

MEETING MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMITTEE July 9, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Dan Gauthier@ 8:03A.M.

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

June 4, 2016 meeting minutes were accepted with amendment. Motion: Dan F., 2nd: Bill R. - all approved.

Changes to Agenda: None

Old Business: Boat launch permit for Lost Lake; permit is complete and has been sent in cost \$100.00 reports Dan G.

- Biologists application received: Dan G. and Scott will try to reach out to applicant Carolyn C.
- Dan F. and Ed will try to make contact with past bio Megan Lemarbe again to judge her interest in performing some work for the club this late Summer and Fall.
- Pole Swamp culvert work is to begin soon by Sharbonneau Excavating. A new collar may be needed for the water control tube.
- Survey Card discussion yielded the following points
 1. A give/take box should be constructed and mounted on the woods gate guard house
 2. Stress the importance of shooting bucks with no brow tines
 3. Communicate the importance of the survey card and how this information drives our goals and objectives.
 4. Matt Mead will reach out to QDM for other options and ideas
 5. Dan F. is to ask Megan for an updated management plan

Regular Item Reports:

Lakes/Dams/Fish: Ed has the master fish plan - will call Cedar Brook and Imlay City to see what exactly has been ordered in 2015. Dan G. visited Deer Lake with John from Alcona Dredge, John will supply a proposal for lake work.
Andy helped Ed with the basket on the Beaver Lake water control tube.

Budget: Dan Failla states the draft budget is needed by August 9 and the deadline for requests in Aug. 31, 2016.

Fields: Don Higgins gave a report and stressed the condition of many of the food plots is dire due to drought. He asked for \$400.00 for drought repair(seed, etc.) Dan G. made a motion to spend the money Bill second the motion, motion passed.

Greg gave a written report to all committee members about his observations after spending some time assessing our fields.

Timber: Scott reported that the 2015-16 timber sale was closed. The 2016-17 bids should be in for the July 23 Board meeting. Dave Failla in audience asked that a map of timber proposals be posted in the lobby.

Turkey Feeders: May need some maintenance a possible workbee was suggested.

Future Planning: Nothing new to report says Bob S.

To Do List: Scott read the July to-do-list.

Pheasant shoots: Mike Jolly submitted a comprehensive research report on the status of club pheasant shoots with more to come.

Surveys: Dave will follow up with Melissa in the office to compile collected data.

Hunters Round up: Dan G. to Bill, "We need a plan" for a raffle ticket package. They agreed to work on this month.

Scott made a motion to add "all things raffle" to the March to-do-list. Bill second, motion passed unanimous.

Articles: Nothing new to report.

Outside Resources: RGS Terex machine proposal to 1. Finish the work out by the Pole swamp that was inadvertently missed last year 2. Don Higgins requests to improve trails entering many of the fields i. into field #34 ii. Into field #63, iii. MSU cut trail between 58 and 60, iv. Going into 6A, v. G trail from Lost Lake up to field #28. All supported that to do list when the machine arrives possibly in late August.

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

Blind Committee: One issue is pending. Dan F and Bill have visited the site, possible add/ install two new "trail closed Nov. 10-22" signs to settle the dispute.

Open Forum: Nothing to report

Follow up on other Old Business:

- Rule changes- publish the one deer rescinded rule was mentioned, Scott will send to the Communications Committee for publication in the newsletter.
- A letter was sent to the Board regarding the Trail sports committee stating that it has the full support of the CC.
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New Business:

A request by the horse barn was made to allow grazing in field #5 west of the horse barn. After much discussion including input from barn user and horse person Sue Moffitt a motion was made by Dan G. to allow walk through grazing on field #5. Bill 2nd the motion. Dan, Dan, Greg, Bill opposed; Scott, Ed support. Motion failed 4 to 2.

Some field/food plot damage was reported, AGM Sharee gave a report about the security staff's investigations into it.

Locking of the woods gate was discussed with the CC asking that this policy be upheld and continued noting that the woods are not closed just the woods gate will be locked from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

If someone needs into the woods they can request entry by asking at the office.

Budget talk for 2017 was had and Dan Failla stated a mock up will be emailed to the committee.

Summer deer survey- discussed and added to the August agenda.

- Motion to adjourn: Dan G., 2nd: Scott
Meeting adjourned at 11:09a.m.

Submitted by Scott Grush, Secretary