

PHEASANTS FOREVER



Chapter - 585

Meeting Minutes

6 September 2006

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Board Chairman Steve Harnitz called the regular meeting of Pheasants Forever – Chapter 585 to order at **6:30 PM** at the Oshkosh Gun Club.
2. **Roll** *The following Board members were present:*

Jack Doemel	Leo Kolaszewski	Jerry Mathusek	Mark Lewis
Steve Harnitz	Rachael Busching		

The following Board members were absent:

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Others Present Included:

Jon Kellerman	Clay F.	Josh Jackl
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Josh introduced fellow Habitat Specialists Jon and Clay. Jon will be taking over Josh's duties as of 9/15. Josh expressed that it has been a pleasure working with our group and thanked us for our support. He has accepted a technician position with Wisconsin DNR.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**
Secretary Leo Kolaszewski supplied copies of minutes of the previous meeting to any members who had not received them.
M/S/C – Minutes were approved as read.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
Treasurer pro tem Steve Harnitz reported an approximate balance in checking of \$6,500. This includes a major expense of \$15,000 to pay for our share of the Town of Winneconne land purchase.
M/S/C – Accept the Treasurer's Report as written.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a) The DNR game farm at Poynette is holding a day old chick day on Wednesday, 9/13 (noon – 4). There will be discussion about the rearing of captive pheasants.
 - b) Letter from Oshkosh Hunter Safety Program thanking us for the donation of two Henry rifles to be used for the hands on training portion of the classes.
 - c) Letter from Lake Poygan Sportsman's Club thanking us for our sponsorship. They raised \$11,000 at there banquet.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) *Habitat Crew* – Clay, Jon and Josh discussed what we can expect with Jon taking over for Josh. They are hoping Jon can take over as our burn boss. Rates will be going up to cover increased gas prices and other increasing costs. 90% of burns are through participation in government programs. PF burn crews must become more stringent about pre burn work. They will insist that a 15 – 20' fire break must be mowed in the fall prior to a spring burn. There are no burns planned for this fall.

Jon thanked us for the use of our equipment and hopes this relationship will continue. He noted there are still some ongoing maintenance issues with the gasoline gator.

The Habitat Specialists still have not received training in CREP. This should occur within the next couple of months. They will likely need to hire some temporary help to aid in CREP sign-up.

Currently this is on Jeff's plate.

Jon plans to be as active in our chapter as Josh was. He currently lives in Waupun but may move further north.

b) *Land Acquisition* – Scrapes on our Omro land are currently underway. The oak trees that were planted in the spring are growing like weeds. Tim Lizotte stated that he has never seen oak saplings grow so fast.

As for the Stewardship grant, Jeff G has informed us that all paperwork to be completed by him has been finished and forwarded to Howard Vincent for his signature. Jeff will try his best to get reimbursement for the interest we accrued. Jeff sent a sincere apology and explanation concerning the delays in completing the Stewardship funding process. He noted that the process was much more difficult than he anticipated.

Paul Landig owns some land in Columbia County that he is interested in having DNR purchase. Jack inspected the property with Paul and Jeff. Since it is not in our chapter area, he will leave it up to Jeff and DNR at this point.

c) *Banquet* – there is now a signed contract for March 23, 2007 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. The contract states that we can not bring in our own food or refreshments unless we rent a separate room in the hotel and use it as a hospitality room.

Referring to the 2006 banquet, Leo needs help in identifying all new sponsors so that plaques can be ordered. The medallions that were at the banquet apparently have disappeared so Leo will re-order.

d) *Membership* – At the DUGOF we signed up 20 new members and renewed four. We signed up six new members at the Vitales Social.

e) *Newsletter* – Ryan emailed a newsletter report earlier. As reported in last month's minutes, Krissy Seely has taken over the newsletter and the first issue is at the printers. The newsletter committee has several meetings planned to create a consistent, monthly newsletter.

7. Old BUSINESS

a) *Solomon Fund* – The fund has a current balance of \$10,354.69.

b) *Vitales Social* – There were a total of 82 in attendance. This figure includes all board members that attended. We will probably break even or make a slight profit but the balance sheet is not yet complete.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Board** – Discussion of several items. Jack should consider appointing people to fill the two vacant positions. The by-laws may have to be reworked to allow more efficient operations.

b) **Cartridges for Kids** – Leo passed out some self-mailer envelopes for members to mail in old printer cartridges, cell phones, PDA's etc to be recycled. The program is through PF National and raises money for youth programs.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a) **Ducks Unlimited Great Outdoors Festival** – Our chapter handled that majority of staffing. There was limited help from the Waupaca Chapter. Ryan noted all time slots were filled via email and was easier than in the past. Overall attendance at the event was down again.

b) **Mystery Prize** – The group that won this at our banquet has decided to go October 24 – 28. Jerry is looking for a couple of volunteers to help cook for 5-6 hunters.

10. **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday October 4, 6:30PM Oshkosh Gun Club

11. **Adjourn**

M/S/C – Adjourn – **8:50 PM**



The east scrape at our PF property, filling up via the artesian well.