry presented and summarized his data. 18 cameras were used, positive comments from participants. Larry hopes to get more cameras involved next year.

-Phase 2 Golden Winged warbler habitat improvement: On going.

-2020 Budget: Brian reported finance committee removed \$2500 for daylighting fields and money for a new marquee at the gate. Bill commented our wood cutters will open up east side of the sunflower field.

CC budget will go to the BOD 11/9/2019. Some discussion on the salary for a wildlife biologist.

-2019 Rifle season gate check: Eight students, one teacher, and one parent have committed for the weekend.

-Forestry Services Contract: No update.

-2019 DNR Habitat Improvement Grant Application: TB tags will be at the gate, students will remove heads for testing. Bill will contact Brian Picollo asking about 100% compliance to the TB testing.

-Wildlife Biologist: Brian, Larry, and Jeff will refine the job description and review at the next meeting.

2020/2021 Timber harvest woods tour: Twelve people showed up for the tour. Unit 4 (archery range) was removed and approximately 30 acres were added. Bill Z. made a motion to add up 35 acres to replace old unit 4, Adam 2nd. Motion passed 8-0.

To Do List (Nov.)

Woods gate deer check station: Complete.

Hunters roundup. Ticket sales have paid for the guns. Brian will do a short presentation after dinner.

Remove 6th and 7th board from Beaver Lake: Adam and Bill are talking. Adam needs a key for the CC barn.

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Review CC terms: Jim, Bill, and Brian need to fill out application for the next 3 years.

Regular Item Reports:

-Trail Sports Committee – Jeff, Denny: Denny asked if the wood cutter can help keep the trails open. This year no grooming the cross country ski trails. The Antique snowmobile rally is set. Denny hopes to increase membership next year. Next meeting Dec. 19, 9:00am.

-Lakes/Dams/Fish Stocking – Larry, Adam, Jeff: Adam will plant wild rice. Ian reported half of the trout have been planted in Bear Lake. Comment made to make sure the No fishing sign is up.

-Budget: Brian, Bill: Already discussed

-Fields – Greg, Bill, Larry, Frank: Greg reported the grain mill was calibrated and the corn planter was worked on. Also new tires were purchased for the corn planter.

-Timber – Brian, Bill, Adam: Bill stated 4 more oak wilt sites have been identified. Areas have been girdled and sprayed with round up. Wood cutters will help remove some of the trees. Beech blight is getting bad in the woods.

-Turkey Feeders – Jim, Adam: Jim and Ian have purchased 2 new feeders from Alpena Longbirds. Feeders were delivered and are behind the maintenance barn. Adam and Jim will get them on pallets and moved into the woods.

-Future Planning – Mike: Mike stated next meeting Wednesday Nov. 6.

-Pheasant shoots – Mike, Greg: Ryan Stelmachoske updated the CC about the members kids shoot. The CC thanked Ryan. Ian had several pictures on the screen. Mike is working on an article for the newsletter.

-Surveys – Jim, Larry: Jim and Larry presented their summaries. Deer observations were very similar to last year.

-Hunters Roundup – Larry, Frank: Everything is ready.

-Articles – Brian, Jim: Jim has asked Heather Shaw to write a brief paragraph about the condition of our woods.

-Outside Resources – Mike, Bill: No update.

-Forest Health Issues – Mike, Greg, Adam, Jeff: Already discussed

-Blind Committee – Larry, Bill, Frank: Larry reported no issues. Ian stated some members were late in getting their rifle tags.

Open Forum

Helen Zimmerman compared the deer harvest to date from 2017-2019. Does are up and bucks are down. Good start on harvesting does. Ian thanked Dave Lucas, Dave Piske, and Doug Wilson for getting the beaver removed from the main trail. Scott Grush asked if the grass cutter could mow the terex trails in two passed next year. The trails fill in very quickly if the edges aren't maintained.

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New Business

Woods Tour: Next year potentially refresh the woods tour and put up new signs.

Motion to Adjourn

Made by Greg L., Mike J. 2nd motion passed 8-0, 2:55pm.