

PHEASANTS FOREVER



Chapter - 585

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2010

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:*

Rachel Foster	Leo Kolaszewski	Alex Hoel	Jim Ryf
Steve Harnitz	Brian Trebiatowski	John Manion	Mark Lewis

The following Board members were ABSENT:

Brian Wilke	Tom Mangin	Jerry Mathusek	Al Heidl
Ryan Seeley			

Also present:

Jack Doemel	Scott Christie
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3. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were emailed to all board members prior to the meeting.

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

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer John Manion reported a balance in checking of \$9204.58.

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

5. **Correspondence**

a) Jim presented correspondence from John Cook of the Wild Turkey Federation noting that he will have free trees and shrubs available April 15. Contact Jim for details.

b) Leo presented information about the position of Wildlife Biology Intern that we previously voted to underwrite. The intern will concentrate on promoting the SAFE program as well as work on the new CRP sign-up. If there are multiple applicants, we can participate in the interview process if we desire. WCC will not be able to co-sponsor with us so we will be obligated for up to \$4,000.

6. Committee Reports

- a) **Habitat** – Jim will have information on the Crow Count and Spring Clean-up soon. The DNR has acquired a piece of property immediately north of the Rat River area that we have been working on. There is potential for us to do some work on this piece for our Earth Day Project.
- b) **Land Acquisition** – Leo & Jack have been working with Kevin to initiate the turnover of the Wiess acquisition to the State of Wisconsin (DNR).
- c) **Banquet** – Covered at banquet meetings primarily but significant time was spent on details.
- d) **Fundraising** –
Monthly Raffles – 10 Gun ticket sales are slow. Drawing will be at the banquet on the 12th. Sales will continue through banquet night.
- e) **Food plots** – Rachel has about \$1,000 in sales so far. Several bags of seed appear to be missing from the warehouse. Board suggests a lock change.
- f) **Membership** – No report
- g) **Newsletter** – Next issue shortly after the banquet.
- h) **Burn Crew** – Scott distributed a spreadsheet indicating he has 103 acres lined up to burn so far. The pump conversion for the Gator is complete and ready to go. Alex has completed spring tune up of the Gator.
Tom and Alex need to look at our secondary pump soon. It has had an overheating problem in the past.
Scott noted the Omro Fire Dept. has been active doing burns as has the FVTC class. Our base burn charge per acre is \$55.
- i) **Summer Social** – Steve noted that the committee will meet independent of the regular Board meetings.

7. Old Business

- a) **Summer Event** – Jack reported this idea is dead for now.
- b) **Calendar** – Pre-printing tasks are complete. The Chapter and Wisc. Waterfowlers are responsible to sell 4500 calendars each. There is an advertising space on the bottom of each month for each group to sell. We should get going on this soon. John Regan of WWF has volunteered to man a table at the banquet and take names for calendar presales. We cannot legally sell them yet. This raffle has enormous profit potential. The odds of winning are great. Considering just the guns in the raffle the \$20 calendar cost results in only about a nickel chance to win a gun. On top of this there are hundreds of other prizes. These should be an easy sell but we do have a lot to sell.

8. New Business

- a) **Internship** – See correspondence.

b) **National Convention** – No one from the chapter attended.

9. Other Business

a) **Loan Interest** – Unbeknownst to us Jeff Gaska did not complete the Stewardship process for our Ginnow Rd acquisition. National has been holding the \$50,000 note and it has been accruing interest for over a year. They never sent out a notice as to why we weren't paying it. Since we believed this debt was paid, we were completely in the dark about this. Kevin wants the chapter to pay a portion of the interest on the loan and National will eat a portion. Leo and Jack have been working with Kevin on this and language will be added to the donation documents to DNR indicating that the State must pay "carrying costs" associated with the land. We are hopeful that this will work out and not cost the chapter anything.

10. Next Meeting

Wednesday April 7 6:30PM Oshkosh Gun Club

11. Adjourn

M/S/C – Adjourn – **8:50 PM**

