

PHEASANTS



FOREVER

Chapter - 585

Meeting Minutes

11/1/2006

1. **CALL TO ORDER** President Jack Doemel called the regular meeting of Pheasants Forever – Chapter 585 to order at the Oshkosh Gun Club.

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

JACK DOEMEL	LEO KOLASZEWSKI	JOHN MANION	AL HEIDL	TERRY ZAWACKI
PAUL FOWLER	JIM RYF	RYAN SEELEY	MARK LEWIS	

The following Board members were NOT present:
STEVE HARNITZ RACHAEL BUSCHING JERRY MATHUSEK

Others Present Included:
Jon Kellermann Josh Jackl Ralph Kalies

BidRx PRESENTATION –

Ralph Kalies presented the chapter an opportunity that could not only raise funds for the chapter and national organization but also help our members save a substantial amount of money in the process. Ralph's new company, BidRx, which was 3 ½ years in planning, creates a marketplace within the prescription drug industry for the first time in this country. On average, users of BidRx save 62% on prescriptions over what they were previously paying. The program involves our members, friends, or anyone interested in helping the environment while saving money on prescription drugs, to use the keyword PHEASANT while enrolling at the BidRx.com website. Each time the enrollee places a prescription order, our chapter will receive 30¢. When multiplied over thousands of orders, this can add up to serious cash.

M/S/C - Sign on to the BidRx fundraising plan.

Mark Lewis will work with Ralph to set a link to BidRx from our website along with a registration format that is pre-populated with our referral code.

3. **APPROVAL of MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Secretary Leo Kolaszewski supplied copies of minutes of the previous 2 meetings via email.

M/S/C – Minutes were approved as read.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer John Manion reported a balance in checking of \$10,664.60.

M/S/C – Accept the Treasurer's Report as written.

It was brought up that some or all of guests' checks from the Vitales August Social have not been cashed. Jack will follow up on this with John.

Also during this report a discussion involved the chapter selling off several donated mutual funds that we have been earning interest off of.

M/S/F – Cash out our portfolio at Wells Fargo for future and current projects.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Snowmobile Club – We received a \$25 check and thank you letter from the snowmobile club that we allow to cross our land in the Town of Omro.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) *Habitat* – Paul set the date for our annual Board Hunt at Blackwolf Wildlife for next Wednesday (November 8). Those who want lunch should meet at Wendts at noon. The trap shooting competition should begin about 1:00 PM and the actual hunt at about 2:30 PM. Dinner and drinks and stories to follow at the bullpen. The cost of the event is \$50.

b) *Land Acquisition* – No report

c) *Banquet* – The date of the next banquet meeting is now changed from 11/8 to 11/15 due to a conflict with the Board Hunt. The Banquet meeting will start at 5:30 at Jerry's office. Leo and Ryan have been planning a new reservation process in a Banquet Sub-Committee, and will present plans at the 11/15 Banquet Committee meeting.

d) *Fundraising* – Terry has volunteered to take over the accounting of the gun raffles. He will need to keep accurate records he can forward to Leo for submission to the Gaming Commission at year end. He discussed a few items of concern he feels will increase profitability. There will be no December G-O-M raffle but the January raffle tickets will be out soon. As long as there are no more 2006 raffles, please get all raffle profits, winners dates etc to Leo ASAP.

e) *PF Habitat Crew* – Jon reported that spring burn time slots are filling up.

f) *Membership* – Ryan is working on a membership drive and should have the plan completed for the December meeting. Ryan is working with several companies to provide a valuable coupon package for new members as well as prizes for those individuals who attract the most new members. Current membership is at 405.

g) *L.E.P.* – Terry reported that 8 participants completed the Aldo Leopold teach the teacher seminar held in October at Mosquito Hill Nature Area near New London. Another session will be planned for next fall.

h) *Newsletter* – The group discussed articles for future issues. Leo will provide an article on the guided grouse hunt his group enjoyed this past weekend (PF Banquet auction item), Ryan will write a column on the Mystery Prize North Dakota Hunt that he worked. Lynn Kuhns has volunteered to write an article on the Dec. 9 Youth Hunt. Terry will see that she has directions and/or a ride. Al will provide photos and/or article on his recent hunting trip to North and South Dakota. Keep those recipes and outdoor stories coming. The deadline of the 15th of the month works well for a first of month delivery. There are now 25 newsletter subscriptions being delivered via email.

7. Old BUSINESS

a) *Mike Solomon Fund* – Our balance as of 9/30/06 is \$10,647.83

b) *Data Base Website* – Mark reported that the website is now set up for those with passwords to update as needed. Leo and Ryan have already been using this tool.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) *State Meetings* – Jack noted that these meetings are coming up in early 2007. The dates have not been as PF is pondering how to tie these in with Pheasant Fest.

b) *November Gun of the Month Drawing* – The drawing was held toward the end of the regular meeting.

First Prize Winner	Gary Garbe of South Dakota (on a trip with Rachael, Jim & Terry)
Second Prize Winner	Tom Williams of Oshkosh
Third Prize	Larry (Lefty) Vespermana

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a) *Dog Donation* – Jim noted that at the DUGOF a trainer who annually chooses one organization to donate a dog to, informed him that this year he was choosing our chapter of PF. Jim forwarded the trainers business card to Jerry for follow-up. Jim wants to be sure that we follow up on this donation. Jerry was not present so hopefully can present the group with an update prior to the next meeting.

b) *Dirty Dozen* – Due to a mix-up at the 2006 Banquet, three gun cases, one of which included a muzzle loader were randomly drawn using cards among three contestants. The other two gun cases included gift certificates.

10. **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday December 6, 6:30PM Oshkosh Gun Club

11. **Adjourn**

M/S/C – Adjourn – **8:30 PM**

