

PHEASANTS



FOREVER

Chapter - 585

Meeting Minutes

10/4/2006

1. **Call to Order** Board Chairman Steve Harnitz called the regular meeting of Pheasants Forever – Chapter 585 to order at **6:45 PM** at the Oshkosh Gun Club.

2. **Roll** *The following Board members were present:*

JACK DOEMEL JERRY MATHUSEK PAUL FOWLER AL HEIDL
STEVE HARNITZ TERRY ZAWACKI RYAN SEELEY

The following Board members were NOT present

MARK LEWIS LEO KOLASZEWSKI JOHN MANION RACHAEL BUSCHING JIM RYF

3. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

There were no minutes from the September meeting for review/approval.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

M/S/C to approve Treasurer's report provided by John Manion.

5. **Special**

M/S/C to approve the appointment of Paul Fowler as Director, replacing Erin Dougherty and fulfilling the balance of her term which runs through January 2008.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Habitat – Paul Fowler reported that he is currently putting together the order forms for the Tree & Shrub Packages. Plans are to include in upcoming newsletters and also do outside advertising similar to last year.
- Banquet – Al reported that the Banquet Committee met in September for the second time since the end of the 2006 banquet, to begin preliminary planning for the 2007 Pheasant Fest. The next banquet committee meeting is scheduled for November 8th.
- Membership – Ryan Seeley has agreed to take over chairmanship of this committee. We discussed the need to get the prints, medallions and plaques out to all the 2006 sponsors. We believe Leo was going to order new medallions for this purpose.
- Land Acquisition – Jack D. reported that PF National has the Stewardship Grant in hand and will be shipping the documents to Jeff Gaska for final processing. Once processed, the \$70,000 Grant should be released to PF National, which will satisfy our Chapters debt to them for the advance funding on the acquisition of the Ginnow Road property. It is still unclear whether Jeff Gaska will be able to arrange re-imbusement to the Chapter for the added interest expenses.

- LEP - Terry Z. reported that the fall classes are scheduled for the weekend of October 6th – 8th and there will be at least 9 teachers attending. Terry also requested that the Chapter purchase paperback copies of Aldo Leopold's "Sand County Almanac for distribution to the participating instructors as well as members of the Oshkosh West Woods & Waters Club.
- **M/S/C** to purchase 1 case of paperback copies of "A Sand County Almanac".
- Newsletter – Ryan discussed the growing number of inquiries for advertising in the monthly newsletter. He is suggesting that we limit the total amount of advertising space. Ryan will provide an updated rate sheet for the Directors to review. It was also noted that Krissy Seeley is running on a strict deadline for assembling each newsletter and sending them to print. Articles must be submitted in a timely manner.
- Mike Solomon Fund – Jerry reported that we have \$10,300 established in the fund and must maintain the minimum \$10,000 annually. Group discussed running an article or ad in the PF National magazine. Jerry agreed to look further into this idea.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- Web-Site - Ryan S. has been following up with Mark S. & Thundera Productions on the updating of the Chapter web-site. There will be new features for guests to download various documents and the ability for Chapter Officers to have an administrative access level.
- Vitale's Pre-Season Social – Jerry M. reported that he is still waiting for some of the billing to come in, before he can finalize a report on the proceeds earned. This inspired a lengthy discussion on making sure we maintain accurate records of all raffles, events, winners and associated costs for all our fund raising activities. Jerry M. & Terry Z. will schedule a time to meet and further structure the record keeping and reporting issues.
- Habitat Equipment – Jerry M. reported that the gas powered John Deere Gator sold for \$4,351 on e-Bay and that all funds (less expenses) have been received and the Gator picked up. In addition, the Mower was sold via consignment through Chief Equipment and we received \$3,500. All funds will be applied toward the \$15,000 loan at First National Bank. Matt O'Connor (manager of the PF Habitat Teams), has expressed an interest in purchasing the sprayer from us.
- **M/S/C** to rent a 10'x 20' mini-storage unit for housing the remaining John Deere Gator, trailer and burn equipment. This was a result of Jerry M. notifying the Chapter that he has rented out the current warehouse. A big thanks to Jerry for allowing PF to utilize his facilities at NO COST for the past several years.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Food Plot Seed – Jack D. reported that he placed the order to Jeff Gaska for the 2007 Food Plot Seed. There were several changes the seed order, namely the unavailability of discard sunflower seed. The order was adjusted accordingly and John M. will need to forward a \$1,427.50 check to Jeff Gaska. Rachel Foster has agreed to handle distribution duties next spring. Order forms for the members will be included in future newsletter mailings.

9. Next Meeting

Wednesday November 1, 2006 6:30PM Oshkosh Gun Club

10. Adjourn
M/S/C – Adjourn – **8:35 PM**

Pheasant Season Opens Saturday, Oct 14 at NOON