

PHEASANTS FOREVER



Chapter - 585

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY MAY 10, 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:*

Alex Hoel Leo Kolaszewski Mark Lewis Steve Harnitz

The following Board members were ABSENT:

Brian Wilke Tom Mangin Jim Ryf Rachel Foster
Ryan Seeley Brian Trebiatowski AL Heidl John Manion
Jerry Mathusek

Also present:

Jack Doemel Scott Christie

3. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**
Secretary Ryan Seeley emailed copies of minutes of the previous meeting to members earlier in the day.
M/S/C – Quorum not present.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
Treasurer John Manion supplied the Treasures Report via email with a balance in checking of \$34,183.
M/S/C – Quorum not present.
5. **Correspondence**
 - a) Wisconsin Youth Education Coordinator – Leo discussed his telephone conversation with Beth Carreno, PF's newest addition. Beth is employed part-time and is based out of Sheboygan. She is eager to work with us to strengthen our youth education programs. She will also provide a column for each issue of our newsletter.
 - b) We discussed the new PF State newsletter that Kevin has begun sending via email. This current issue contained some advice on how we should be maintaining our bank accounts etc.

6. Committee Reports

a) **Habitat** – Discussion of the Earth Day activities. The day went great and a lot of habitat work was accomplished. The Northwestern provided a lot of coverage and the event was a front page story in the paper.

Another habitat note is the Steve Hoffman, the DNR Habitat Biologist for Northern Winnebago and Waupaca Counties is leaving for another position within DNR. His replacement has not yet been named.

b) **Land Acquisition** – Jack reported that he and Kevin recently met with an area land owner who is interested in either a complete donation of property or a significant donation relating to property donation. Jack will have more information as this develops.

c) **Banquet** – Steve sent around a summary of the events P & L.

d) **Fundraising – Calendar Raffle** – Jack reported we are at our ad deadline but we still need to sell 8 more full lines of ads. Anybody who can think of anyplace to try to sell these, please do so ASAP.

At a previous meeting we discussed offering \$5 per calendar to other PF chapters as in incentive to sell the calendars. We evidently did not vote on this. Leo will send an e-vote motion within the next day or so.

M/S/C – via an email vote after the meeting the following motion passed:

I move we authorize a payment of \$5 per calendar sold to any Pheasants Forever chapter who sells our calendar. There is no minimum and no maximum. This will apply ONLY to other PF chapters – no other groups or individuals. Payments will be made through John via check so they can be properly documented.

Monthly Raffles – None currently

e) **Foodplots** – No report

f) **Membership** – Kevin sent a reminder for chapters to get membership information in as soon as possible after the banquet so our members start getting their benefits as soon as possible. We have had trouble with this in the past.

g) **Newsletter** – Discussed that we should email a link via blast email to our database now that we have software to do that. The key is that the newsletter would have to be posted to the website as soon as it gets sent over to Rogers so it is available. We can also start using the blast email as a tool to get other timely information out.

h) **Burn Crew** – Scott provided a spreadsheet with his final numbers. A total of 99 acres were burned. This compares to 188 acres last year. Scott's spreadsheet shows income of \$8,856 and expenses of \$6,316. However there are several additional expenses to be added in such as Scott's time sheet and PF wage and administrative costs. Also included in Scott's total income was \$806 collected last year that Scott included in last year's income so we can't include in this year's income as well.

At this meeting Scott has requested an additional payment of \$1,000 above his agreed upon contract. The board noted we will consider this request after Leo has a chance to determine actual profit and loss.

Leo brought up that Scott has already been paid more than his contract allows. The contract that Scott signed clearly states "4) Employer and Employee agree that Employee's total reimbursement for

the period (excluding employer portion of wages taxes) shall not exceed \$45/acre burned.” Details that follow that statement explain that all expenses are counted against the \$45/Ac. That contract would allow for a total to be paid to Scott of \$4455.

The board will have to decide if the balance of Scott’s expenses should be paid or if we should hold him to the contract. Leo will send a copy of the contract to directors to review.

i) **LEP** – No report

7. Old Business

a) **July Meeting** – Remember that the July meeting is cancelled as has become our summer ritual. Please try to make the June meeting since we won’t meet again until August.

8. New Business

a) **Internship** – Leo announced that a summer intern (COLIP student intern) has been hired. Mark Kaczorowski is currently attending UW – Stevens Point and is from the Shawano area. He will begin May 24th. Leo will request that Mark attend our June & August meetings.

b) **Monthly Meeting Locations** – We discussed changing up our meeting locations to some of our sponsors establishments providing they offer a separate room that we can meet in. Keep this in mind and make suggestions at the June meeting. Note the location of the June meeting below.

9. Other Business

a) **Free Beer** – Jack won a ¼ barrel at our annual banquet from Stadium Bar on Knapp St and has generously offered to share it with us at our June meeting. Therefore – our June meeting will be held at Stadium Bar.

10. Next Meeting

Wednesday JUNE 2 6:30PM **Stadium Bar 301 Knapp
St - Oshkosh**

11. Adjourn

M/S/C – Adjourn – **8:50 PM**

